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## **EMPLOYMENT**

Wealth and Well-Being Research Fellow / Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Australian National University	2016-
Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford University	2015-2016
Post-Doctoral Fellow, New York University	2013-2015
Founder and Director, AidGrade	2012-
Young Professionals Program, World Bank	2011-2013

## **EDUCATION**

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

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

### **PRIMARY**

Behavioral Economics  
Development Economics  
Labor Economics

### **SECONDARY**

Health Economics  
Public Policy

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Y Combinator Research's Basic Income Study, with David Broockman, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes. Outcomes covered:

- Employment, work quality, and job search
- Time use
- Income, expenditures, and financial health
- Health outcomes
- Cognitive outcomes
- Material well-being
- Subjective, psychological, and social well-being
- Political and social attitudes
- Children's educational outcomes

## **WORKING PAPERS**

Causal Inference:

"How Much Can We Generalize From Impact Evaluations?" (revise and resubmit at the *Journal of the European Economic Association*)

"The Trajectory of Specification Searching Across Disciplines and Methods" (revise and resubmit at the *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*)  
 "Ignoring Priors in Experimental Design: What Are We Leaving on the Table?" (in progress)  
 "How Much Do We Learn from an Impact Evaluation?" (under review)  
 "Extrapolating Treatment Functions" with Rajeev Dehejia, Cristian Pop-Eleches and Cyrus Samii (in progress)  
 "How Often Should We Believe Positive Results?" with Aidan Coville (under review)  
 "How Concerned Should We Be About Selection Bias, Hawthorne Effects and Retrospective Evaluations?"

#### Development Economics:

"How Do Policymakers Update?" with Aidan Coville (in progress)  
 "Weighing Results: Which Attributes Matter?" with Aidan Coville (in progress)  
 "Challenges in Changing Social Norms: Evidence from Interventions Targeting Child Marriage in Ethiopia" with Vinci Chow (under review)  
 "Peacekeepers Help, Governments Hinder"

#### Behavioral Economics:

"The Price of Moral Values: Motivated Beliefs, Selective Search, and Food Consumption" with Josh Tasoff and Emiliano Huet-Vaughn (in progress)  
 "The Impact of New Products on Ethical Beliefs" with Bobbie Macdonald (revising)  
 "Effective Strategies for Overcoming the Naturalistic Heuristic: Experimental Evidence on Consumer Acceptance of 'Clean' Meat" with Bobbie Macdonald (revising)

### **SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, HONOURS AND GRANTS**

2018	Open Philanthropy Project (\$75,000)
2016-2017	AARF Research Grants
2016-2017	Research School Grants
2016	Research Fund
2015	SSMART Research Grant
2015	Leamer-Rosenthal Prize - Emerging Researchers
2012	Foundation grant for AidGrade research (\$75,000)
2010	Dean's Normative Time Fellowship
2007	International Gateway Fellowship
2005	Commonwealth Scholarship (\$150,000)
2004-2005	Rufus Choate Scholar
2003	Presidential Scholarship
2002	Class of '59 International Scholarship
2001	Ward N. Hunt Scholarship

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Selected Invited Seminar Talks (including upcoming): University of Oxford, Pennsylvania State University, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, University of British Columbia, University of San Francisco, University of Queensland, 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, Productivity Commission, University of Melbourne, University of California, San Diego, Inter-American Development Bank, Stockholm School of Economics, Australian National University, London School of Economics, University of Toronto, University of Ottawa, Princeton University, Cornell University, Columbia University, New York University, University of Maryland, World Bank, Stanford University, University of California, Berkeley

Selected Conference Presentations: Y Conf, Australasian Aid Conference, Atlantic Causal Inference Conference, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Effective Altruism Global, American Economic Association Meeting, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Pacific Development Conference

Organized/Co-organized Workshops: Forecasting workshop (as part of the Berkeley Institute for Transparency in the Social Sciences annual meeting, University of California, Berkeley, 2018), Australasian Development Economics Workshop (Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, 2018), New Approaches in Causal Inference (Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford, 2018)

**Affiliations:**

American Economic Association

Affiliated Researcher, Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale (Y-RISE), Yale University

Research Collaborator, Global Priorities Project, University of Oxford

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Citizenship: Canadian

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