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EMPLOYMENT

07/2019 - Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Economics, UC Berkeley
 01/2018 - 05/2018 Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Stanford
 09/2017 - 12/2017 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, MIT
 08/2013 - 06/2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley

EDITORIAL ROLES

09/2024 - Guest Editor, Journal of International Economics, Special Issue on Trade and Uneven Development
 07/2023 - Board of Editors, American Economic Review
 07/2019 - 06/2025 Associate Editor, Econometrica

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

06/2023 - Co-Organizer, NBER Annual East Asian Seminar on Economics (EASE)
 05/2023 - Advisory Board member, Digital Economy Research Impact Initiative, IDinsight
 04/2023 Selection committee, Hellman Fellows Fund, UC Berkeley
 07/2022 - Fellow at Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)
 03/2022 - 06/2022 Consultant, World Bank
 03/2022 Selection Committee, NBER Summer Institute Development Program
 05/2021 - Fellow at CESifo Research Network, Global Economy Program
 10/2020 - 06/2022 Chair of Major Grants Committee, Private Enterprise Development in LIC (PEDL)
 05/2020 - Fellow at Luohan Academy, Alibaba Group, Hangzhou
 01/2020 Program Committee, Urban Economics Association Meeting in London
 12/2019 - CEPR Research Fellow, Development Economics Program
 10/2019 - NBER Research Associate, International Trade and Investment (ITI), Development (DEV) and Productivity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (PIE) Programs
 02/2019 - Affiliate at Y-Rise, Macro, Growth and Welfare Effects Program
 05/2017 - 06/2022 Affiliate at Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)
 05/2016 - International Growth Centre (IGC) Research Affiliate
 12/2015 - 12/2019 CEPR Research Affiliate, Development Economics Program
 09/2014 - Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) Faculty Affiliate
 04/2014 - 10/2019 NBER Faculty Research Fellow, ITI, DEV and PIE (since 07/2017) Programs
 11/2013 - Clausen Center for International Business and Policy Faculty Affiliate

EDUCATION

10/2007 - 04/2013 PhD, London School of Economics and Political Science
 Dissertation: Essays on Globalization and Development
 08/2009 - 06/2010 Visiting PhD student, Department of Economics, MIT
 06/2008 - 08/2008 Visiting PhD student, Anderson School of Management, UCLA
 10/2005 - 09/2006 MSc Economic Geography, LSE (with Distinction)
 10/2002 - 06/2005 BSc Geography and Economics, LSE (1st Class Honours)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

International trade, development economics

PUBLICATIONS

“Measuring Welfare and Inequality with Incomplete Price Information”, with David Atkin (MIT), Thibault Fally (Berkeley) and Marco Gonzalez-Navarro (Berkeley), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2024, Vol. 139 (1), pp. 419-475

“Firm Heterogeneity in Consumption Baskets: Evidence from Home and Store Scanner Data”, with Thibault Fally (Berkeley), *Review of Economic Studies*, 2022, Vol. 89 (3), pp. 1420-1459

“Connecting the Countryside via E-Commerce: Evidence from China”, with Victor Couture (UBC), Yizhen Gu (Peking U) and Lizhi Liu (Georgetown), *American Economic Review: Insights*, 2021, Vol. 3 (1), pp. 35-50

“Tourism and Economic Development: Evidence from Mexico’s Coastline”, with Cecile Gaubert (Berkeley), *American Economic Review*, 2019, Vol. 109 (6), pp. 2245-2293

“Retail Globalization and Household Welfare: Evidence from Mexico”, with David Atkin (MIT) and Marco Gonzalez Navarro (Berkeley), *Journal of Political Economy*, 2018, Vol. 126 (1), pp. 1-73, Lead Article

“Trade Integration, Market Size, and Industrialization: Evidence from China’s National Trunk Highway System”, *Review of Economic Studies*, 2014, Vol. 81 (3), pp. 1046-1070

POLICY REPORTS

“Artisanal Mining, Livelihoods, and Child Labor in the Cobalt Supply Chain of the Democratic Republic of Congo”, with Benjamin Krause (Berkeley) and Raul Sanchez de la Sierra (Chicago Harris)

WORKING PAPERS

“Responsible Sourcing? Theory and Evidence from Costa Rica”, with Alonso Alfaro-Ureña (Banco Central de Costa Rica), Cecile Gaubert (Berkeley), Isabela Manelici (LSE) and Jose Pablo Vasquez (LSE), Revise and resubmit at *American Economic Review*

“Scaling Agricultural Policy Interventions: Theory and Evidence from Uganda”, with Lauren Falcao Bergquist (Yale), Thibault Fally (Berkeley), Matthias Hoelzlein (Notre Dame), Ted Miguel (Berkeley) and Andres Rodriguez-Clare (Berkeley), Revise and resubmit at *Econometrica*

RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS

2023 - 2025 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Inclusive Financial Innovation Initiative Grant

2022 - 2023 Clausen Center Faculty Research Grant

2020 - 2022 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow in Economics

2018 - 2019 Clausen Center Faculty Research Grant

2017 American Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award

2016 - 2017 Electronics industry research grant for multinational sourcing in the DR Congo

2016 - 2017 Hellman Family Faculty Award

2016 - 2017 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Global Development Program Grant

2016 - 2017 Weiss Family Fund Grant

2016 International Growth Centre (IGC) Grant

2016 Berkeley Haas Fisher Center Faculty Grant

2016 Clausen Center Faculty Research Grant

2016 CEGA Faculty Grant

2016	Haas Dean's Office Grant
2016	JOEG Best Referee Award
2007 - 2012	PhD scholarship from UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
2009 - 2010	Carl Zeiss Foundation Young Researcher Grant
2006	LSE Dept Prize for best MSc Dissertation
2006	LSE Graduate Merit Award
2005	LSE Dept Prize for best Bachelor's graduation
2005	LSE Athletic Union Full Colours Award for 3 years on Men's 1 st Squash Team
2002 - 2005	German National Merit Foundation Scholarship

TEACHING

Spring 2023 -	Econ 140 Econometrics, undergraduate course, UC Berkeley
Fall 2019	Effective Altruism, student-led undergraduate course, UC Berkeley (faculty sponsor)
Fall 2017	Development Economics, graduate course, MIT
Spring 2016 - 22	Econ 171/151 Development Economics, undergraduate course, UC Berkeley
Spring 2014 -	Econ 270C Macro Development, graduate course, UC Berkeley
Fall 2013 -	Econ 280A International Trade, graduate course, UC Berkeley

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Spring 2020 -	Berkeley International Seminar (co-organizer)
Spring 2016	West Coast Trade Workshop (co-organizer)
Fall 2014 -	Berkeley Trade Work in Progress Seminar (co-organizer)
Summer 2014	BREAD 27 th Conference, Junior Pre-Conference (co-organizer)
Summer 2014 - 17	Berkeley Summer Work in Progress Seminar (co-organizer)
Spring 2014 -	Berkeley Development Seminar (co-organizer)

INVITED SEMINARS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026	(incl. scheduled) Columbia Development Seminar, Yale Development Seminar
2025	(incl. scheduled) Online Australasian Seminar in International Economics, UCSD Development Seminar, NYU Trade and Spatial Conference, Workshop on Digital Economy at Chinese U of Hong Kong, Stanford Trade Workshop
2024	Oxford U Development Seminar, LSE Joint International/Urban Seminar, U Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, Trade and International Sourcing Conference at University of Bayreuth, China Center for Economic Studies at Fudan University, Peking University HSBC Business School, NBER ITI Summer Institute, World Bank Conference on Trade and Uneven Development (keynote), Cowles Trade Day at Yale, Online Spatial and Urban Seminar
2023	NBER East Asian Seminar on Economics in Tokyo, U British Columbia Trade and Spatial Seminar, U Chicago Trade and Spatial Seminar, Lab for Inclusive FinTech (LIFT) Conference at Berkeley Haas
2022	UCSD Global Economy Workshop, ASU Macro Seminar, World Bank (×2), UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), UCLA International Mini Conference, Central Bank of Chile, Cowles Foundation Summer Conference (discussant), U Colorado Boulder International Seminar, IADB Y-Rise Workshop, Luohan Academy
2021	Erasmus University Rotterdam, CESifo Global Economy Conference, Central European

