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Academic Positions

Lecturer, School of Economics, University of Surrey — 2025–present

Surrey Future Fellow, School of Economics, University of Surrey — 2023–2025

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM), Department of Economics, University College London — 2019–2023

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Essex — 2015–2020

M.Sc. in Applied Economics and Data Analysis, University of Essex — 2014–2015
Distinction

Bachelor of Economics, Universidade de Vigo — 2010–2014
Distinction

Research Fields

Primary: Labour Economics, Economic History, Applied Microeconometrics
Secondary: Political Economy

Publications

"Train to Opportunity: The Effect of Infrastructure on Intergenerational Mobility" (with Jose-Alberto Guerra and Myra Mohnen). *The Economic Journal*, (2026).
Research summary.

"Distributional Effects of Immigration and Imperfect Labour Markets" (with Simón Lodato). *Economics Letters*, 242 (2024), 111832.

"The Effect of Foreign Students in Higher Education on Native Students' Outcomes" (with Greta Morando and Angus Holford). *European Economic Review*, 160 (2023), 104595.
Submitted as written evidence to the UK Parliament; covered in *The Guardian* and UK in a Changing Europe.

"Inequality, Poverty and the Composition of Redistribution" (with Simón Lodato). *Social Choice and Welfare*, 59(4) (2022), 925–967.

Working Papers

"The Long Roots of Family Ties" (with Naim Bro, Miguel Angel Carpio and Juliana Jaramillo Echeverri).
Presented at the Dondena Centre, Bocconi University, 2026.

"Family-Friendly Workplace Policies" (with Sebastian Findeisen, Anna Raute and Uta Schönberg).
RFBerlin Discussion Paper 26141 and CEPR Discussion Paper DP21499, 2026. Presented at the NBER Summer Institute 2024 (Gender in the Economy; Personnel Economics; by co-author). Summarised in LSE Business Review (2025).

"Special Interest Influence and the Interpretability of the Law" (with Simón Lodato and Gustavo Torrens).
Presented at the Barcelona School of Economics Summer Forum, 2026 (by co-author).

Work in Progress

"Female Occupational Upskilling in England and Wales in the Early 20th Century" (with Arnaud Chevalier, Melanie Lührmann, Myra Mohnen and Andrew Seltzer).

Presented at the Economic History Society Annual Conference, 2026 (by co-author).

"Stayin' Elite: Wealth, Multigenerational Persistence, and Political Power Among the US Hyper-wealthy, 1875–1950" (with Kirill Shakhnov).

Presented at the 2nd CEPR Applied Micro-Economic History Workshop, 2026, and the Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, 2026 (by co-author).

Policy Work

Migration Advisory Committee: commissioned report "Immigration and Labour Productivity: Evidence from the UK"; RCUK Ph.D. Policy Intern (Mar–Jun 2017).

Fellowships and Awards

Surrey Future Fellowship, University of Surrey	2023–2025
Best Research Impact by an Early Career Researcher, University of Essex	2019
ESRC Doctoral Studentship, Essex Doctoral Training Centre	2015–2019
Best M.Sc. Performance, Department of Economics, University of Essex	2015

Presentations

2026	2nd CEPR Applied Micro-Economic History Workshop; World Inequality Conference; European Public Choice Society; In_Equality Conference; Dondena Centre, Bocconi University; Universidade de Vigo (scheduled)
2025	Lund University; CReAM–UCL
2024	Rockwool Foundation
2023	EWMES; Bank of Spain; University of Alicante
2022	CReAM/RWI Migration Workshop; CReAM 20th Anniversary Workshop; University of Duisburg-Essen
2021	EEA-ESEM; Middlesex University London
2019	Royal Holloway, University of London
2018	MAC External Research Workshop
2017	Migration Advisory Committee

Teaching

Course Leader	Foundations of Economic Data Interpretation; Economics Project (2026–present); Applied Econometrics (2023–2026); Introduction to Quantitative Economics (2019–20); Mathematical Methods in Economics (2019–20)
Teaching Assistant	Econometric Methods (M.Sc.), Introduction to Econometric Methods, Mathematical Methods in Economics (2018–19); Applied Economics and Policy (2016–19); Introduction to Quantitative Economics (2016)
Qualification	Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA)

Service

Organiser	Internal Seminar, Surrey; CReAM Brown Bag Seminar, UCL; CReAM 20th Anniversary Workshop (2022)

Skills

Programming	Stata, R, Python, C++, LaTeX, GRASS GIS
Languages	English, Galician, Spanish