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## POSITION

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

## EDUCATION

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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

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*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)

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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Chicago School in Experimental Economics, Bonn, Germany 2025  
UNU-WIDER Development Conference, Helsinki, Finland 2025  
American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA 2025  
UC Davis Development Seminar, Davis, CA 2024  
Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Meeting, Montevideo, Uruguay 2024  
Economics of LGBTQ+ Individuals Virtual Seminar Series 2024  
Innovations for Poverty Action & Global Poverty Research Lab at Northwestern University Annual Researcher Gathering, Evanston, IL 2024  
London School of Economics, London, UK 2024  
Western Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA 2024  
Giannini Foundation of Agricultural and Resource Economics Student Conference, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 2024  
SCC-76 Economics and Management of Risks in Agricultural and Natural Resources Group, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, MO 2024  
Authors' Workshop of the Report on Climate and Poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean, World Bank, Washington, DC 2024

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, <b>University of California, Davis</b>	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
<b>Instituto Desarrollo</b>	Asunción, Paraguay
Lecturer, Computational Methods (undergraduate)	2019
Lecturer, Research Workshop (undergraduate)	2018
Teaching Assistant, Mathematics for Economists (graduate)	2018
Department of Economics, <b>Columbia University</b>	New York, NY
Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Macroeconomics (undergraduate)	2015
Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate)	2014
Department of Mathematics, <b>Columbia University</b>	New York, NY
Teaching Assistant, Calculus I-III (undergraduate)	2013–2014

## GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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Henry A. Jastro Research Fellowship (PI, \$3,000 each), <b>University of California, Davis</b>	2022, 2024
Agricultural Economics Summer Fellowship (PI, \$4,000), <b>University of California, Davis</b>	2024
Fundación Capital and Co-Impact (Co-PI, \$100,000), <b>Asunción, Paraguay</b>	2021
Provost's First Year Fellowship, <b>University of California, Davis</b>	2019–2020

## SERVICE

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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

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Affiliations: American Economic Association, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Markets, Risk, and Resilience at UC Davis

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

Software: R, Stata, Python, Google Earth Engine, GAUSS, SurveyCTO, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## REFERENCES

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