- University Vienna, Sciences Po Dept Seminar, Purdue International Seminar, LSE Joint International/Urban Seminar
- 2020 Yale Trade and Development Conference
- 2019 Berkeley Development Seminar, World Bank Macro/Trade Seminar, West Coast Trade Workshop at UC San Diego, Oxford Joint CSAE and International Seminar, LSE Applications Seminar, Sciences Po/PSE Paris Trade Seminar, Duke Macro Seminar, Chicago Joint Harris/Development Seminar, Harvard/MIT International Seminar, LSE Capabilities Seminar, IGC Conference on Firms, Trade and Development at Stanford
- 2018 Stanford International Seminar, Princeton International Seminar, Georgetown International Seminar, UCLA/UCSD International Workshop, Princeton Joint Development and Macro Seminar, IADB Trade Policy Seminar, West Coast Trade Workshop at UC Irvine, Princeton IES Summer Workshop, NBER ITI Summer Institute, NBER DEV Summer Institute, IGC/SCID Firms, Trade and Development Conference at Stanford
- 2017 Responsible Cobalt Initiative (RCI) Meeting in Shanghai, University of Zurich Growth & Development Seminar, Cornell-Notre Dame Macro-Development Conference in London, Fed Board International Seminar, NBER ITI Summer Institute (discussant), NBER PIE Summer Institute, University of Chicago Becker Applied Workshop, Dartmouth International Seminar, Yale Development Seminar, CEPR CURE Conference at PSE/Sciences Po, Johns Hopkins SAIS International Seminar, Harvard-MIT Development Seminar, Tufts University Econ Dept Seminar, NBER Chinese Economy Program Meeting in Shenzhen, NBER ITI Winter Meeting at Stanford, IGC Firms, Trade and Development Conference at Columbia
- 2016 AEA Meetings San Francisco, U Penn Empirical Micro Seminar, PacDev at Stanford, NYU Development Seminar, NBER ITI Spring Meeting, Brown University Trade Seminar, Princeton IES Summer Workshop, NBER DEV Summer Institute, NBER PRPD Summer Institute, NBER Growth Summer Institute, NY Fed Microeconomics Seminar, U Michigan Joint International and Development Seminar, CEPR Conference on Urban and Regional Economics at Philadelphia Fed (discussant), Santa Clara University Econ Dept Seminar, LSE/UCL Development Seminar
- 2015 ITAM Econ Dept Seminar, Berkeley International Seminar, NBER Spring Meeting IFM Group, U Chicago Global Economy Conference, Wharton Applied Economics Seminar, CEPR ERWIT at Sciences Po, NBER ITI Summer Institute (discussant), NBER EFG Growth Summer Institute (discussant), EEA Meeting in Mannheim (×2), Sciences Po Trade Seminar, Geneva Trade Seminar, UC San Diego Trade/Development Seminar, Berkeley ARE Seminar, Northwestern Applied Micro Seminar, USC Economic Dynamics Seminar, MIT International Seminar
- 2014 AEA Philadelphia, Harvard-MIT Development Seminar, Stanford International Seminar, Toronto Joint Trade/Development Seminar, UC Santa Cruz, Penn State New Faces (discussant), NBER ITI Summer Institute, NBER DEV Summer Institute (discussant), Simon Fraser University Econ Dept Seminar, University of British Columbia Trade Seminar, CEPR CURE Conference at Brown (discussant), University of Minnesota Applied Micro Seminar, NBER Development Program Fall Meeting, Princeton International Seminar, Urban Economics Association Annual Meetings in DC, IGC Trade Program Meeting at Stanford, UC Berkeley Trade Work in Progress Seminar, World

Bank Trade and Development Conference in DC

- 2013 Warwick, UCL, Duke, Kellogg M&S, UC Berkeley ARE, UC Berkeley Econ, Stanford GSB, Harvard Business School BGIE, Brown, UC San Diego, Columbia, IIES Stockholm, Sciences Po Paris, Penn State Trade/Development Seminar, UCLA Trade Seminar, Yale Trade Seminar, UC Davis International/Macro Seminar, UC Irvine History/Development Seminar, Dartmouth International Seminar, IGC Trade Group Meeting

PHD ADVISING AND INITIAL PLACEMENTS

- 2024/25 Sam Wang (Amazon)
 2023/24 Madeline Duhon (Pepperdine U), Oliver Kim (Open Philanthropy)
 2022/23 Kayleigh Barnes (Federal Reserve Board of Governors), Yipei Zhang (IMF)
 2021/22 Dennis Egger (Oxford University), Wei Lin (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen)
 2020/21 Ezequiel Garcia-Lembergman (PUC Chile), Benjamin Krause (Chicago Econ, post-doc), Todd Messer (Federal Reserve Board of Governors)
 2019/20 Matthias Hoelzlein (Notre Dame), Isabela Manelici (LSE), Jose Pablo Vasquez (LSE Management), Roman Zarate (World Bank Research Group)
 2018/19 Sean Higgins (Northwestern, Kellogg)
 2017/18 Sergii Meleshchuk (IMF)
 2016/17 Lauren Falcao Bergquist (U Michigan), Sandile Hlatshwayo (IMF)
 2015/16 Simon Galle (BI Oslo)

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, China Economic Review, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Explorations in Economic History, International Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of International Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, National Science Foundation, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, World Bank Economic Review

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- 07/2005 - 09/2005 United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Bangkok
 07/2004 - 09/2004 Allianz Corporation, Group Strategy Unit, Munich
 06/2003 - 08/2003 Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies, Delhi
 03/2002 - 05/2002 Centre International de Coopération pour le Développement Agricole, Paris
 05/2001 - 07/2001 German Chamber of Commerce and Trade, Asunción, Paraguay
 09/2000 - 11/2001 Foreign peace service (in lieu of military) at municipal education and health facilities, San Felipe, Chile

LANGUAGES

German (native), English, French, Spanish

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Married to Tuong-Vi Faber, two children born in 2018 and 2021

Dual citizen of Germany and USA