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CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Jameel Observatory for Food Security Early Action, **University of Edinburgh**, Edinburgh, UK 2025–present

ACADEMIC VISIT

Visiting Researcher, Becker Friedman Institute, **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL Summer 2026

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics, **University of California, Davis**, Davis, CA 2025
M.A. in Economics, **Instituto Desarrollo**, Asunción, Paraguay 2019
B.A. in Economics-Mathematics, **Columbia University**, New York, NY 2016
Concentration in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

WORKING PAPERS

Community Matters: Psychological Well-Being and Spillovers in an Asset-Building Anti-Poverty Program in Paraguay

The Economics of Sovereign Insurance in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (with Michael R. Carter)

The Impact of Natural Disasters on Risk Preferences, Subjective Beliefs, and Related Behavior: Evidence from Typhoon Ketsana (with Sean F. Kiely)

Asset Protection and Disaster Risk Financing to Improve Shock-responsive Social Protection in Latin America and the Caribbean (with Michael R. Carter)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Impact Evaluation of Take-Up of an Insurance-Based Financial Package for Drought Risk Mitigation among Pastoral Households (with Karlijn Morsink, Nathaniel Jensen, Kelvin Shikuku, Tagel Gebrehiwot, Hyuk Harry Son, and Anouk van Veldhoven)

Reducing Conflict Incentives Through Insurance, Paid Apprenticeships, and Psychological Support (with Karlijn Morsink, Kelvin Shikuku, Emmy Auma, Tagel Gebrehiwot, Nathaniel Jensen, Chris Barrett, Erwin Bulte, Emma Rikken, and Yuma Noritomo)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2027 (scheduled): American Economic Association Annual Meeting (Washington, DC).

2026 (scheduled): Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Meeting (Lima); Advances with Field Experiments Conference (Chicago, IL); European Economic Association Meeting (Dublin).

2025: CEAR Behavioral Insurance Workshop (Nairobi); Chicago School in Experimental Economics (Bonn); UNU-WIDER Development Conference (Helsinki); LACEA Impact Evaluation Network Annual Meeting (Lima); American Economic Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA).

2024: UC Davis Development Seminar (Davis, CA); Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Meeting (Montevideo); Economics of LGBTQ+ Individuals Virtual Seminar Series; IPA & Global Poverty Research Lab Researcher Gathering, Northwestern University (Evanston, IL); London School of Economics (London); Western Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA); Giannini Foundation of Agricultural and Resource Economics Student Conference (Berkeley, CA); SCC-76 Economics and Management of Risks in Agricultural and Natural Resources Group Annual Meeting (Kansas City, MO); Authors' Workshop of the World Bank Report on Climate and Poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean (Washington, DC).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis	Davis, CA
Graduate Student Researcher, Prof. Michael Carter	2021–2025
Poverty and Equity Global Practice, World Bank	Washington, DC
Short-Term Consultant	2023
Instituto Desarrollo	Asunción, Paraguay
Research Associate	2018–2019
Secretariat of Planning for Economic and Social Development	Asunción, Paraguay
Policy Analyst	2017–2018
E + E Economía y Estadísticas para el Desarrollo	Asunción, Paraguay
Research Associate	2016–2017
Innovations for Poverty Action	Washington, DC
Research Intern, Prof. Laura Schechter	2015
Department of Economics, Columbia University	New York, NY
Research Assistant, Prof. Suresh Naidu	2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis	Davis, CA
Facilitator, Applied Economics Research Workshop (undergraduate, 2023); Teaching Assistant, Econometrics (undergraduate, 2023); Associate Instructor, Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate, 2022); Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate, online, 2022); Teaching Assistant, Microeconomic Analysis (graduate, online, 2020).	
Instituto Desarrollo	Asunción, Paraguay
Lecturer, Computational Methods (undergraduate, 2019); Lecturer, Research Workshop (undergraduate, 2018); Teaching Assistant, Mathematics for Economists (graduate, 2018).	
Department of Economics, Columbia University	New York, NY
Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Macroeconomics (undergraduate, 2015); Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate, 2014).	
Department of Mathematics, Columbia University	New York, NY
Teaching Assistant, Calculus I–III (undergraduate, 2013–2014).	

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Centre for Economic Policy Research's Reducing Conflict and Improving Performance in the Economy (ReCIPE) Big Research Grant (Co-PI, \$100,000)	2026
Henry A. Jastro Research Fellowship at UC Davis (PI, \$3,000 each)	2022, 2024
Agricultural Economics Summer Fellowship at UC Davis (PI, \$4,000)	2024
Fundación Capital and Co-Impact (Co-PI, \$100,000)	2021
Provost's First Year Fellowship at UC Davis	2019–2020

SERVICE

Participant at the Graduate Inclusive Education and Mentoring Training Workshop—Diversity and Inclusion in Research, Education, and Career Training Program	2023
Member of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee	2021–2022
Student Coordinator of the Development Economics Workshop	2021–2022
Member of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Anti-Racism Graduate Student Group	2020

OTHER

Affiliations: American Economic Association, European Economic Association, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Markets, Risk, and Resilience at UC Davis, Jameel Observatory for Food Security Early Action at University of Edinburgh

Languages: Spanish (native), Guaraní (intermediate), Portuguese (intermediate)

Software: R, Stata, Python, Google Earth Engine, GAUSS, SurveyCTO, $\text{\LaTeX}$

REFERENCES

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