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EMPLOYMENT	<i>Stellenbosch University</i> Senior Researcher	2025 - Current
	<i>Macquarie University and the e61 Institute</i> Senior Research Fellow	2024 - 2025
	<i>UNSW Sydney</i> Postdoctoral Fellow	2021 - 2024
	<i>Monash University</i> Postdoctoral Fellow	2019 - 2021
EDUCATION	<i>Paris School of Economics & Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne</i> PhD in Economics	2019
	<i>Paris School of Economics & Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne</i> MPhil in Empirical and Theoretical Economics	2016
		MSc in Economics 2015
	<i>University of Cape Town</i> BComm (Honours) in Economics BComm in Economics and Finance	2012 2010
FIELDS	Development Economics; Social Networks; Household Finance	
PUBLICATIONS	Limited Predictability of Client Attendance in a Support Program for HIV Vertical Transmission Prevention: A Comparison of Machine Learning and Community Health Worker Predictions , with Alexander Lam, Lazola Makhupula, and Mhlasakululeka Mvubu <i>ACM Journal on Computing and Sustainable Societies</i> , 2026, 4(3): 1-18.	
	Manipulation and Peer Mechanisms: A Survey , with Toby Walsh <i>Artificial Intelligence</i> , 2024, 104196.	
	Friend-Based Ranking , with Francis Bloch <i>AEJ: Microeconomics</i> , 2022, 14(2): 176-214.	
	On Track for Retirement? <i>Journal of Economic Behavior & Organisation</i> , 2021, 190: 76-88.	
	Four Levers of Redistribution: The Impact of Tax and Transfer Systems on Inequality Reduction , with Elvire Guillaud and Michaël Zemmour <i>Review of Income and Wealth</i> , 2020, 66: 444-466.	
CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS	Friend-Based Ranking in Practice , with Francis Bloch <i>AEA Papers and Proceedings</i> , 2021, 111: 567-71.	

	Bridging Research and Practice Through Conversation: Reflecting on Our Experience , with Mayra Russo, Mackenzie Jorgensen, Kristen M. Scott, Wendy Xu, Di H. Nguyen, and Jessie Finocchiaro <i>Proceedings of the 4th ACM Conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization</i> , 2024, Article 7: 1-11.	
POLICY REPORTS	Measuring Financial Stress: New Evidence From Payment Failures , with Nicholas Garvin and Hamish Thomas <i>e61 Research Note No. 23</i>	
WORKING PAPERS	Can Digital Cash Transfers Create Persistent Financial Inclusion? Evidence from Mobile Money in Togo , with Joshua Blumenstock and Suraj Nair Incentives to Offer Algorithmic Recourse , with Toby Walsh arXiv:2301.12884 What Type of Explanation Do Rejected Job Applicants Want? Implications for Explainable AI , with Alicia Vidler and Toby Walsh arXiv:2205.09649 Gamblers Learn from Experience , with Joshua Blumenstock arXiv:2011.00432 Financial Literacy in South Africa , with Elizabeth Nanziri SALDRU Working Paper Number 242	
SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS	Deakin University	2024
	Sydney Development Economics workshop	2023
	Google AI4SG workshop, UCT, SAET	2022
	AEA Annual Meeting, Australian Labour Econometrics Workshop	2021
	Applied Young Economist Webinar	2020
	ANZWEE, CDES RCT Conference, Monash, UNSW	2019
	Berkeley, NEUDC, Northwestern, Aix-Marseille	2018
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<i>PhD Secondary Supervisor</i> School of Computer Science and Engineering, UNSW Sydney	2022-2024
	<i>Honours Supervisor</i> School of Computer Science and Engineering, UNSW Sydney	2022
	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne	2016 - 2018
	<i>Head Tutor and Tutor</i> School of Economics, University of Cape Town	2010 - 2012
AWARDS	Aldi Hagenaaars Memorial Award	2018

**PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES**

Organiser: Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimisation (EAAMO),
Sydney Development Economics Group

Referee: American Economic Review, AEJ: Microeconomics, Data & Policy, Games
and Economic Behavior, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Dynamics
and Games, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Economic Behavior and Orga-
nization, Review of Income and Wealth, Social Network Analysis and Mining

Area Chair: EAAMO'22

Program Committee: EAAMO'26, AAAI AISI'26, EAAMO'25, COMPASS'22,
AIES'22, EAAMO'21