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CURRENT POSITION

London School of Economics
Department of Economic History
British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow 2024-

PAST POSITIONS

University of Tübingen
Chair of Economic History, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences
Postdoctoral Fellow 2024

EDUCATION

University of Oxford
DPhil History (Economic and Social) 2024

University of Victoria, Economics Department
Visiting Research Student 2020-21

University of Oxford
MSc Economic and Social History 2018

University of British Columbia
BA History (Honours) 2017

PUBLICATIONS

"The economic history of caring labour: a case study of breastfeeding", with Jane Humphries (Oxford), *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, accepted. 2025

"The political economy of skills, occupational entitlements, and social mobility: evidence from industrialising Coventry, 1790-1830", with Moritz Kaiser (Tübingen), *European Review of Economic History*, published online 25 March. 2025

"The expansion of basic education during 'deskilling' technological change in England and Wales, c. 1780-1830," *Economic History Review* 78, issue 2. 2025

Innocence and experience: early childhood education and industrialisation in England and Wales, 1767-1876, D.Phil. Thesis, University of Oxford 2024

"Childhood and community adversity: the New Hartley colliery disaster 1862", with Moritz Kaiser (Tübingen) and Ryah Thomas (WU Vienna), *Local Population Studies* 111. 2023

WORKING PAPERS

"Life-giving care: the extent and value of breastfeeding in England, 1400-1900" with Jane Humphries in preparation for *PNAS*.

"Was there a family economics before 1870?: fertility choice in a long-running natural experiment, London, c. 1760-1870", in preparation for *Review of Economic Studies*

"Innocence and experience: early childhood education as an externality in eighteenth-century London", in preparation for *Journal of Economic History*

AWARDS & FUNDING

Thirsk-Feinstein PhD Dissertation Prize 2025
British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship 2024
Roger Schofield Research Fund 2024
SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship 2022
Clarendon Scholarship 2019

Digital Humanities at Oxford Summer School Bursary	2018
John Bamborough MSc Scholarship	2017
Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship	2016
Peter and Claire Harnetty Prize in History	2016

TEACHING

London School of Economics , Department of Economic History	
EH401: Historical analysis of economic change	Fall 2024
EH431: Women in economic history	Winter 2025
University of Tübingen , Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences	
E366: Climbing ahead and falling behind: social mobility across time and space	Spring 2024
University of Oxford	
St. Edmund's Hall — Approaches to history: economics	Fall 2022 & 2023
St. Peter's — Approaches to history: economics	Fall 2023
OxNet, Pembroke College — Climbing ahead and falling behind: social mobility across time and space	Summer 2022 & 2023

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

"Was there an economics of the family before 1870?", Allied Social Science Meeting, San Francisco ; EHS Annual Conference, University of Strathclyde ; YSI-EHES Webinar	2025
"Extent and value of breastfeeding, England, 1400-1900", European Social Science History Meeting, University of Leiden .	2025
"Innocence and experience: early childhood education as an externality in late eighteenth-century London," Research Seminar (by invitation), University of Utrecht	2025
Winter School, University of Tübingen ; Historical Economic Demography Group, London School of Economics ; Graduate Seminar, London School of Economics ; EHS Annual Conference, University of Northumbria ; FRESH Meeting, University of Siena ; Social Science History Annual Meeting, Toronto .	2024
LIVES International Conference, University of Lausanne ; Canadian Network for Economic History, University of Toronto ; EHA Annual meeting, Pittsburgh ; ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne ; ESH Annual Conference, University of Warwick	2023
Economic History Society Residential Training Course, University of Warwick ; Graduate Seminar, Centre for Economic and Social History, University of Oxford ; Economic and Social History Research Group, University of Edinburgh	2022
Graduate Seminar, Centre for Economic and Social History, University of Oxford ; Intellectual Lives of Children Colloquium, Centre for the History of Childhood, University of Oxford ; Labour and Precarity across Time and Space, University of Oxford ; First-year DPhil Seminar, University of Oxford ; The Rise of Education across European Regions in the Last Two Centuries, University of Groningen	2021

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Prof. James Fenske, University of Warwick Research Assistant	2023-
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SKILLS

English (fluent), French (fluent)
Python (advanced), Stata (advanced), GIS (advanced), Office, Excel, LaTeX

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Boards: Historical Economic Demography Group (LSE)
Organizer: "Non-rivalrous, non-excludable: the evolution of public goods in history", Jesus College
(2024)
Reviewer: *European Review of Economic History*, *Feminist Economics*
Memberships: EHS, EHA, ISA (RC28), SSHA, Mental Health First Aid