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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT	Institute for Fiscal Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Research Economist in Retirement, Saving and Ageing sector (January 2024-)• Research Economist in Retirement, Saving and Ageing sector (October 2019-December 2023)	
EDUCATION	MSc in Economics (Distinction), University College London (2018-2019) MA(Hons) in Economics (1st Class), University of Edinburgh (2012-2016)	
JOURNAL ARTICLES	"The future of public pension provision in the UK: challenges and trade-offs". 2025. with Jonathan Cribb and Carl Emmerson. <i>Oxford Review of Economic Policy</i> , 41(1), 153-166. "Lifespan exposures to rural-urban conditions and later-life cognitive function". 2025. with Lingzhi Chu, Yingyan Wu and Olivia Atherton. <i>Alzheimer's and Dementia</i> , 21(6). "Inequalities in disability". 2024. with James Banks and Tom Waters. <i>IFS Deaton Review of Inequalities Issue</i> , <i>Oxford Open Economics</i> . "Recessions and health: the long-term health consequences of responses to the coronavirus". 2020. with James Banks and Carol Propper. <i>Fiscal Studies</i> , 41(2).	
WORKING PAPERS	"Gender inequality in expenditure: Great Britain 1978 to 2019". 2025. with Richard Blundell, Valerie Lechene and Krishna Pendakur. <i>IFS Working paper 25/26</i> . "How do those already out of employment fare when the state pension age rises?" 2025. with Jonathan Cribb and Anna Henry. <i>IFS Working paper 25/34</i> . "Living standards of working-age disability benefits recipients in the UK". 2022. with Jonathan Cribb and Tom Waters. <i>IFS Working paper 22/24</i> .	
SELECTED POLICY PUBLICATIONS	"Do disability benefit claims rise when other benefits are cut?". with Jonathan Cribb, Eduin Latimer, Sam Ray-Chaudhuri and Tom Waters. 2025. <i>IFS Report</i> . "Cognitive decline and financial wealth at older ages". 2025. <i>IFS Report</i> . "The Pensions Review: final recommendations. with Jonathan Cribb, Carl Emmerson, Paul Johnson and Laurence O'Brien. 2025. <i>IFS Report</i> . "Means-tested support for people approaching and beyond state pension age". with Jonathan Cribb and Carl Emmerson. 2024. <i>IFS Report</i> .	

"How have pensioner incomes and poverty changed in recent years?". with Jonathan Cribb and Anna Henry. 2024. IFS Report R327.

"The future of the state pension". with Jonathan Cribb, Carl Emmerson and Paul Johnson. 2023. IFS Report 291.

"Challenges for the UK pension system: the case for a pensions review". with Jonathan Cribb, Carl Emmerson, Paul Johnson and Laurence O'Brien. 2023. IFS Report 255.

"Understanding pension saving of the self-employed". with Jonathan Cribb. 2023. IFS report R248.

"How does spending change through retirement?". 2022. with Rowena Crawford and David Sturrock. IFS Report R209.

The cost of living crisis - who is hit by recent price increases?". 2021. with Peter Levell. The IFS.

"Changing patterns of work at older ages". 2021. with Rowena Crawford, Jonathan Cribb and Laurence O'Brien. IFS Report R192.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025: Jonkoping International Business School Pension Dashboards Conference, International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), DIW/WZB Economics of Aging and Pensions workshop
 2024: WPEG Conference, Sheffield University
 2023: RES Easter School on Health Economics, Bristol University; Global Gateway to Aging Hackathon, USC
 2022: BILS conference, Stirling University
 2021: Family Finance Survey User Conference
 2020: Public Sector Economics Conference

TEACHING

Lecturer: Public Economics. Guest lectures in undergraduate courses at University of Oxford and University of Cambridge (2020-2022), and UCL (2022-2023)

Teaching assistant: Essentials of Econometrics and Applications of Econometrics, University of Edinburgh (2015-2016)

AWARDS

2019: Dean's list commendation, University College London (for top 5 placement)
 2019: Best Dissertation Prize, University College London (for MSc Dissertation "Identification and estimation of individual resource shares using a collective household model", supervisor: Fabien Postel-Vinay)
 2016: Mary Theresa Rankin Prize for the best Economics student in final year, University of Edinburgh
 2015: Balmoral Asset Management Prize for best overall performance in Economics in penultimate year, University of Edinburgh

PAST EMPLOYMENT

Rothschild & Co, London

- Debt Advisory Analyst in Structured Finance and Infrastructure (July 2016-August 2018)