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| EMPLOYMENT | Stellenbosch University Senior Researcher | 2025 - Current |
| | Macquarie University and the e61 Institute Senior Research Fellow | 2024 - 2025 |
| | UNSW Sydney Postdoctoral Fellow | 2021 - 2024 |
| | Monash University Postdoctoral Fellow | 2019 - 2021 |
| EDUCATION | Paris School of Economics & Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne PhD in Economics | 2019 |
| | Paris School of Economics & Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne MPhil in Empirical and Theoretical Economics | 2016 |
| | | MSc in Economics 2015 |
| | University of Cape Town BComm (Honours) in Economics BComm in Economics and Finance | 2012 2010 |
| FIELDS | Development Economics; Social Networks; Household Finance | |
| PUBLICATIONS | 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. | |

WORKING PAPERS

Digital Cash Transfers Can Accelerate the Adoption and Sustained Use of Mobile Money, with Joshua Blumenstock and Suraj Nair

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

PhD Secondary Supervisor 2022-2024
School of Computer Science and Engineering, UNSW Sydney

Honours Supervisor 2022
School of Computer Science and Engineering, UNSW Sydney

Teaching Assistant 2016 - 2018
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Head Tutor and Tutor 2010 - 2012
School of Economics, University of Cape Town

AWARDS

Aldi Hagenaars 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, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Dynamics and Games, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organisation, Review of Income and Wealth, Social Network Analysis and Mining

Area Chair: EAAMO'22

Program Committee: EAAMO'21, COMPASS'22, AIES'22

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