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APPOINTMENTS

2019-Present Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Nottingham
CEPR Research Affiliate, CAGE External Research Fellow

2015 - 2019 University of Oxford, Pembroke College and Economic and Social
History Group
Rokos Career Development Fellow in Economics (postdoc)

2016 - present University of Oxford, Department of Economics and History Faculty
Lecturer – MPhil/MSc Economic and Social History

EDUCATION

2012 – 2016 Sciences Po
PhD in Economics under the supervision of Yann Algan
Examiners: Yann Algan, Sascha Becker, Sergei Guriev, Nathan Nunn,
and Paul Seabright.

2010 - 2011 Harvard University
Visiting graduate student in the Department of Economics

2008 – 2010 Paris School of Economics
Master's degree (Analysis and Policy in Economics)
Graduated with honours

2007 – 2012 École Normale Supérieure, rue d'Ulm
Élève Normalienne (BL), Department of Social Sciences

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary Economic History, Political Economy, Development Economics
Secondary: Gender, Applied Econometrics

TEACHING

2019- University of Nottingham
“Growth and Development” (undergraduate course, taught jointly with
Roberto Bonfatti); “Advanced Development Economics”
(undergraduate course, taught jointly with Oliver Morrissey);

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“Development Microeconomics” (graduate course, taught jointly with Oliver Morrissey and Trudy Owens)

- 2015 – 2019 Pembroke College, University of Oxford
College tutor in development economics and quantitative economics.
Undergraduate programs: E&M, Economics and History, and PPE
- 2016 - 2019 Department of Economics and History Faculty, University of Oxford
Lecturer in Quantitative Methods, MPhil/MSc in Economics and Social History.
- 2009 – 2015 Teaching assistance at Paris-1 (2009), Harvard University (2010), Paris School of Economics (2011-2012), and Sciences Po (2012-2015).

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

1. "[Gender Difference in Reference Letters: Evidence from the Economics Job Market](#) with work with Markus Eberhardt and Giovanni Facchini, *Economic Journal*, 133 (655), 2676-2708, 2023.
2. "[Internal borders and population geography in the unification of Italy](#)" with Brian A'Hearn, *Journal of Economic History*, 83(3), 747-784, 2023.
3. "Notre Taxe de Paris: Tax expenditures with two public goods" (expected 2024) with Guillaume Willems, *Revue Économique*, 2024/7, 1-13.
4. "[Cash Crops, Print Technologies, and the Politicization of Ethnicity in Africa](#)," with Philip Roessler and Yannick Pengl, *American Political Science Review*, 116(1), 181-199, 2022.
5. "[Sex and the mission: The conflicting effects of early Christian missions on HIV in sub-Saharan Africa](#)," with Julia Cagé, *Journal of Demographic Economics*, 86(3), 213-257, 2020.
6. "[The long-term effects of the printing press in sub-Saharan Africa](#)," with Julia Cagé, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 8(3), 69-99, joint with Julia Cagé, 2016.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. "Evaluating the Long-Term impact of Christian Missions" in [The Economics of Religion](#), Robert M. Sauer (ed.), World Scientific Publishing Co, 2023.
2. "Does it really matter how different we are? Ancestry distances and income in the USA", forthcoming in the World Scientific Encyclopaedia of Global Migration, Robert M. Sauer (ed.), World Scientific Publishing Co.
3. "The devil is in the detail: Christian missions' heterogeneous effect on development in sub-Saharan Africa." in *The long-term economic and political shadow of History*, vol. 2, eds. Michalopoulos and Papaioannou, CEPR press (2016), joint with Julia Cagé

WORKING PAPERS

- "Career Paths with a Two-Body Problem: Occupational Specialisation and Geographic Mobility". Upjohn Institute [Working Paper WP 21-345](#) (2021). Awarded [Upjohn Institute for Employment Research](#) Early Career Research Award - 2020. Joint with Guillaume Willems

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RESEARCH PROJECTS

- "The Role of the Suffrage Movement in Mobilising Women into Politics. Lessons from the 1913 Women's Suffrage Pilgrimage." Joint work with [Mona Morgan-Collins](#). Awarded a BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant - 2020.
- "The Death of King Coal: Industrial Decline and Wellbeing over Lifetime" with [Björn Brey](#).
- "Stereotyping in Reference Letters: Experimental Evidence and Consequences" Joint work with [Markus Eberhardt](#), [Giovanni Facchini](#), [Anna Hochleitner](#), and [Fabio Tufano](#)

