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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023 – Senior Research Economist
2020 – 2022 Research Associate
2017 – 2020 PhD Scholar
Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)

Fall 2022 Visiting Assistant Professor
EGC, Department of Economics, **Yale University**
Department of Economics, **Harvard University**

2020-2022 Assistant Professor, School of Economics and Finance, **University of St. Andrews**

EDUCATION

2020 PhD, **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**
2016 MPA, **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**
2012 BSc in Economics, **Universidad del Pacifico (Lima, Peru)**

AFFILIATIONS

2023 - Research Associate, Department of Economics, **University College London (UCL)**
2022 - Research Affiliate, **IZA Institute for Labour Economics**

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

2022 UK-US Fulbright Visiting Scholar Award 2022-2023 (USD 15,000)
2020 LSE/Oxford International Growth Centre (IGC) - Special Call on Coronavirus (~£16,000) (with B. Augsburg and A. Armand)
2020 LSE Research and Innovation - Special Call on Coronavirus (~£8,000) (with B. Augsburg and A. Armand)
2017-2020 3ie Development Priority Window (USD 550,000) (with O. Attanasio, B. Augsburg and A. Armand)
2016-2020 LSE Doctoral Scholarship
2019 LSE Teaching Excellence Award
2019 LSE Knowledge Exchange and Impact Award (~£2,000)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles and working papers

[1] "The Unintended Consequences of Infrastructure Development" (2024) *Review of Economics and Statistics*, forthcoming.

[2] "When Nature Calls Back: Sustaining Behavioural Change in Rural Pakistan" (2022) with B. Augsburg, Z. Durrani, Vaidyanathan and Z. White. *Journal of Development Economics*. 158, 102933.

[3] "COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance and Hesitancy in Low- and Middle-Income Countries" (2021) with D. Karlan, M. Callen, M. Teachout, M. Humphreys, SB Omer, AM Mobarak et al. *Nature Medicine*, 27, 1385–1394.

[4] "Social Proximity and Misinformation: Experimental Evidence from a Mobile Phone-based Campaign in India" (2021) with A. Armand, B. Augsburg, K. Kumar. *R&R Journal of Health Economics* ~ CEPR Working Paper DP16492 ~ IFS Working Paper W21/27

[5] "Public Service Delivery and Free riding: Experimental Evidence from India" (2021) with A. Armand and B. Augsburg, and M. Ghatak. *CEPR Working Paper DP16284*. ~ IFS Working Paper W21/16

[6] "An Ounce of Prevention for a Pound of Cure: Efficiency of Community-Based Healthcare" (2023) with P. Bernal, P. Celhay and S. Martinez. *IZA Discussion Papers 16350*

Book chapters

[1] "Health Systems and Inequality" (2023) with S. Berlinski, G. Buitrago, M.D. De la Mata, and M. Vera-Hernandez. *Latin American Inequality Review*.

[2] "Health Inequalities in Latin America and the Caribbean: Child, Adolescent, Reproductive, Metabolic Syndrome and Mental Health" (2023) with S. Berlinski, G. Buitrago, M.D. De la Mata, and M. Vera-Hernandez. *Latin American Inequality Review*.

Pre-doctoral publications

[1] "Exposure to Sewage from On-site Sanitation and Child Health: A Spatial Analysis of Linkages and Externalities in Peri-urban Bolivia" (2018) with S. Martinez, *Journal of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Development*, 8 (1). pp. 9099 ~ *Inter-American Development Bank Technical Note IDB-TN-1327*.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019- 2023	Social Protection and Health Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank (Washington DC)
Summer 2016	Nutrition and Health Consultant, Oxford Policy Management (Oxford)
2015- 2016	UNICEF/LSE Capstone Project on Gender Inequalities (Geneva)
Summer 2015	Development Effectiveness Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank (Washington DC)
2012-2014	Public Sector Consultant, Apoyo Consultoria (Lima, Peru)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020-2022	Health Economics (undergraduate and graduate), University of St Andrews
2021-2022	Development Economics (undergraduate and graduate), University of St Andrews
2021	MSc in Economics Dissertation Supervision, University of St Andrews
2021	MSc in Economics Dissertation Supervision, University of Edinburgh
2021	Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate), University of St Andrews
2018-2019	Social Economics, Policy and Politics (undergraduate), LSE

IMPACT

Selected presentations

2023: ASSA Annual Meeting; Paris School of Economics; Toulouse School of Economics; Stanford's Rosenkranz Global Health Policy Research Symposium; Universitat de Milan; World Bank/IFS/ODI Tax Conference: The Political Economy of Public Finance; CEPR 8th Zurich Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries; LACEA-LAMES; IFS-UCL-LSE STICERD Development Seminar.

2022: Yale; NBER Summer Institute; Chicago-BFI; LACEA-LAMES; NEUDC; Berkeley-PSE; CEPR; World Bank; IADB; Royal Holloway University of London.

2021: RES; LACEA-LAMES; CEPR; NEUDC; CSAE Oxford; Gates Foundation and Asian Development Bank; Universidad del Pacifico; Universidad de San Andres.

Media coverage

“Latin America’s local governments too often fail their people” [The Economist](#)

“The dire consequences of many infrastructure projects” [Interview at Yale University](#)

“Sustaining behavioural change: evidence from rural Pakistan” [VoxDev, 2022](#)

“Incentivising quality of public infrastructure excludes users and worsens public health”. [VoxEU](#), 2021

“Can White Elephants Kill? Evidence from Infrastructure Development in Peru”. [VoxDev](#), [World Bank's Development Impact Blog](#), [LSE](#), [IFS Observation](#) and [Nada es Gratis Blog](#), 2019

“COVID-19 and the willingness to vaccinate: Evidence from India”. [The IGC](#), 2019

“Safe Toilets are Important—So Why Don’t People Use Them?”, [IFS Observation](#), 2018

Press articles about my work: [Hindustan Times](#), [Ideas and Innovation \(2i\)](#), [El Comercio](#), [Semana Económica](#)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Journal referee: American Economic Review: Insights; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; World Development; International Journal of Health Economics and Management; Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics; Scottish Journal of Political Economy; Journal of WASH for Development.

Seminar organizer: IFS Seminar and IFS Work-in-Progress Seminar

Workshop organizer: LACEA-RIDGE Health Economics Workshop (2023, Montevideo); LACEA-RIDGE Poverty and Inequality Workshop (2022, Montevideo); workshop with the Ministries of Economy, Health and Sanitation in Peru on “Improving Delivery of Public Infrastructure” (2019, Lima); WASTE-IFS Workshop on Sanitation Finance and Re-use (2017, The Hague – Netherlands).

Grant application evaluator: UKRI – Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Languages: Spanish (mother tongue), English (fluent), Greek (beginner).