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Summary

Position Senior Lecturer (University of Western Australia)
Interests Political Economy, Public Economics, Behavioral Economics, Media Economics
Citizenship Germany
Age 35

Education

2011 **Ph.D. in Economics**, *University of Memphis, TN (USA)*.
2007 **B.A. in Economics (Magna Cum Laude)**, *University of Memphis, TN (USA)*.
2003/2004 **Economics and Mathematical Studies**, *Universität Heidelberg (Germany)*.

Current Academic Positions and Affiliations

05/2017 – **Senior Lecturer**, *University of Western Australia, Perth (Australia)*.
08/2016 – **CESifo Research Affiliate (Profile Link)**, *Center for Economic Studies, Munich (Germany)*.
05/2013 – **IZA Research Fellow (Profile Link)**, *Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn (Germany)*.

Past Positions and Research Stays

07/2016 **Research Stay CESifo**, *Munich (Germany)*.
2015 – 2017 **Lecturer**, *University of Western Australia, Perth (Australia)*.
2012 – 2015 **Professor**, *Universidad EAFIT, Medellín (Colombia)*.
08/2012 **Visiting Scholar**, *University of Miami, FL (USA)*.
2011/2012 **Assistant Professor**, *Universidad EAFIT, Medellín (Colombia)*.

Publications

- [18] "The Effect of Media Attention on Terrorism." Forthcoming in the **Journal of Public Economics**. Covered by [The Guardian: Media coverage of terrorism 'leads to further violence.'](#)
- [17] "Anchoring in financial decision-making: Evidence from the field," with Jay K. Walker. Forthcoming in the **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**, [available here](#). Earlier version available as [IZA Discussion Paper # 10151 here](#). Covered by [National Public Radio US \(co-author interviewed\)](#)

- [16] "The gender of your opponents: Explaining the gender gap in performance and risk-taking?," with Jay K. Walker. Forthcoming in the **European Economic Review**, [available here](#). [Earlier version available as IZA Discussion Paper # 9669 here](#).
- [15] "Good girl, bad boy? Evidence consistent with collusion in professional tennis" with Jay K. Walker. Forthcoming in the **Southern Economic Journal**, [available here](#). [IZA Discussion Paper # 8824 available here](#).
- [14] "Does urbanization mean bigger governments?" with Christopher F. Parmeter. Forthcoming in the **Scandinavian Journal of Economics**.
- [13] "More bang for the buck: Suicide attacks and media attention." Forthcoming in **Terrorism and Political Violence**.
- [12] "The impact of exports on economic growth: It's the market form." Forthcoming in **The World Economy**. [Working paper available here](#).
- [11] "Long Term Trends in Fair and Unfair Inequality in the United States," with Andrew J. Hussey. 2016. **Applied Economics**, 49(12): 1147 – 1163. [Link here](#). [IZA Discussion Paper # 8500 available here](#).
- [10] "Corruption: Transcending borders," with Esteban Alemán Correa and Alejandra Montoya Agudelo. 2016. **Kyklos**, 69(2): 183 – 207. [Link here](#).
- [9] "UN interventions: The role of geography," with Juan C. Duque and Santiago Sosa. 2015. **Review of International Organizations**, 10(1): 67 – 95. [Link here](#). [IZA Discussion Paper # 8052 available here](#). [Short summary available here](#).
- [8] "The effect of democracy on corruption: Income is key," with Alejandra Montoya Agudelo and Andrés Ramírez Hassan. 2015. **World Development**, 74: 286 – 304. [Link here](#).
- [7] "Trade openness and bigger governments: The role of country size revisited," with Christopher F. Parmeter. 2015. **European Journal of Political Economy**, 37: 49 – 63. [Link here](#).
- [6] "Game, set, and match: Do women and men perform differently in competitive situations?" with Jay K. Walker. 2015. **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**, 119: 96 – 108. [Link here](#). [IZA Discussion Paper # 8934 available here](#).
- [5] "Want export diversification? Educate the kids first," with Andrés Ramírez Hassan. 2015. **Economic Inquiry**, 53(4): 1765 – 1782. [Link here](#)
- [4] "Volatility and growth: Governments are key." 2014. **European Journal of Political Economy**, 36: 71 – 88. [Link here](#). [IZA Discussion Paper # 7826 available here](#).
- [3] "The effects of wage volatility on growth," with Alex Nikolsko-Rzhevskyy and William T. Smith. 2013. **Journal of Macroeconomics**, 37: 93 – 109. [Link here](#).
- [2] "Liberalization and tax amnesty in a developing economy," with Pinaki Bose. 2012. **Economic Modelling**, 29(3): 761 – 765. [Link here](#).
- [1] "The Gender Pay Gap Beyond Human Capital: Heterogeneity in Noncognitive Skills and in Labor Market Tastes," with Wayne Grove and Andrew J. Hussey. 2011. **Journal of Human Resources**, 46(4): 827 – 874. [Link here](#).