GRANTS

2020-2022	BA/Leverhulme research grant for project on the British Suffrage movement
2020	UoN Stemm Change EDI Grant for project on gender differences in reference letters, with Markus Eberhardt and Giovanni Facchini.
2019	Early career grant from the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research for project on gender employment gaps and geographic mobility. Joint with Guillaume Willeme.
2016 – 2018	John Fell Fund Research fund awarded by the University of Oxford for the research on the long-term effects of mission on HIV

FELLOWSHIPS

2015 – 2019	Rokos Career Development Fellowship (Postdoc fellowship)
2012 – 2015	French Ministry of Research and Higher Education PhD scholarship
2010 - 2011	Herchel-Smith Scholarship Student exchange full scholarship École Normale Supérieure & Harvard
2005 - 2010	French Ministry of Education - AEFÉ Undergraduate full scholarship for foreign students

RELEVANT SKILLS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Programming and software	Advanced: ArcGIS; ArcPy; QGIS; Stata; R. Intermediate: Python; Shell. Basic: SAS; HTML
Languages	Spanish (mother language); French (bilingual); English (very advanced)
Other	PGCHE (Associate Fellow)
Referee	Comparative Political Studies; Economic Letters; Economic Journal; Explorations in Economic History; Journal of African Economies; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Development Studies,

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Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic History; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Law Economics and Organization, Review of Economic Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics, World Development.

PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS (SINCE 2019)

- 2023 Invited Speaker: Queen's University Belfast, University of Oxford, University of York.
Conferences and Workshops: Centre for European Studies (Reykjavik), NICEP (Nottingham), POLECON-UK (Bristol).
- 2022 Invited Speaker: Università Bocconi, CERGY Paris Université, Lund University, University of Saint Andrews, SOFI Stockholm, Trinity College Dublin, University of Warwick.
Conferences and Workshops: American Political Science Association Conference, CAGE- Warwick 2022 Economic History Workshop.
- 2021 Invited Speaker: "Next Generation Economics" (Network of German Universities), Centre for Archival Future (University of Maryland)
Conferences and Workshops: "The Political Economy of Power Relations" Workshop (Università Bocconi), "Text as Data Workshop" (University of Zurich and Monash University).
- 2020 Invited Speaker: University of Glasgow, Universidad Carlos III.
Conferences and Workshops: Annual Conference of the Association for the study of Religion Economics and Culture (Chapman University), Workshop "Politics of Favouritism and its Economic Implications" (ZEW, Mannheim).
- 2019 Invited Speaker: Amsterdam School of Economics, Universidad de Los Andes, University of Exeter, University of Glasgow, University of Nottingham, Universidad del Rosario, University of York.
Conferences and Workshops: Venice CEPR Conference on Religion and Economics.

SERVICE

- 2020 - Deputy Director of the Nottingham Interdisciplinary Centre for Economic and Political Research ([NICEP](#))
- 2021 - Ethics Advisor for the ERC Project "PARTICIPATE" (PI Julia Cagé)
- 2020- NICEP Seminar Organizer
- 2021- [PolEconUK](#) webinar – member of the organizing committee
- 2020, 2022, 2023 Recruitment committee (School of Economics - University of Nottingham)
- 2022- Senior Management Team (Assistant Professors Representative, School of Economics - University of Nottingham).
- 2020- Careers & Alumni Officer (School of Economics - University of Nottingham)
- 2021-2023 "Supporting women during Covid and its aftermath", quantitative analysis team, Sphere Challenge Report, Directed by Dr Isobel O'Neil (Faculty of Social Sciences – University of Nottingham)
- 2021-2022 Research Champion for the Researcher Academy (Faculty of Social Sciences - University of Nottingham)
- 2019 Talked for the University of Nottingham's [Adult Education Program](#) during the first lockdown during the Covid-19 epidemic.

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EDITORIAL POSITIONS

2022 - Associate Editor for the *Bulletin of Economic Research*

OTHERS

Translation *Proses Apatrides*, Julio Ramón Ribeyro, Collective translation from Spanish, edited by François Géral, Éditions Finitude