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Current Position

Tufts University, Department of Economics, 2019-
Assistant Professor

Past Positions

Harvard University, Center for International Development, Kennedy School, 2022
Visiting Research Scholar

Trinity College Dublin, Department of Economics & TRiSS, 2018-19
Visiting Fellow

Yale University, Department of Economics & Economic Growth Center, 2016-18
Postdoctoral Associate

Brown University, Department of Economics & Watson Institute, 2014-16
Postdoctoral Fellow in International and Public Affairs

University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics & GCGD, 2013-14
Postdoctoral Researcher

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Trinity College Dublin (University of Dublin), 2013

Dissertation: *Essays on the Political Economy of Development*

Advisor: Pedro C. Vicente; Examiner: Gani Aldashev

Fulbright Scholar, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2011-13

Advisor: Edward Miguel

M.A. Economics, University College Dublin, 2008

B.Comm. Intl. (French), National University of Ireland, Galway, 2007

Erasmus Visiting Student, Université de Montpellier, 2005-06

Fields of Interest

Development Economics, Political Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Research

Working Papers

Development Mismatch: Evidence from Land Use Conversions in Pastoral Africa (with Nathan Nunn)

Published Papers / Papers Accepted for Publication

Transhumant Pastoralism, Climate Change, and Conflict in Africa (with Nathan Nunn)

Review of Economic Studies, Conditionally Accepted

NBER Working Paper w28243

No Kin in the Game: Moral Hazard and War in the U.S. Congress (with Nate Hilger & Nicholas Miller)

Journal of Political Economy, Forthcoming

NBER Working Paper w23904

The Economic Origins of Conflict in Africa (with Marshall Burke)

Journal of Political Economy, (2020), 128(10)

NBER Working Paper w23056

Foreign Aid Preferences and Perceptions in Donor Countries (with Pedro Vicente & Daniel Kaufmann)

Journal of Comparative Economics (2019), 47(3), pp. 601-617

Democratic Accountability, Regulation and Inward Investment Policy (with Michael Dorsch & Fergal McCann)

Economics and Politics (2014), 26(2), pp. 263-284

The Illusory Leader: Natural Resources, Taxation and Accountability

Public Choice (2013), 154(3-4), pp. 285-313

Selected Works in Progress

The Political Economy of Ethnic Identification in Africa

Policy Papers and Other Writing

War in Ukraine, World Food Prices, and Conflict in Africa (with Marshall Burke)

VoxEU Column [link], 2022

How Climate Shocks Trigger Inter-Group Conflicts: Evidence from Africa's Transhumant Pastoralists (with Nathan Nunn)

VoxDev Column [link], 2021

Review: "The Development Dilemma: Security, Prosperity, and a Return to History" by Robert Bates

Economic History Association [link], 2018

Food fights: Food Prices and Civil Conflict in Africa (with Marshall Burke)

IGC Blog Post [link], 2017

The Political Economy of Direct Cash Transfers in Resource-Rich Countries: A Theoretical Consideration (with Anand Rajaram & Marcelo Giugale)

World Bank Policy Research Working Paper Series WPS7575, 2016

DFID Support to Education in East Africa: Lessons from the Research Literature

CEGA, UC Berkeley. Prepared for the Independent Commission for Aid Impact (UK), 2012

Teaching and Academic Service

Instructor

Tufts University, Basic Econometrics (Ec 15), Fall 2019–Fall 2021

Brown University, Development and the International Economy (Econ 0510), Spring 2015, 2016

Gothenburg University, The Quality of Government, Spring 2014

Course Director

Yale University, Microeconomics (Econ 115), Fall 2016–Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant

Trinity College Dublin, Introduction to Economics, Fall 2008–Spring 2010

University College Dublin, Quantitative Methods (Intro & Intermediate), Fall 2007–Spring 2008

Other Lectures

Brown University, Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI), 2017

Research on the Causes of Civil War

Brown University, Political Research Methods, 2017

Randomized Experiments

Brown University, Module on Experiments and Intensive Field Work (graduate), 2016

Conference Organization

NEUDC (selection committee/session chair), Boston University, 2021, Dartmouth College, 2020; Brown University, 2015

Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) Annual Meeting, Brown University, 2015

Irish Society of New Economists Annual Meeting, Trinity College Dublin, 2010

Panel Speaker

U.S. Department of Defense Africa Symposium, Defense Intelligence Agency, 2022

The (Dis)United Kingdom? The UK after the Referendum? Watson Institute, Brown University, 2014

Learning to Give: Towards an Evidence Based Approach to Global Education, University of Gothenburg Global Week, 2013

