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## EDUCATION

2018 PhD Economics, University College London  
Dissertation: *Essays on labour economics in developing countries and the role of the public sector*

2017 (Fall) Visiting student, Bocconi University, Italy. *Supervised by Eliana La Ferrara.*

2014 MRes Economics (Distinction), University College London

2010 MSc Economics (Distinction), University College London

2008 BEconSc Economics (First Class Honours and Manchester School Award),  
The University of Manchester

## RESEARCH FIELDS

Development Economics, Labour Economics, Public Policy and Public Administration

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2016-Present Research Assistant, University College London. *With Marcos Vera-Hernandez.*

2015-Present Consultant, World Bank. *Field Manager for Civil Servant Survey 2016; Analyst for "Moving Further on Civil Service Reforms in Ethiopia".*

2014-Present Teaching Assistant, University College London. *Issues in Economics of Development with Marcos Vera Hernandez; MRes Econometrics with Andrew Chesher and Daniel Wilhelm; Economics of Development with Beatriz Armendariz.*

2010-2012 Economic Adviser, Ministry of Education, Ethiopia. *Overseas Development Institute Fellowship.*

2009-2010 Economic Analyst, Frontier Economics, London.

## WORKING PAPERS

- "Public-Sector Wages, Education Choices and Productivity" ([Job Market Paper](#))
- "Hierarchy and Information" (with Daniel Rogger, World Bank)  
*Public coverage: 2018 Ibrahim Forum Report on Public Service in Africa*
- "Information and Public Service Delivery: Evidence from an E-Governance Initiative"  
(Submitted)  
*Public coverage: 2018 Ibrahim Forum Report on Public Service in Africa*
- "Subjective Performance Evaluations and Supervisor Bias: Evidence from the Ethiopian Civil Service."

## HONOURS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS

2016-Present	Bureaucracy Lab Doctoral Fellow, World Bank.
2016-2017	Teaching Excellence Award, University College London.
2014-2018	Ricardo Scholarship, University College London.
2013-2014	David Pearce Scholarship, University College London.
2010-2012	Overseas Development Institute Fellowship.
2008	Manchester School Award, The University of Manchester.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

2016-Present	International Growth Centre (\$25,742): “A Study of the Constraints to Civil Servant Productivity in Ethiopia” (PI with Stephan Dercon and Dan Rogger).
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## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2018	ENTER Jamboree, Toulouse (Discussant); Ethiopian Development Research Institute / IGC Seminar, Addis Ababa (Presentation); IGC Annual Conference, Addis Ababa (Presentation); Queen Mary University of London PhD Conference (Presentation); Sussex University PhD Conference (Presentation); UCL Summer Conference (Presentation); University of Oxford (Presentation); Warwick PhD Conference (Presentation); World Bank DIME Seminar (Presentation)
2017	Bocconi University Visitor Presentation and La Strada Presentation; SSDEV Summer School in Development Economics, Prato, Italy (Presentation)
2016	Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (Presentation and Discussant); Stockholm School of Economics (Presentation)

## OTHER

Languages:	English (Native), Gujarati (Native), Spanish (Advanced), Amharic (Intermediate)
Citizenship:	UK and Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder
Software:	Stata, Matlab, R, Tex, Microsoft Office

## REFERENCES

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