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Development Impact Evaluation Unit, World Bank, Washington D.C.

EDUCATION

- May, 2019 PhD Economics, University College London
Essays on Labour Economics in Developing Countries and the Role of the Public Sector
- Fall, 2017 Visiting Student, Bocconi University
- 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

EMPLOYMENT

- 2019- Post-Doctoral Fellow, Development Impact Evaluation Unit, World Bank.
- 2016-2019 Research Assistant, University College London.
For Marcos Vera-Hernandez.
- 2015-2019 Consultant, World Bank.
Field Manager for the Ethiopian Civil Servant Survey 2016 and Analyst for "Moving Further on Civil Service Reforms in Ethiopia"
- 2014-2019 Post-Graduate Teaching Assistant, University College London.
Econometrics with Andrew Chesher and Daniel Wilhelm (PhD Level); Economics of Development with Beatriz Armendariz (Undergraduate Level); Issues in Economics of Development with Marcos Vera Hernandez (Undergraduate Level).
- 2010-2012 Economic Adviser, Ministry of Education, Ethiopia.
Overseas Development Institute Fellowship.
- 2009-2010 Economic Analyst, Frontier Economics, London.

WORKING PAPERS

"Public-Sector Hiring Policies and Private-Sector Labor Productivity"

"Hierarchy and Information" (with Daniel Rogger, World Bank)

Public coverage: [VoxDev](#), [2018 Ibrahim Forum Report on Public Service in Africa](#)

"Information and Public Service Delivery: Evidence from an E-Governance Initiative"

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

2016-2019	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

2016-2019	International Growth Centre (\$25,742): “A Study of the Constraints to Civil Servant Productivity in Ethiopia” <i>Co-PI with Stephan Dercon and Dan Rogger</i>
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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 and La Strada Presentations); 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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