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## CURRENT POSITION

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**London School of Economics** 2015 - Present  
*Postdoctoral Research Economist*

## EDUCATION

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**University of Oxford**  
D.Phil in Economics 2011- 2015  
Thesis Title: *Essays on Labour Markets Frictions in Developing Countries*  
Edgeworth Prize for outstanding doctoral thesis.  
M.Phil in Economics (Distinction) 2009-2011  
Rhodes Scholarship.  
George Webb Medley Prize for Best Thesis (proxime accessit).

**University of Cape Town**  
BCom (Honours) in Economics (Distinction) 2008

## REFERENCES

### Professor Marcel Fafchamps

Freeman Spogli Institute  
Stanford University  
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### Professor Robin Burgess

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### Professor J. Vernon Henderson

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### Dr Simon Quinn

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### Dr Gharad Bryan

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## FIELDS

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**Primary: Development economics, Urban economics**

Secondary: Labour economics, Public economics

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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*The demand for government housing: Evidence from lotteries for 200,000 homes in Ethiopia* [[Download](#)]

## PUBLICATIONS AND REVISIONS

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*Location, search costs and youth unemployment: A randomized trial of transport subsidies in Ethiopia* (2018), *The Economic Journal* 128 (614).

Economic shocks and labour market flexibility: Evidence from typhoons in the Philippines (*with Julien Labonne*) (2018). Forthcoming, *Journal of Human Resources*.

Anonymity or Distance? Experimental Evidence on Obstacles to Youth Employment Opportunities (*with Girum Abebe, Stefano Caria Paolo Falco, Marcel Fafchamps, & Simon Quinn*)  
*Revise and resubmit, Review of Economic Studies*. [CEPR Working Paper DP13136](#)

Enabled to work: The impact of government housing on shack dwellers in South Africa.  
*Revise and resubmit, Journal of Urban Economics* (CSAE WP 2015-10)

## WORKING PAPERS

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*Good neighbours make good fences: randomly allocated neighbours and local public goods in urban Ethiopia*. [[Abstract](#)]

*Job Fairs: Matching firms and workers in a field experiment in Ethiopia* (*with Girum Abebe, Stefano Caria Paolo Falco, Marcel Fafchamps, Simon Quinn, & Forhad Shilpi*) [[Download](#)]

*Searching with friends* (*with Stefano Caria & Marc Witte*) [[Download](#)]

*The long-term impacts of industrial and entrepreneurial work: Experimental Evidence from Ethiopia*. (*with Chris Blattman and Stefan Dercon*) [[Abstract](#)]

*Private costs and social benefits of workfare: Evidence from urban Ethiopia* (*with Girum Abebe and Carolina Mejia-Mantilla*) [[Abstract](#)]

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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*Urban density and labour markets: Evaluating slum redevelopment in Addis Ababa*. (*with Girum Abebe and Gharad Bryan*)  
Status: fieldwork underway

*Urban local labour markets in urban Ethiopia*. (*with Clement Imbert*)  
Status: fieldwork complete, analysis underway.

*Cost effective panel data collection for Kampala?* (*with Julia Bird, Gharad Bryan & Astrid Hass*)  
Status: fieldwork underway

*Can infrastructure upgrades and new technologies improve road safety? Evidence from Ethiopia's Transport Systems Improvement Project?* (*with Girija Borker, Erin Kelley, and Javier Morales Sarriera*)

## DISTINCTIONS

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<b>Rhodes Scholarship</b>	2009
<b>Herbert and Ilse Frankel Memorial Studentship at Oriel College, Oxford</b>	2012
<b>Faculty Award for Excellence- University of Cape Town</b>	2008
<b>South African National Research Foundation Grant</b>	2008