Submitted Papers

- [1] "Uncovering the determinants of corruption," with Christopher F. Parmeter. R&R at **World Development**. [Working Paper available here](#).

- [2] "Gender and Corruption: The Neglected Role of Culture," with Julia Debski, Saskia Mösle, and David Stadelmann. R&R at the **European Journal of Political Economy**. Earlier version available here: [CREMA Working Paper No. 2016-5](#). Even earlier, shorter version available here: [IZA Discussion Paper # 9447](#).
- [3] "When does economic growth reduce poverty and strengthen the middle class? A state-level, sector-specific analysis of Perú," with Gustavo Canavire Bacarreza and Marcos Robles. R&R at the **Southern Economic Journal**.
- [4] "Can Policy Shifts Explain the Forward Discount Puzzle?," with Alex Nikolsko-Rzhevskyy and Olena Ogrokhina. R&R at **Empirical Economics**.
- [5] "Terror per capita," with David Stadelmann. *Under review*. [CESifo Working Paper # 6335 available here](#). Featured paper in CESifo Newsletter 2017/02 ([Link to short summary here](#).)
- [6] "Polarized education levels and civil war," with Gustavo Canavire-Bacarreza, Christopher S. Cotton, and Alejandra Montoya Agudelo. *Under review*. [Earlier version available here as CESifo Working Paper # 6267](#).
- [7] "Peace, terrorism, or insurgency? The decision of an unsatisfied opposition group," with Bei Li. *Under review*. [Earlier version available as IZA Discussion Paper # 9996 here](#).
- [8] "The intimate link between income and life expectancy: Global evidence from 213 years," with Sabine Laudage and David Stadelmann. *Under review*. [IZA Discussion Paper # 10015 available here](#).
- [10] "Systematic under-investment in the global space sector: An explanation and potential remedies," with Casey Lickfold. *Under review*.
- [11] "Explaining inequality between countries: The declining power of political institutions," with Andrew J. Hussey and Dianne McWilliam. *Under review*. [CESifo Working Paper # 6320 available here](#).
- [12] "Gender differences in the link between income and trust levels: Evidence from longitudinal data," with Jessica R. Bilson and Inga Kristoffersen. *Under review*. [IZA Discussion Paper # 10585 available here](#).
- [13] "Financial shocks and trust: Bad news are costly," with Inga Kristoffersen. *Under review*.

Working Papers and Work in Progress (Selection)

- [1] "Terrorism and the media: The effect of US television coverage on Al-Qaeda attacks". [IZA Discussion Paper # 10708 available here](#).
- [2] "Media coverage of terrorist organizations within and across countries," with Axel Dreher and Krisztina Kis-Katos.
- [3] "Terrorism and the media." [IZA Discussion Paper # 8497 available here](#).
- [4] "Mass shootings and the US media" with Jay K. Walker.
- [5] "The superstar quest: Does youth talent predict professional success for female and male tennis players?" with Wayne Grove and Kerry Papps. [Preliminary version available here as IZA Discussion Paper # 8103](#).
- [6] "Urbanization and government size," with Luciana Fiorini and Christopher F. Parmeter.

