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Employment

Fellow in Environmental Economics, Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics: 2022 - Present

Consultant, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank: 2024 - Present

Board Member, Health Media Labs, Washington D.C., United States: 2017 - Present

Research Officer, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics: 2022

Affiliations

Associate, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics: 2022 - Present

Education

PhD in Economics (*Cum laude*), University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain: 2021

Dissertation: "Essays in Development and Environmental Economics"

Committee: Douglas Gollin, Owen Ozier and François Cohen

MSc in Applied Economics, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States: 2016

BBA in Economics, University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, Whitewater, Wisconsin, United States: 2014

Visiting student, University of Carlos III, Madrid, Spain: 2013

Research Interests

Development Economics; Climate, Environmental and Resource Economics; Geospatial Impact Evaluation; Sustainable Development

Research Stays

Oxford Department of International Development and Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford: Oct. 2019 - Dec. 2019

IDinsight, Dakar, Senegal: Apr. - May 2019

Center for Peace, Quiché, Guatemala: May 2015 - Aug. 2015; Jan. 2016

Publications

Pagel, Jeffrey. "A natural resource curse: The unintended effects of gold mining on malaria." *Ecological Economics* 230 (2025): 108469.

Pagel, Jeffrey, Ike Brannon, and Russ Kashian. "Jones Act: protectionist policy in the twenty-first century." *Maritime Economics and Logistics* 21 (2019): 439-463.

Kashian, Russell D., and Jeff Pagel. "Measuring X-efficiency in NCAA Division III athletics." *Journal of Sports Economics* 17.6 (2016): 558-577.

Working Papers

More Than Just Carbon: The Socioeconomic Co-Benefits of Large-Scale Tree Planting (with Lorenzo Sileci and Charles Palmer)

Mangrove Planting, Changing Fish Markets and Food Security (with Charles Palmer and Lorenzo Sileci)

Aid Against Trees? Evidence from a Community-Driven Development Program in the Philippines

Multidimensional Energy Poverty: A Quasi-experimental Approach Applied to Education

Selected Works in Progress

Tree Planting, Land Use Change and Biodiversity (with Lorenzo Sileci and Charles Palmer)

Risk, Resilience, and Forests: The Pro-Environmental Impact of Agricultural Insurance (with Ryan Abman)

Deforestation and a Nation-wide Titling Reform

Policy Reports

World Bank. 2025. Biodiversity for a Livable Planet: An Evaluation of World Bank Group Support for Biodiversity, Fiscal Years 2010–24. Independent Evaluation Group. Washington, DC: World Bank.

Research Experience and Other Employment

Research Assistant for Alfonso Herranz Loncán (University of Barcelona) and Rui Esteves (University of Oxford): Nov. 2016 - Jun. 2018

Data Analyst, Center for Peacemaking, Marquette University: Sep. 2015 - May 2016

Research Assistant / Instructor, Center of Peace by Barbara Ford, Quiché, Guatemala: May 2015 - Aug. 2015; Jan. 2016

Data Analyst, Misix, Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Jan. 2015 - May 2015

Research Assistant / Consultant, Fiscal and Economic Research Center, UW-Whitewater: Dec. 2012 - Dec. 2018

Undergraduate Research Fellowship for Yamin Ahmad (UW-Whitewater): Sep. 2012 - Dec. 2012

Grants and Awards

AERE Scholar, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists: 2023 - 2024

Geography and Environment Research Seed Fund, London School of Economics: 2023

PhD grant and PhD school fellowship, Spanish Economic Association: 2019; 2020

Mobility grant to conduct research at University of Oxford, Barcelona Economic Society: 2019

Full PhD funding from European Social Fund and the Government of Catalonia: Jul. 2018 - 2021

Full MSc funding from Department of Economics, Marquette University: 2014 - 2016

Research grant from Center for Peacemaking to conduct research in Guatemala, Marquette University: 2016

Research grant from Center for Global and Economic Studies to conduct research in Guatemala, Marquette University: 2015

Academic scholarship from Department of Economics, UW-Whitewater: 2014

Conference and Seminar Presentations (* denotes scheduled)

2026: CSAE Conference (University of Oxford)*

2025: CSAE Conference (University of Oxford), LSE Environment Week

2024: Stockholm School of Economics, Agriculture and Applied Economics Department (UW-Madison), AERE (Washington D.C.)

2023: CSAE Conference (University of Oxford), NEUDC (Harvard), Grantham Empirical Seminar (LSE)

2022: NEUDC (Yale), Spanish Economic Association (declined), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Infra4Dev (World Bank and International Growth Centre), Royal Economic Society, Occasional Workshop in Environmental and Resource Economics (UC Santa Barbara), San Diego State University, Grantham Policy Design and Evaluation Workshop (LSE), Shifting Landscapes (LSE), Marquette University, 100 Years of Economic Development (Cornell University)

2021: AEA/ASSA Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, CSAE Conference (University of Oxford), Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Northwestern University), Workshop in Empirical Economics (University of Potsdam), Centre for Energy and Environmental Economics (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro)

2020: Young Economist Symposium (University of Pennsylvania), EUDN PhD Workshop on Development Economics (University of Passau), Spanish Economic Association, 13th Workshop in Economics (University of Turin and the Collegio Carlo Alberto), Workshop in Economics of Innovation, Complexity and Knowledge (University of Turin and the Collegio Carlo Alberto), 1st ECO-SOS Workshop on Economics and Sustainability (University of Rovira and Virgili), Southern Economic Association, IEB - Chair of Energy Sustainability (University of Barcelona), Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Purdue University), Data Science for Development (Alan Turing Institute, postponed)

2019: University of Oxford, Marquette University, Spanish Economic Association, University of Barcelona

Teaching Experience

Economic Development and the Environment (MSc course), London School of Economics: 2023; 2024; 2025

Sustainable Development, London School of Economics: 2023; 2024; 2025

Economic Policy: Goals and Instruments, University of Barcelona: 2020; 2021

European and International Economic Environment, University of Barcelona: 2018

Business Analytical Tools, Marquette University: 2015; 2016

TA for Abdur Chowdhury in International Currency Markets, Marquette University: 2014 - 2016

TA for Heather Kohls in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics and Principles of Microeconomics, Marquette University: 2014 - 2016

Student Advising: Master Thesis

2025: Amy Bishop, Anna Willassen, Catalina Fazio Belan, Estrella Bibiloni, Carla Cannova, Qingpeng Nie, Maria Paula Gutierrez, Sandra Talledo, Savannah Bertrand, Urairat Jantarasiri

2024: Amy Cano Prentice, Emily Janssen-Cevallos, Ethan Johnson, Julia Teo, Manoela Scott, Shivangi Bose, Songying Chen, Sophie Fraser

2023: Michelle Cripps, Sangyukta Das, Alejandra Gonzales-Rocabado, Feng Ji, Wenjie Li, Astha Wagle, and Haoran Wang

Referee Service

Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, American Journal of Agricultural Economics

Other Information

Languages: English (native), Spanish (advanced), Catalan (improving)

Nationality: US Citizen

Residency: UK and Spain

Reference List

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