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Research Interests

Political Economy, Comparative Government, Quantitative Methods, Causal Inference

Education

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| DPhil Politics Nuffield College, University of Oxford | 2017-2020 |
| MPhil Politics (Comparative Government) Nuffield College, University of Oxford | 2015-2017 |
| BA (Honours) Philosophy, Politics and Economics University of Essex | 2012-2015 |

Working Papers

The Democrat Disaster: Hurricane Exposure, Risk Aversion and Insurance Demand
[\[Job Market Paper\]](#) | [\[Replication Code\]](#)

Divisive Jobs: Three Facets of Risk, Precarity and Redistribution
[\[Paper\]](#) | [\[Replication Code\]](#)

Work in Progress

Insuring Against Hunger? Long-Term Political Consequences of Exposure to the Dutch Famine
(with [Gerda Hooijer](#) and [David Rueda](#))

Winning Tactics: Cues of Intra-Party Competition and Vote Choice (with [Stavros Poupakis](#))

Mind the Gap: Income and Wealth Inequality in British Elections (with [Jane Green](#))

Scholarships, Grants and Awards

Nuffield College and ESRC 2+2 studentship, 2015-2019

Nuffield College Academic Fund (w/ David Rueda & Gerda Hooijer), 2019

Research Training Support Grant, ESRC, 2017-2019

Rothermere American Institute Academic Program Fund (w/ Tom Robinson), 2019

Quantitative Methods Graduate Scholarship, DPIR, University of Oxford, 2018-2019

Norman Chester Fund Grant, 2019

Nuffield College Research Grant, 2019

Distinction Awarded by the Board of Examiners, University of Oxford, 2017

The Oscar Arias Prize for the Best Undergraduate Dissertation, University of Essex, 2015

Going beyond the curriculum in Quantitative Methods, SAGE & University of Essex, 2015

Best Paper in Methods, University of Essex, 2015

British Academy Scholarship (Essex Summer School in Social Sciences Data Analysis), 2014

Included on the Dean's List of Excellence, University of Essex, 2014

Distinction Awarded by the Board of Examiners, University of Essex, 2013

Best First Year Student, Department of Government, University of Essex, 2013

Additional Research Experience

Research Assistant

2019: Andy Eggers (Oxford); Jane Gingrich (Oxford); Jane Green (Oxford) | 2018: Allan Dafoe (Yale) |
2017: Gabriella Conti (UCL); Elias Dinas (Oxford) | 2016: Catherine de Vries (Oxford)

Short Term Temporary, World Bank

2016: Project: Politically Connected Businesses in Post-Soviet Countries (with Simon Commander)

Teaching

University of Oxford

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| <i>Lecturer</i> in Politics (Undergraduate), Somerville College | 2019-20 |
| <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Causal Inference (Graduate) | 2018-19; 2019-20 |
| <i>Tutor</i> 297 Comparative Political Economy (Undergraduate) | 2018-19 |
| <i>Tutor</i> 201 Comparative Government (Undergraduate) | 2017-18 |

Conference Presentations, Workshops and Invited Talks

2019: EPSA | EPOP | PPRN Workshop (UCL) | Oxford-LSE Politics Graduate Conference | PSA

2018: PSPE Seminar (LSE) | Tackling Inequality: Experimental Advances on Taxation and Redistribution (CESS) | EPSA | American Politics Graduate Seminar (Rothermere American Institute) | Taking Inequality Seriously: Economy & Society in the Age of Inequalities (Sheffield) | Political Economy of Finance Conference (Oxford) | CPE Graduate Work Colloquium (Nuffield College) | DPIR Graduate Student Workshop (Nuffield College)

2014-17: DPIR Graduate Student Workshop (Nuffield College) | Department of Government Student Conference (University of Essex)

Data

Longitudinal U.S. Precinct-Level Electoral Returns 2002-2014

U.S. County-Level Incumbency Data 2004-2010

Insurance-Related Internet Searches 2004-2018

US Counties Geographical Crosswalk

Professional Service

Organizer

Panel EXPERIMENTS AND QUASI-EXPERIMENTS IN POLITICAL ECONOMY, EPSA 2019 | Workshop CRASHING OUT OF POLITICS: INEQUALITY AND REPRESENTATION 90 YEARS ON, Rothermere American Institute 2019 (co-organizer) | Graduate Workshop, University of Oxford (2018) (co-organizer) | Student Conference, University of Essex (2014, 2015) (co-organizer)

Discussant

Panel Discussant PREFERENCES FOR PUBLIC SPENDING, EPSA 2019 | Paper Discussant 5th Oxford-LSE Politics Graduate Student Conference, Oxford 2019

Other Skills and Memberships

Software: Stata (fluent), R (fluent), \LaTeX (fluent)

Languages: French, Romanian

Professional Affiliations: APSA, EPSA, PSA

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