Editorial Service

Referee (in alphabetical order): American Economic Review; American Economic Review: Insights; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Economic Studies; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Economic Journal; Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Economic History, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Law and Economics; Journal of Modern African Studies; Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Peace Studies; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics; Oxford Development Studies, Oxford Economic Papers; Public Choice; Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies; Review of Economics and Statistics; Research Grants Council of Hong Kong; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; Studies in Comparative International Development; World Bank Economic Review; World Development; World Politics; *3ie*: International Initiative for Impact Evaluation

Fellowships, Grants and Awards

Faculty Research Fund Award, Tufts University, 2022
 Neubauer Fund for Faculty Excellence, Tufts University, 2019-20
 Watson Institute Collaboration Grant, Brown University, 2015
 Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award, Brown University, 2015
 Fulbright Award in Social Sciences, 2011
 AMID Marie Curie Fellowship (Declined), 2011
 Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Scholarship, 2009-12
 Trinity College Dublin Graduate Research & Teaching Fellowships, 2008
 NUIG University Scholar, 2006

Invited Seminar and Conference Presentations

2023

Harvard University, Alberto Alesina Seminar on Political Economy (scheduled)
 Georgetown University, *guizde* Seminar, Economics Dept. and McCourt School (scheduled)
 World Bank, Microeconomics Seminar (scheduled)

2022

European Economic Association Meetings, Milan
 NBER, Development Economics Summer Institute
 NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development, Lisbon
 100 Years of Economic Development Conference, Cornell University
 Penn Development Research Initiative Conference, University of Pennsylvania
 NBER, Political Economy Spring Meeting
 MIT, Development Economics Seminar (joint with Harvard)
 American Economic Association Meetings, Virtual

2021

CEPR Workshop in Development Economics, Trinity College Dublin
NEUDC, Boston University
Brown University, Growth Lab Seminar, Economics Dept.
CSAE, Oxford University
PacDev, UC San Diego
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Advances in Micro Development
Econometric Society, North American Summer Meeting
Irish Economic Association

2020

Harvard University, Seminar in Economic History, Economics Dept.
University of Southern California, Development Economics Seminar
Loyola Marymount University, Economics Seminar

2019

Trinity College Dublin, Economics Seminar
Queen's University Belfast, Economics Seminar
Households in Conflict Network, Paris School of Economics

2018

American Economic Association Meetings, Philadelphia
Tufts University, Economics Seminar
UC Berkeley, Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar
Williams College, Economics Seminar
University College Dublin, Economics Seminar
World Bank, Macroeconomics, Trade, and Finance Seminar
Nova School of Business and Economics Seminar

2017

Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford
Yale University, Development Economics Workshop
Yale University, Leitner Political Economy Seminar
NEUDC, Tufts University

2016

All UC Conference on Conflict and Development, UC Irvine
Trinity College Dublin, Economics Seminar
Yale University, Development Economics Workshop

2015

UC Berkeley, Development Economics Lunch Workshop
NEUDC, Brown University
PacDev, UC San Diego
World Bank Annual Conference on Africa, UC Berkeley
Brown University, Watson Institute Seminar
B-WGAPE, Yale University

2014

Watson Institute, Brown University;
American Political Science Association Meetings, Washington, DC
World Bank, Washington DC
PacDev, UCLA
Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford
Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service
European Public Choice Society, University of Cambridge

2013

NEUDC, Harvard University
Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE), World Bank, Washington, DC
IFPRI, Washington DC
University of Gothenburg, Economics Seminar
University of Navarra, Economics Seminar

2012

UC Berkeley, Development Economics Lunch Workshop
Royal Economic Society, University of Cambridge
Nordic Conference on Development Economics, University of Gothenburg

2011

CSAE (x3 papers), University of Oxford
Spring Meeting of Young Economists, University of Groningen
Irish Society of New Economists, University College Dublin

2010

Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford
Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Luxembourg
Irish Economics Association, Belfast
Irish Society of New Economists, Trinity College Dublin

2009

Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource-Rich Economies, Dubai School of Government

Consulting and Visiting Positions

Minerva Schools at Keck Graduate Institute, Claremont Colleges, 2018-19.

World Bank, 2013-14

Center for Effective Global Action, University of California, Berkeley, 2012/-13/-14.

Affiliations

International Relations Core Faculty, Tufts University

Households in Conflict Network (Affiliate)

American Economic Association (Member)

Fieldwork Experience

Sierra Leone (survey data collection)

Tanzania (administrative data collection)

Ethiopia (aid consultancy)

References

Prof. Pedro Vicente
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Nova School of Business and Economics
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Prof. Edward Miguel
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Prof. Steven Berry (teaching reference)
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