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**Contact Information:**

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**Academic Employment:**

- Sep 2016 - present    Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow  
Department of Economics, University of Warwick
- Oct 2013 – 2016    Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Nuffield College and Department of Economics, University of Oxford
- Feb 2015    Visiting Scholar  
Department of Economics, University of Leuven  
Invited by Professors Frederic Vermeulen, Laurens Cherchye and Bram De Rock

**Education:**

- 2009 – 2013    PhD Economics, University of Cambridge, St John's College  
Thesis Title: "The Economics of the Household in Developing Countries"  
Supervisor: Professor Hamish Low  
Examiners: Professors Imran Rasul (University College London) and Thomas Crossley (University of Essex)
- 2008 – 2009    MPhil Economics, University of Cambridge, St John's College  
Distinction
- 2005 – 2008    BA Hons Economics, University of Cambridge, Jesus College  
1<sup>st</sup> Class in all years

**Research Fields:**

Labor Economics, Family Economics, Development Economics

**Referees:**

Professor Hamish Low  
Faculty of Economics  
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## **Completed Papers:**

“Noncooperative Decision Making in the Household: Evidence from Malawi.”  
(previously circulated as “Kinship and Consumption”) *Submitted*

“Moral Hazard in Marriage: The Use of Domestic Labour as an Incentive Device.”  
*Review of Economics of the Household*, Lead Article, 15, June 2017. pp. 357-382

“Where did it go wrong? Marriage and Divorce in Malawi.” (with L. Cherchye, B. De Rock and F. Vermeulen) *Submitted*

“Optimal Treatment of an SIS Disease with Two Strains.” (with R. Rowthorn)  
*Journal of Mathematical Biology* 74, June 2017. pp. 1753-1791.

## **Work in Progress:**

“Safety is Paramount: Household Portfolio Choice and the Demand for Safe Assets” (with A. Kohlhas and A. Walther)

“Fertility Responses to Infant and Maternal Mortality: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from 20th Century America.” (with S. Bhalotra and A. Venkataramani)

“Break-ups” (with M. Francesconi and A. Muthoo)

“Good and Bad Surprises: The Impact of Economic Shocks on Divorce.”

## **Presentations (including scheduled):**

2017: EDePo, Institute for Fiscal Studies; CSAE Annual Conference (Oxford); EEA/ESEM Annual Conference (Lisbon); ESPE Conference (Glasgow); EALE Conference (St. Gallen).

2016: Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm; University of Groningen; Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex; EEA Annual Conference, Geneva.

2015: University College London; Family Economics Workshop, Barcelona Summer Forum; EEA Women in Economics Retreat, Mannheim; Improving Productivity in Developing Countries Conference, IFS, London.

2014: University of Leuven; IFS, London; CSAE Seminar, University of Oxford; Royal Economic Society Conference, Manchester.

2013: Université Libre de Bruxelles; CSAE Annual Conference, Oxford; EEA Annual Conference, Gothenburg.

2012: Royal Economic Society Conference, Cambridge; RES Women’s Meetings, York.

2011: Seminar Series in Epidemiology, University of Cambridge; European Doctoral Group in Economics, University of Bocconi; Applied Microeconomics Workshop, University of Cambridge.

### **Professional Activities:**

*Refereeing:* Review of Economic Studies; Journal of Economic Growth; Review of Economics of the Household; Journal of Population Economics; American Journal of Agricultural Economics; CSAE Conference.

*Organisation:* Postdoc Seminar Series in Economics (University of Oxford), 2013-2015.

### **Fellowships, Scholarships and Honors:**

2017	Speaker at Warwick Economics Summit 2017
2016	George Webb Medley Grant, University of Oxford
2016	Recognition Award for outstanding contribution in organising Postdoc Seminar Series, Department of Economics, University of Oxford
2016	Invited to attend RES Easter Training School “Perspectives on Microeconometric Analysis of Public Policy”, University of Essex
2014	Invited to attend Lindau-Nobel Meetings
2014	George Webb Medley Grant, University of Oxford
2013	EEA Student Travel Award
2012-2013	Raymond Burton Scholarship, University of Cambridge
2008-2012	ESRC 1+3 Studentship (full fees and living expenses)
2008	Senior Keller Prize, Jesus College, University of Cambridge
2007, 2008	Craythorne Scholarship, The Worshipful Company of Cutlers
2007, 2008	Malthus Prize, Jesus College, University of Cambridge
2006, 2007, 2008	Foundation Scholarship, Jesus College, University of Cambridge
2005-2008	Cambridge European Trust Grant
2005, 2006	Benefactors’ Prize, Jesus College, University of Cambridge

### **Teaching Experience:**

2016-2017	Lecturer and Module Leader, Topics in Applied Microeconomics (MSc) University of Warwick
2016-2017	Lecturer and Module Leader, Topics in Applied Economics (Undergraduate) University of Warwick
2014-2016	Teaching Assistant in Microeconomic Theory MPhil Economics University of Oxford
2013-2014	Lecturer in Maximum Likelihood and Structural Modelling MPhil Economics for Development University of Oxford
2013-2014	Teaching Assistant in Microeconomic Theory MPhil Economics for Development University of Oxford
2009-2013	Admissions Interviewer for BA Economics Jesus College, University of Cambridge
2009-2013	Supervision of Undergraduate Microeconomics, Mathematics and Statistics

BA Economics  
University of Cambridge

2009-2013      Teaching Assistant in Economics  
Jesus College, University of Cambridge

**Non-Academic Employment:**

March 2016 - present      Associate Economist, Vivid Economics

2010      World Health Organization, Geneva, Intern