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### Employment

Institute for Fiscal Studies, London

- 2019-present: Deputy Director and Head of Income, Work and Welfare
- 2016-2018: Associate Director and Head of Income, Work and Welfare
- 2012-2015: Senior Research Economist
- 2008-2012: Research Economist

### Education

2009-2011 MSc Economics (Distinction)  
University College London  
2005-2008 BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Wadham College, Oxford

### Professional activities and achievements

- On Expert Panel leading "[The Deaton Review: Inequalities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century](#)"
- Co-editor of the IFS Green Budget 2015-2017, IFS' flagship annual publication
- Over 100 television and radio appearances e.g. Today, Newsnight, BBC News
- Appearances before Work and Pensions and Treasury Select Committees
- Author of articles in Financial Times, The Times, The Independent
- Expert advisory groups e.g. Equalities and Human Rights Commission
- Commissioner and Steering Group member for [Social Metrics Commission](#)
- Lecturing on tax policy, welfare policy and inequality (undergraduates at Oxford and Cambridge universities; business professionals at the Oxford University Business Economics Program; Treasury and HMRC economists)
- Academic peer reviewing e.g. American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Economic Journal, Economica, European Economic Review, Oxford Economic Papers, Fiscal Studies, Journal of Economic Inequality
- Winner of 2011 Cozzarelli prize for best Behavioural and Social Science paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)

## Peer-reviewed publications

'A method for decomposing the impact of reforms on the long-run income distribution, with an application to universal credit' (with M. Brewer, T. Waters and J. Woods), *Economics Letters*, Vol. 19, 2020.

'Relative poverty in Great Britain and the United States, 1979-2017' (with J. Ziliak), *Fiscal Studies*, Vol. 4 No.40, pp. 486-518, 2020.

'The curious incidence of rent subsidies: evidence of heterogeneity from administrative data' (with M. Brewer, J. Browne, C. Emmerson and A. Hood), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2019, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jue.2019.103198>.

'Income inequality and the labour market in Britain and the US' (with R. Blundell, A. Norris Keiller and J. Ziliak), *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 162, pp.48-62, 2018.

'Inference with Difference-in-Differences Revisited' (with M. Brewer and T. Crossley), *Journal of Econometric Methods*, Vol. 7 Issue 1, 2017.

'Two Decades of Income Inequality in Britain: the Role of Wages, Household Earnings and Redistribution' (with C. Belfield, R. Blundell, J. Cribb and A. Hood), *Economica*, Vol. 84, Issue 334, 2017.

'An assessment of Labour's record on income inequality and poverty' (with L. Sibieta), *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, Vol. 29, Issue 1, pp. 178-202, 2013.

'The Short- and Medium- Term Impacts of the Recession on the UK Income Distribution' (with M. Brewer, J. Browne, A. Hood and L. Sibieta), *Fiscal Studies*, Vol. 34, No. 2, pp. 179–201, 2013.

'The long shadow cast by childhood physical and mental problems on adult life' (with A. Goodman and J. Smith), *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 108(15), 2011.

## Selected other writing

'Measuring economic inequality', chapter 7 in J. Athow and J. Grice (eds), *Measuring the Economy*, Office for National Statistics, November 2020.

'Getting people back into work', (with M. Costa Dias, C. Farquharson, R. Griffith and P. Levell), *Covid Economics*, Issue 16: 11 May 2020

'Wage progression and the gender wage gap: the causal impact of hours of work' (with M. Costa Dias and F. Parodi), February 2018, IFS Briefing Note 223

'IFS Green Budget 2017' (co-editor with C. Emmerson and P. Johnson), February 2017.

'Living standards, Poverty and Inequality in the UK: 2017' (with J. Cribb, A. Hood and A. Norris Keiller), July 2017, IFS Research Report 129.

'Country Case Study – UK', chapter in Jenkins, Brandolini, Micklewright and Nolan (eds), 'The Great Recession and the Distribution of Household Income', 2013.

## **Research grants**

Co-Investigator, "Inequality in the Twenty First Century", Nuffield Foundation, 2019-2022, £2.5 million

Principal Investigator, "Inheritances and inequality within generations", Nuffield Foundation, 2018-2020, £195,545

Co-Investigator, "IFS Green Budget 2018-2021", Nuffield Foundation, 2018-2021, £410,322

Co-Investigator, "Skills, productivity and human capital", ESRC, 2017-2018, £500,000

Principal Investigator, "The transmission of labour market shocks through to the distribution of living standards", Nuffield Foundation, 2016-2017, £194,525

Co-Investigator, "Enhancing our understanding of poverty and low income", Joseph Rowntree Foundation, 2015-2017, £551,237