Awards and Grants

- 2016 Winner Dean's Best Paper Prize (AUD 2,500)
BHP Billiton Distinguished Research Award (AUD 25,000)
Ahern Family Early Career Researcher Portfolio Prize (AUD 2,500)
- 2015 Start-up research grant UWA (AUD 10,000)
Research Grant Universidad EAFIT (USD 50,000)
Grant Universidad EAFIT to develop research with students (USD 1,800)
- 2014 Research Grant Universidad EAFIT (USD 35,000)
Research Grant Colciencias (Colombian Ministry of Science, USD 7,500)
Grant Universidad EAFIT to develop research with students (USD 2,000)
- 2013 Travel Grant Universidad EAFIT (USD 3,000)
Best Paper 3rd Global Accounting, Finance and Economics Conference (Melbourne, co-author presented paper "The roots of export diversification")
- 2012 Travel Grant Universidad EAFIT (USD 3,000)
- 2011 Travel Grant Universidad EAFIT (USD 2,000)
Recipient of the Outstanding Economics Graduate Student Award (University of Memphis)
1st Place (Business) at the 23rd Annual Student Research Forum (University of Memphis)
- 2009 Barbara Tuckman Memorial Fellowship (USD 4,500)

Conferences

- 2017 AEA (Chicago, co-author presenting), Workshop on Migration & Conflict (Université catholique de Louvain)
- 2016 Economic Society Workshop Western Australia (Perth), Australasian Public Choice Conference (Canberra)
- 2015 IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development (Bonn), EEA (Mannheim)
- 2014 Research Group on Development Economics (Passau), IAES (Savannah), SEA (Atlanta)
- 2013 IAES (Vienna), DEGIT (Lima), LACEA (Mexico City, co-author presenting), SEA (Tampa)
- 2012 IAES (Montréal), MEA (Chicago)
- 2011 AEA (Denver), Midwest Macro Meetings (Nashville), Finance & Economics Conference (Frankfurt), SEA (Washington, D.C.)
- 2010 Missouri Economics Conference (Columbia, MI), CEA (Québec City)
- 2009 SEA (San Antonio)

Seminars

- 2017 University of Luxembourg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University of Bath ([presentation with audio & slides available here](#)); Planned: Universität Bayreuth
- 2016 California State University – Fullerton, University of Western Australia, Curtin University, Universität Freiburg (co-author presenting), Universität Konstanz, CESifo Munich, Monash University
- 2015 Universität Heidelberg, Leibniz Universität Hannover, University of Western Australia
- 2014 University of Central Florida, University of Missouri, Universidad del Rosario (Bogotá)
- 2013 IZA (Bonn), NIW (Hannover), Universidad de Los Andes (Bogotá), University of Memphis, Southern Methodist University, University of Central Arkansas

- 2012 Banco de la República (Medellín), FIU, University of Miami (Finance), University of Miami (Economics), Universidad del Rosario (Bogotá), Universidad EAFIT
- 2011 Universidad EAFIT, College of Wooster, University of Memphis

Teaching (Score of Evaluations, if available)

- 2016 Public Economics (4.8 out of 5)
Economic Policy (4.8 out of 5)
- 2015 Public Economics (4.6 out of 5)
Economic Growth & Development
General Macroeconomics
- 2014 Economic Growth & Development (Summer Course U Bayreuth with Gerhard Glomm)
General Macroeconomics, for economists (3.7 out of 4)
Economic Growth & Development, for undergraduate students (3.9 out of 4)
Advanced Macroeconomics *I*, for graduate students (3.4 out of 4)
- 2013 Child Labor and Corruption, for graduate/undergraduate students (3.8 out of 4)
Macroeconomía General, para economistas (3.9 out of 4)
General Macroeconomics, for economists (3.8 out of 4)
- 2012 General Macroeconomics, for economists (4.8 out of 5)
General Macroeconomics, for non-economists (4.2 out of 5)
Economics of the Firm, MBA course (4 out of 5)
- 2010 Introduction to Macroeconomics (4.5 out of 5)
Introduction to Microeconomics (4.3 out of 5)