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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<b>GLM - LIC</b> (with Girum Abebe and Gharad Bryan) <i>"Urban density and labour markets: Evaluating slum redevelopment in Addis Ababa"</i>	€270,000
<b>ieConnect for Impact Program</b> (with Girija Borker, Erin Kelley, and Javier Morales Sarriera) <i>Preparation for "Urban Corridors and Economic Opportunities in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia"</i>	\$25,000
<b>Global Road Safety Facility</b> (with Girija Borker, Erin Kelley, and Javier Morales Sarriera) <i>"Assessing the Impact of Road Safety Interventions in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia"</i>	\$170,000
<b>IGC Research Grant</b> (with Julia Bird, Gharad Bryan & Astrid Hass) <i>"Cost effective panel data collection for Kampala?"</i>	£35,469
<b>IGC Research Grant</b> <i>"Urban Neighbourhoods and Public Goods"</i>	£15,000
<b>World Bank Jobs MDTF</b> (with Ruth Hill & Carolina Mejia-Mantilla) <i>"Youth entrepreneurship and spatial match in urban labor markets in Ethiopia"</i>	\$300,000
<b>IGC Research Grant</b> (with Berihu Assefa & Alebel Bayrau) <i>"Low Cost Housing for Africa's Cities?"</i>	£110,000
<b>World Bank RSB</b> (with Marcel Fafchamps, Simon Quinn & Forhad Shilpi) <i>"Connecting Africa's Urban Poor to Jobs: A Randomized Job Fair Intervention"</i>	\$300,000
<b>IGC Open Call</b> (with Marcel Fafchamps, Simon Quinn, Girum Abebe, Stefano Caria & Paolo Falco) <i>"Assisting Job Search in Low-Employment Communities: The Effect of a Screening Intervention in Addis Ababa"</i>	£90,000
<b>GLM - LIC</b> (with Marcel Fafchamps, Simon Quinn, Girum Abebe, Stefano Caria & Paolo Falco) <i>"Assisting Job Search in Low-Employment Communities: The Effect of Information Provision and Transport Vouchers in Addis Ababa"</i>	£300,000

## TEACHING

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<b>Applied Urban and Regional Economics</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	2016-2017 London School of Economics
<b>Development economics (Masters quantitative methods)</b> <i>Departmental Teaching Associate</i>	2014 University of Oxford
<b>Econometrics (second year undergraduate)</b> <i>Departmental Teaching Associate</i>	2013 University of Oxford
<b>Public Economics (third year undergraduate)</b> <i>Departmental Teaching Associate</i>	2012 University of Oxford
<b>Econometrics of Randomized Controlled Trials</b> <i>Danish Graduate Programme in Economics</i>	March 2014 University of Copenhagen
<b>Randomized Controlled Trials</b> <i>DFID/IZA Short Course in Program Evaluation</i>	November 2018 Côte d'Ivoire
<b>Undergraduate Economics</b> <i>Intermediate Microeconomic, Macroeconomics, &amp; Game Theory.</i>	2007-2008 University of Cape Town

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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<b>World Bank</b> <i>Consultant</i>	2012 - 2014
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**South African Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU)**

*Full time Researcher*

2009

*Cape Town*

**“Aspire Ethiopia” Randomized Controlled Trial (CSAE)**

*Fieldwork Manager*

2011

*Addis Ababa*

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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Stanford University (2018, Planned), NEUDC (2018), Urban Economics Association (2018), Royal Economic Society (Bristol, 2017), GLM-LIC Researchers Meetings (2015, 2016, 2018), Field Days Workshop (University of Copenhagen, 2017), JPAL - Field Experiments in Labour Economics Conference (2015), Annual Bank Conference on Africa (2016), OxDev (2016, 2018), Ethiopian Economic Association Conference (2016), IGC Cities Conference (2015 & 2016), NEUDC (2014, 2015, & 2016), IFS (2015), CSAE Annual Conferences (2012-2017), PacDev (2014), IZA/World Bank Labour Conference (2014).

#### REFEREE SERVICE

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Review of Economics and Statistics. Journal of Development Economics. Journal of Urban Economics. Journal of Labor Policy. Development Southern Africa. Journal of African Economies. Economic Development and Cultural Change. World Development.