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POSITION	Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies Head of the Education and Skills sector	2017-
PREVIOUS POSITIONS	Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies Teaching Fellow, University College London	2014-2017 2012-2013 2014-2016
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Economics, University of Chicago M.A. in Economics, University of Chicago B.A. in Economics and Political Science, Columbia University	2008-2012 2006-2008 2001-2005
AFFILIATIONS	Research Fellow, IZA Institute for Labor Economics Research Associate, University College London	
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	Advisory role NESTA's Early Years mission (A Fairer Start), Expert advisor Inter-disciplinary Child Well-Being Network, Network member Open Innovation Team (Department for Education), Expert advisor Conference scientific committees 2023 International Institute for Public Finance (IIPF) 2023 Society of Economics of Household Annual Meeting 2022 European Economic Association Congress Essen Health Conference (since 2020) Conference and seminar organization: Masterclass on "New Difference-in-Difference estimators" Masterclass on "Sequence Analysis" IFS conference "Human Capital and the Dynamics of Inequality across the Lifecycle" Human Capital Brown Bag series IFS Seminar series	2021- 2020- 2020 2022 2022 2022 2020- 2022 2022 2021 2016-17 2013-16

PUBLICATIONS

- Early childhood inequalities (with E. Fitzsimons, A. Goodman, A. Phimister, G. Ploubidis and J. Wertz), **IFS Deaton Review of Inequality**
- Short and long-term effects of sickness absence in school: Evidence from Sweden (with D. Kamhofer, M. Karlsson and T. Nilsson), **The Economic Journal**, forthcoming
- Early childhood development, human capital and poverty (with O. Attanasio and C. Meghir), **The Annual Review of Economics**, forthcoming
- How does the association between special education need and absence vary overtime and across special education need types? (with Tanya Lereya, Yeosun Yoon, Ruth Gilbert and Jessica Deighton), **European Journal of Special Needs Education**, 2022
- Does more free childcare help parents work more? (with M. Brewer, C. Crawford and B. Rabe), **Labour Economics**, 2022
- Mortality among Black and White Americans by Age and Area-Level Socioeconomic Status and Relative to European Mortality, 1990–2018 (with H. Schwandt, J. Currie et al.), **PNAS**, 2021
- Mortality inequality in England over the past 20 years (with J. Banks, S. Krutikova and L. Kraftman), **Fiscal Studies**, 2021
- Estimating the production function for human capital: results from a randomized controlled trial in Colombia (with O. Attanasio, E. Fitzsimons, C. Meghir and M. Rubio-Codina), **American Economic Review**, 2020
- Educational inequalities during the COVID-19 pandemic (with A. Andrew, M. Costa Dias, C. Farquharson, L. Kraftman, S. Krutikova, A. Phimister and A. Sevilla), **Fiscal Studies**, 2020
- Identifying sibling influence on teenage substance use (with J. Altonji and I. Ware), **Journal of Human Resources**, 2017
- Can universal preschool increase maternal labour supply? **IZA World of Labor**, 2016

WORKING PAPERS

- The gendered division of paid and domestic work under lockdown (with A. Andrew, M. Costa Dias, C. Farquharson, L. Kraftman, S. Krutikova, A. Phimister and A. Sevilla), revisions requested at **The Review of Economics of the Household**
- The health effects of universal early childhood interventions: evidence from Sure Start (with G. Conti, C. Farquharson, R. Ginja and M. Pecher), submitted
- Inequalities in responses to school closures over the course of the first COVID-19 lockdown (with C. Farquharson, S. Krutikova, A. Phimister, A. Salisbury and A. Sevilla) IFS Working Paper, 2021

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- Covid-19 labour market shocks and children's socio-emotional and behavioural development in England (with C. Farquharson, S. Krutikova, A. Salisbury and A. Sevilla)
- Workforce quality in early intervention: Evidence from a large-scale home-visiting programme (with G. Conti and C. Farquharson)

Improving early childhood development in Rural Ghana through scalable community-run play schemes (with O. Attanasio, B. Cayers, L. Cardona Sosa and S. Krutikova)

Is it all about schools? Intergenerational income mobility in England and the importance of education (with P. Carneiro, L. Dearden, S. Krutikova, L. van der Erve and L. Macmillan)

First generation elite: school networks, elite education and social mobility (with K. Salvanes and E. Tominey)

Life-cycle joint inequalities in earnings and health: a machine learning approach (with P. Carneiro and S. De Mel)

POLICY REPORTS,
BLOGS AND
PODCAST

Home learning experiences through the COVID-19 pandemic (with C. Farquharson, S. Krutikova, A. Phimister, A. Salisbury and A. Sevilla) **IFS Report**, 2021

What to expect when schools reopen? **IFS podcast**, 2020

Family time use and home learning during the COVID-19 lockdown (with A. Andrew, M. Costa Dias, C. Farquharson, L. Kraftman, S. Krutikova, A. Phimister and A. Sevilla) **IFS Briefing Note**, 2020

The long shadow of deprivation: regional differences in social mobility in England (with P. Carneiro, L. Dearden, L. Van Der Erve, S. Krutikova and L. MacMillan) **Social Mobility Commission Report**, 2020

Improving early childhood development in rural Ghana through scalable low-cost community-run play schemes: Evaluation report (with O. Attanasio, B. Caeyers, L. Cardona Sosa and S. Krutikova) **IFS Report**, 2020

How are mothers and fathers balancing work and family under lockdown? (with A. Andrew, M. Costa Dias, C. Farquharson, L. Kraftman, S. Krutikova, A. Phimister and A. Sevilla) **IFS Briefing Note**, 2020

