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EXPERIENCE

Pre-Doctoral Research Assistant, *London School of Economics - STICERD* 2024 - Present
Pre-doc in STICERD public economics group, working with Dr. Kate Smith on self-employment, business owner managers, tax design, and social insurance. Auditing Public and Labour Economics PhD Courses.

Visiting Research Scholar, *Institute for Fiscal Studies* 2024 - Present

Occasional Research Assistant, *London School for Economics - CEP* 2023 - 2024
Provided research assistance to Dr. Nikhil Datta and Prof. Stephen Machin.

Replicator, *Royal Economics Society* 2023

Research Assistant, *Paris School of Economics MAPHIS Project* 2023

EDUCATION

Master of Economics, *Sciences Po Paris School of Research* 2022-2024
Cum Laude (awarded to top three in cohort).

First in cohort for Microeconomics I, II, and III; Econometrics I and III; Macroeconomics II; Labour Economics; Development Economics; Computational Economics; and the Economics of Discrimination.

BSc Economics and Economic History, *London School of Economics* 2019 - 2022
First Class Honours

RESEARCH PROJECTS

"Risky Business? Earnings Dynamics and Entrepreneurship" WIP
with Kate Smith and Salomé Fofana
We calculate higher order moments of income growth and estimate non-gaussian income processes for employees and business owners in the UK using large administrative tax data. We then calibrate a structural model to investigate the resulting impact of earnings risk on entry into entrepreneurship.

"New Trends in Self-Employment and Top Incomes", *IFS Report* 2025
with Isaac Delestre, Helen Miller and Kate Smith
We present new data correcting a long-running error in official statistics. These data not only show that the self-employed population has been consistently overestimated, but also that the Financial Crisis is a significant turning point, after which the growth in the UK's self-employed population accelerated substantially. The new data also show that previously published statistics meaningfully overstate UK income inequality - our corrected data reducing the estimated share of income attributable both to the top 1% and top 0.1% over the affected period.

"Propping up the Job Ladder?", *Best Master Thesis Collection 2023-24* 2024
supervised by Jean-Marc Robin
I examine the effects of subsidising labour hoarding in recessions in a dynamic search and matching model with heterogeneous workers, on-the-job search, and aggregate shocks. The policy has negative effects on production in both a flexible wage economy and one with a minimum wage. In the latter case it also redistributes from firms to workers and from high and low skill workers to those at the lower middle of the skill-distribution.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Advanced - Stata, Julia, Shell, LaTeX, Quarto

Intermediate - Matlab, Python, R (tidyverse, data.table, sh, devtools)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Staff Member, *Forest School Camps*   2019 - 2025
Educational charity running summer camps for children. Experience includes childcare, managing other staff members, running a field kitchen cooking for up to 100 people, and camp finances.

Class Representative, *Sciences Po Master of Economics*   2022 - 2024
Liaised between students and school administration on issues regarding class organization and student wellbeing.

Editor and Marketing Officer, *Knowles Review of Economic History*   2019 - 2021
Edited and conducted anonymous peer review of submissions. Contributed essay to inaugural issue following competitive selection process.

President, *LSESU Economic History Society*   2020 - 2021
Organised academic and social events.

Mathematics Tutor   2018 - 2020
Tutored six students one-on-one in GCSE Maths and Further Maths. Received positive feedback on ability to explain difficult concepts in simple, understandable ways, with all students achieving significant progress.

REFERENCES

Dr Kate Smith
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