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CURRENT POSITION:

Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, King Center on Global Development

FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION:

Primary: Development Economics
Secondary: Psychology and Economics, Labor Economics

EDUCATION:	DEGREE	DATE	FIELD
University of California, Berkeley	PhD	2024	Economics
LSE <i>Distinction</i>	M.Sc.	2015	Economics
University of Cambridge <i>First-Class Honors</i>	B.A.	2011	Economics

WORKING PAPERS:

“Under-training by Employers in Informal Labor Markets: Evidence from Burundi”
with Luisa Cefala, Pedro Naso and Michel Ndayikeza

“All in the Family: Kinship Pressure and Firm Worker Matching”

“Retrieval Failures and Consumption Smoothing: A Field Experiment on Seasonal Poverty”
with Ned Augenblick, Kelsey Jack, Supreet Kaur and Felix Masiye
Revise and Resubmit, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*

PUBLICATIONS:

Swanson, N., Christensen, G., Littman, R., Birke, D., Miguel, E., Paluck, E.L. and Wang, Z., 2020, May. Research transparency is on the rise in economics. In *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Vol. 110, pp. 61-65).

Ferguson, J., Littman, R., Christensen, G., Paluck, E.L., Swanson, N., Wang, Z., Miguel, E., Birke, D. and Pezzuto, J.H., 2023. Survey of open science practices and attitudes in the social sciences. *Nature communications*, 14(1), p.5401.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS:

“Knowledge Hoarding in the Transfer of Worker Skills: Evidence from Burundi”
with Luisa Cefala, Franck Irakoze and Pedro Naso

“The Impacts of Liquidity on Low-Income Workers: Evidence from Earned Wage Access” with Luisa Cefala, Eric Koepcke and Afras Sial

“Measuring Slums from Space” with Michael Gechter, Minas Sifakis and Nick Tsivanidis

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

RESEARCH:

Research Assistant (with Nick Tsivanidis), Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley (2021-2022)
Research Assistant (with Supreet Kaur), Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley (2017-2018)
Research Assistant (with Ted Miguel), Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley (2017-2018)
Research Assistant (with Nava Ashraf), Department of Economics, LSE (2015-2016)
Research Assistant (with Heather Schofield, Frank Schilbach) Cornell and MIT (2013-2014)

TEACHING:

Teaching Assistant, MBA Programs, Haas School of Business (Spring 2020)
 Strategic Leadership
 Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
 Introduction to Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics

OTHER:

M&A Analyst, Evercore Partners, 2013-2014
 Equity Research Analyst, HSBC, 2011-2012

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2024 CSAE Conference, Networks and Development, BREAD, NBER SI, Harvard-MIT (scheduled) , USC (scheduled)
 2023 PacDev, Warwick PhD Conference, All UC Labor, Advances in Field Experiments, IZA/CREST Conference: Labor Market Policy Evaluation, World Bank Dime-KDI, NEUDC
 2022 Advances in Field Experiments, STEG Workshop, IPA GPRL, NEUDC
 2021 PEP Convening, PacDev, Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference
 2020 Yale Whitebox Conference

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

2024 CEGA Doctoral Dissertation Award
 2023 Stone Center Fellowship
 2023 IRLE Dissertation Fellowship
 2022 Global Priorities Fellowship
 2021/2022 Rocca Dissertation Fellowship
 2009, 2011 Kings Scholar, Gerald Shove Prize

RESEARCH GRANTS:**PI**

2024 IGC (~\$26,000)
 2023 IGC (~\$25,000)
 2023 Strandberg Research Grant (\$9,300)
 2022 SurveyCTO Research Grant Awardee (\$2,000)
 2022 Weiss Fund (\$48,120)
 2022 Weiss Fund (\$44,660)
 2022 Strandberg Research Grant (\$10,000)
 2021-23 Psychology and Economics of Poverty Grants (multiple) (\$39,000)
 2021 ATAI (\$8,527)
 2021 JPal-JOI (\$7,310)
 2020 PEDL Exploratory Grant (~\$40,000)
 2020 EASST Grant Award (\$54,250)
 2018-23 CEGA Development Challenge (multiple) (\$23,500)

Co-PI

2024 JPAL SPI (\$250,000)
 2024 USAID-DIV (\$1,500,000)
 2022 IGC (~\$25,000)
 2020 USAID-DIV (\$426,146)
 2020 MRR (\$256,716)
 2019 Weiss Foundation (\$75,862)

SERVICE

Referee: *American Economic Journal; Applied Economics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Political Economy; Review of Economics and Statistics*

OTHER INFORMATION:

Citizenship: UK, USA