Learning during the lockdown: real-time data on children's experiences during home learning (with A. Andrew, M. Costa Dias, C. Farquharson, L. Kraftman, S. Krutikova, A. Phimister and A. Sevilla) **IFS Briefing Note**, 2020

A home-visiting programme for disadvantaged young children: final report for the feasibility study (with A. Armstrong, O. Attanasio, C. Farquharson, E. Fitzsimons, E. Fulton and S. Grantham-McGregor) **IFS Report**, 2019

Improving early childhood development in rural Ghana through scalable low-cost community-run play schemes: Baseline report (with S. Amadu, O. Attanasio, B. Caeyers, L. Cardona Sosa, S. Krutikova, P. Leighton, L. Masselus and M. Yakubu) **IFS Report**, 2018

Early childhood policies: evidence and the research agenda (with O. Attanasio and S. Krutikova), **Vox blog**, 2016

The economic effects of pre-school education and quality (with C. Crawford and L. Dearden), **IFS Report**, 2014

State support for early childhood education and care in England (with C. Crawford and M. Brewer), **IFS Green Budget**, 2014

GRANTS	<p>Youth Endowment Fund, Co-Investigator, £1,100,000 <i>Evaluation of a scalable CBT-informed programme for youth at risk of violence across the 32 boroughs of London</i></p> <p>ESRC Research Methods, Co-Investigator, £200,000 <i>Machine learning methods for studying the trajectories of young offenders in administrative data</i></p> <p>Nuffield Foundation, Co-Investigator, £300,000 <i>Strengthening the English childcare system after Covid-19: a new role for local government?</i></p> <p>Nuffield Foundation, Principal Investigator, £180,000 <i>A comprehensive evaluation of the short- and medium-term impacts of Sure Start</i></p> <p>Nuffield Foundation, Principal Investigator, £270,000 <i>The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on families' time-use and child development</i></p> <p>Social Mobility Commission, Co-Investigator, £136,000 <i>The drivers of intergenerational mobility in England</i></p> <p>National Institute for Health Research, Co-Investigator, £5m <i>Children and Families Policy Research Unit</i></p> <p>NORFACE Network, Co-Investigator, €1.5m <i>Dynamics of Inequality Across the Lifecourse</i></p> <p>Rockwool Foundation, Co-Investigator, £311,000 <i>The origins of intergenerational mobility in Europe: evidence from within- and cross-country variation</i></p> <p>Nuffield Foundation, Principal Investigator, £48,000 <i>Feasibility study for a scalable and sustainable home-visiting programme for disadvantaged young children in England</i></p> <p>Nuffield Foundation, Co-Investigator, £170,000 <i>The health effects of early interventions: evidence from Sure Start</i></p> <p>British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship, Principal Investigator, £355,000 <i>Child development and household behavior in developed and developing countries</i></p>	<p>2021-2024</p> <p>2020-2021</p> <p>2020-2022</p> <p>2020-2022</p> <p>2020-2022</p> <p>2019-2020</p> <p>2019-2024</p> <p>2017-2020</p> <p>2018-2021</p> <p>2017-2018</p> <p>2015-2018</p> <p>2014-2018</p>
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SEMINAR AND
CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

2022 (incl. scheduled): University of St Andrews, Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI) Stockholm University, Bank of Italy Human Capital Workshop, Essex University, Royal Holloway, Early Childhood Education and Social Inequalities Workshop (Paris School of Economics), Arne Ryde Workshop on Gender and Family Wellbeing (Lund University), Summer Workshop of the Berlin Network for Labor Market Research (guest speaker), Mental Health and Economic Status Workshop (University of Warwick)

2021: Erasmus University of Rotterdam, University of Dusseldorf, International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education, DIAL Conference, University of Surrey

2020: NORFACE Workshop on Intergenerational Mobility, Yale University*, World Bank*, Inter-American Development Bank* (*cancelled due to COVID-19)

2019: University of Zurich, Bristol University, UCL Institute of Education, Family Economics, Gender and Old Age Workshop (London School of Economics), Solstrand Workshop in Labor Economics, Essen Health Conference, RES Conference

2018: University of Copenhagen

2017: Norwegian School of Economics, Early Life Environment Workshop (University of Helsinki), Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meetings, University of Essex

2016: University of Bonn, University of Surrey, INSEAD, Education and the development of preferences and attitudes in children Workshop (University of Essex), Workshop on Family Economics (York University)

2015: Royal Economic Society Conference, “Health and Skills Formation” Conference (University of Essex)

2014: Oxford University, Royal Economic Society Conference, Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meetings, McGill University, Cornell University, Rethinking Barker Conference, GCE Barcelona Summer Forum, EEA-ESEM Conference

TEACHING

University College London , guest lecturer Economics of Education (Lecture on Early Childhood Education)	2022
University College London , Lecturer Applied Economics (1 st year Undergraduate Economics)	2014-2016
University of Chicago , Teaching Assistant Analysis of Microeconomic Data II (PhD course, Prof. LaLonde) Empirical Labor Economics (PhD course, Prof. Heckman) Introduction to Microeconomics (Undergraduate, Prof. Sanderson) Competitive Strategy (MBA course, Prof. Bertrand)	2008-2009

REFEREEING

Referee for: American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics of the Household, Southern Economic Journal, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics

Reviewer of research grants for: British Academy, Nuffield Foundation, ESRC

OTHER

Personal: 2 children (maternity leaves in 2015; 2018)
Computational skills: Stata, R, Matlab, Mplus, aML, Latex