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## EVA VIVALT

### EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Toronto	2020-current
Wealth and Well-Being Research Fellow and Senior Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Research School of Economics, Australian National University	2020
Wealth and Well-Being Research Fellow and Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Research School of Economics, Australian National University	2016-2019
Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford University	2015-2016
Post-Doctoral Fellow, New York University	2013-2015
Young Professionals Program, World Bank	2011-2013

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, UC Berkeley	2011
M.A. in Mathematics, UC Berkeley	2010
M.Phil. in Development Studies, University of Oxford	2007
A.B. in Philosophy, Sociology and Physics, Dartmouth College	2005

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Chow, V. and Vivalt, E. (2022). “Challenges in Changing Social Norms: Evidence from Interventions Targeting Child Marriage in Ethiopia.” *Journal of African Economies*.

Vivalt, E. (2020). “How Much Can We Generalize From Impact Evaluations?” *Journal of the European Economics Association*, 18(6): 3045–3089.

DellaVigna, S., Otis, N. and Vivalt, E. (2020). “Forecasting the Results of Experiments: Piloting an Elicitation Strategy.” *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 110(5): 75-79.

DellaVigna, S., Pope, D. and Vivalt, E. (2019). “Predict Science to Improve Science.” *Science*, 366(6464): 428-429.

Vivalt, E. (2019). “Specification Searching and Significance Inflation Across Time, Methods and Disciplines.” *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 81(4): 797–816.

Vivalt, E. (2015). “Heterogeneous Treatment Effects in Impact Evaluation.” *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, 105(5): 467–470.

### WORKING PAPERS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

How Do Policy-Makers Update Their Beliefs?, R&R at the *Journal of Development Economics* (with Aidan Coville)

A Review of Studies on Take-Up of Social Benefits, proposal R&R at the *Journal of Economic Literature*

Weighing the Evidence: Which Studies Count? (with Aidan Coville and Sampada KC)

Policy-Makers Consistently Overestimate Program Impacts (with Aidan Coville)

The Causal Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from Two U.S. States (with Alex Bartik, David Broockman, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes)

The Causal Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from a Large U.S. City (with Alex Bartik, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes)

The Causal Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from a U.S. County (with Alex Bartik, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes)

The Unclaimed Property Puzzle: Billion Dollar Bills Lying on the Sidewalk

Research on forecasts leveraging the [Social Science Prediction Platform](#) (with Stefano DellaVigna)

Crowdsourcing Political Models of COVID-19 Mortality (with Miriam Golden, Alex Scacco, Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, Kim Yi Dionne, Macartan Humphreys, Sampada KC and Haoyu Zhai)

The Shape of Moral Values (with Emiliano Huet-Vaughn, Minh Pham, and Josh Tasoff)

What are the Prospects of Forecasting the Far Future? (with David Bernard, commissioned book chapter in *Essays on Longtermism*, Oxford University Press)

## **FELLOWSHIPS, HONOURS AND GRANTS**

All amounts are in USD unless otherwise specified

2022	\$492,119 from the FTX Future Fund Regranting Program, with Stefano DellaVigna and Nicholas Otis
2022	\$346,000 from the Founders Pledge's Survival and Flourishing Fund
2022	\$600,000 from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, with Stefano DellaVigna
2022	\$374,947 from the Spencer Foundation's Large Research Grants on Education Program, with Alex Bartik, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes
2022	FTX Effective Altruism Fellowship
2022	\$549,136 from the NSF, with Marianne Bertrand, Alex Bartik, and Elizabeth Rhodes
2021	\$2,494,318 from the NIH, with Alex Bartik, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes
2020	\$209,655 from J-PAL North America SPRI, with Alex Bartik, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes
2020	\$50,000 from the Russell Sage Foundation, with Alex Bartik, David Broockman, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes
2019	\$174,921 from the Russell Sage Foundation and \$201,461 AUD from the Australian National University
2019	\$405,322 from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and \$285,000 from an anonymous foundation, with Stefano DellaVigna
2019	\$150,000 AUD from the John Mitchell Economics of Poverty Lab
2018	Early Career Researcher Grant Scheme
2018	\$75,000 from the Open Philanthropy Project
2016-2017	AARF Research Grants
2016-2017	Research School Grants
2016	Australian National University Inaugural Wealth and Well-Being Fellow
2015	SSMART Research Grant

2015	Leamer-Rosenthal Prize - Emerging Researchers
2012	\$75,000 from an anonymous foundation for AidGrade research
2010	Dean's Normative Time Fellowship
2007	International Gateway Fellowship
2005	Commonwealth Scholarship (full scholarship for graduate study at Oxford, plus stipend)
2004-2005	Rufus Choate Scholar
2003	Presidential Scholarship
2002	Class of '59 International Scholarship
2001	Ward N. Hunt Scholarship

## REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

Vivalt, E. (2020). "Using Priors in Experimental Design: How Much Are We Leaving on the Table?" in Bédécarrats F., I. Guérin, & F. Roubaud (*eds.*), Randomized Control Trials in the Field of Development: The Gold Standard Revisited (pp. 293-303). London: Oxford University Press.

## TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

### Teaching:

2022: Labor Economics: The Distribution of Earnings (Undergraduate) and Topics in Development Economics and Policy (Undergraduate), Department of Economics, University of Toronto

2021: Topics in Development Economics and Policy (Undergraduate), Department of Economics, University of Toronto

2019: Advanced Topics in Poverty, Public Policy and Development / Development, Poverty and Famine (joint Graduate / Undergraduate), Research School of Economics, Australian National University

2018: Advanced Topics in Poverty, Public Policy and Development / Development, Poverty and Famine (joint Graduate / Undergraduate), Research School of Economics, Australian National University

2015: Economic Policy Analysis (Undergraduate), Department of Economics, Stanford University

### Supervision:

2022 – present: Poli Natama, PhD student in the Department of Economics, University of Toronto (committee member)

2018 – 2021: Chris Wokker, PhD student at the Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University (associate supervisor)

2019: Harshit Shah, MA student in the Research School of Economics, Australian National University, An Huang (Case Studies in Applied Economic Analysis and Econometrics)

2018: Rosa Bishop, Honours student in the Research School of Economics, Australian National University, now at the Reserve Bank of Australia (supervisor); Yashu Kalera (Case Studies in Applied Economic Analysis and Econometrics)

## SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### Selected Seminars and Talks (including planned):

2022: Monash University, University of Oxford, University of Texas - Austin

2021: NYU Center for Experimental Social Science, Johns Hopkins University Causal Inference Working Group, Number 10 Data Science, University of New South Wales, University of Zurich, Behavioural Insights Team

2020: Toulouse School of Economics, University of Toronto, University of California, Davis, Yale University, University of Auckland\*, University of Western Australia\*, University of Melbourne\*, University of Chicago\*, Australia and New Zealand Workshop in Experimental Economics (\* cancelled due to COVID-19)

2019: University of New South Wales, University of Melbourne, University of Sydney, University of Zurich, University of Oxford, Northwestern University, University of Warwick

2018: Pennsylvania State University, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, University of British Columbia, University of San Francisco, University of Queensland

2017: University of Adelaide, Reserve Bank of Australia, NSW Behavioural Insights Unit, National University of Singapore, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, University of Sydney, University of New South Wales

2016: Productivity Commission, University of Melbourne, University of California, San Diego, Inter-American Development Bank, Stanford University, University of New South Wales, University of California, Berkeley

2015: Stockholm School of Economics, Australian National University, London School of Economics, University of Toronto, University of Ottawa, Princeton University, Cornell University

### **Selected Conference Presentations (including planned):**

2023: American Economic Association Meeting

2022: Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences, Research Networks on Economic Experiments for the Common Agricultural Policy (keynote), Workshop on Forecasting Existential Risks and the Long-Term Future

2021: Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences, Toronto Data Workshop on Reproducibility (keynote), Prediction, Registration, and Replication of Scientific Findings, Metascience 2021 (plenary)

2020: Center for Human-Compatible AI Workshop, Effective Altruism Global x Asia-Pacific, 5th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research

2019: Warwick Applied Workshop, Centre for the Study of African Economies Workshop on Meta-Analysis in Development Economics: Methods and Applications, Effective Altruism Global, 3rd Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research, Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale Conference

2018: Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale Inaugural Conference, Workshop on Forecasts of Social Science Results, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Australasian Development Economics Workshop, Centre for the Study of African Economies (plenary), New Approaches in Causal Inference, American Economic Association Meeting

2017: Effective Altruism Global x Australia, Effective Altruism Global, Y Conf, Australasian Aid Conference, American Economic Association Meeting

2016: Atlantic Causal Inference Conference, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Effective Altruism Global x Australia, Pacific Development Conference

2015: Effective Altruism Global, American Economic Association Meeting

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

#### **Public Goods:**

Social Science Prediction Platform (with Stefano DellaVigna)

Steering Committee, Social Science Knowledge Accumulation Initiative

#### **Organized Workshops:**

Workshop on Forecasts of Social Science Results (Berkeley Institute for Transparency in the Social Sciences, University of California, Berkeley), Australasian Development Economics

Workshop (Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University), New Approaches in Causal Inference (Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford)

**Referee Service:**

American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Economic Journal, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources, American Economic Review: Insights, Journal of Economic Surveys, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, World Bank Economic Review, World Development, Review of Development Economics, Sociological Methods and Research, Environmental and Resource Economics, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Behavioural Public Policy

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Affiliations:

American Economic Association, European Economic Association  
Special Invitee, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab – North America  
Affiliated Researcher, Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale, Yale University  
Senior Research Affiliate, Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford  
Schwartz Reisman Institute Faculty Affiliate, University of Toronto

Citizenship: Canadian, U.S. Permanent Resident

Languages: English (native); French (fluent); Chinese, Spanish, Russian, Arabic (conversational)