Service

- PhD Supervision Rafat Mahmood (in progress, joint with Anu Rammohan and Peter Robertson), Sebastian Roth (in progress, joint with Leandro Magnusson), Mohammad Farhad (in progress, joint with Abu Siddique and Andrew Williams)
- Masters Supervision Casey Lickfold (2016), Withanage Sudath Prasanna (in progress)
- Honors Supervision Bridget Rumball (in progress), Timothy Gosling (in progress), Dianne McWilliam (2016), Jessica Bilson (2016, joint with Inga Kristoffersen), Wendy Correa Martínez (Bachelor, 2015), Julia Debski (Bachelor, 2015), Camilo Arbelaez Toro (Bachelor, 2013)
- Research Coordinator of the "semillero" *SIEDE* from 2011 – 2015 (student group conducting academic research); organizer of an undergraduate conference on "Illegality and Conflicts" in October 2014

Media Coverage

- 2017 [Terrorism and the media](#) *The National CBC News Canada*, July 17.
[Is There a Link Between Mass-Media and Mass-Murder?](#) *Vice New Zealand*, June 30.
[Reporting of terror linked to further attacks](#) *Mediawatch (Radio New Zealand)*, June 11.
[Looking at terror attacks 'per capita' should make us rethink beliefs about levels of risk and Muslims](#) *The Conversation*, June 7.
[Terrorism Is Aimed at the People Watching](#) *The Atlantic*, May 23.
[\(In German\) Kopfrechnen bei Terrorismus](#) *Wirtschaftliche Freiheit (blog entry)*, April 23.
[In Covering Westminster Attack, Media 'Aided and Abetted' Terrorism](#) *The Epoch Times*, April 12.
[Does The Media Fail To Report Terrorism, As Donald Trump Claims?](#) *The Huffington Post*, February 7.
- 2016 [How Contestants' Social Security Numbers Could Affect 'Jeopardy' Wagers](#) *National Public Radio US (co-author interviewed on joint paper)*, November 11.
"Lunch and Learn in the CBD" on Media and Terrorism, organized by "UWA Business School Alumni & Friends," August 23.
[ABC News Radio interview](#), August 1.
BBC World News interview, July 27.
[Expert calls for terror attacks to be treated same way as suicide when it comes to media coverage](#) *news.com.au*, July 27.
[Les médias doivent-ils tout montrer?](#) *Le Devoir*, July 16.
[Media and terrorism](#), *UWA Business School blog*, July 12.
[Business Briefing: what breeds terrorism?](#) *The Conversation Podcast*, June 15.
[Television interview on Orlando shooting](#), *TRT World*, June 14.
[Time for media to starve terrorists of their oxygen of publicity](#) *The Indian Express*, January 6.
[This betting 'scandal' shouldn't affect tennis fans, but is life-threatening for authorities](#) *The Conversation*, February 2.
- 2015 [Media coverage of terrorism 'leads to further violence,'](#) *The Guardian*, August 2.
[Media coverage of terrorism perpetuates further violence, researchers claim,](#) *The Drum*, August 2.
['Sensationalist media coverage of terror attacks leads to increase in violence'](#), *i24news.tv*, August 2.
[Visibilidade na mídia estimula terroristas.](#) *Observatório da Imprensa*, September 27.
[Reporting terror: balancing fact and fear.](#) *ABC News Report (Australia)*, October 12.
[Is the BBC's wall-to-wall coverage of the Paris atrocities doing the terrorists' job for them?](#) *openDemocracy*, November 17.
- 2014 [TV interview \(30 minute show\) about corruption in](#) *Teleantioquia Global*, September 10.
[YouTube Link available here.](#)
- 2013 "Corrupción en Suramérica: Colombia es un caso especial", with Alejandra Montoya Agudelo, opinion article for Portafolio.co
- 2012 "El Problema Real de la Unión Europea," opinion article for Dinero.com
- 2011 "La Lucha de los Estados Unidos y la Unión Europea: Implicaciones para Colombia," opinion article for Dinero.com

Languages

- German (native)
- English (fluent)

○ Spanish (fluent)

○ French (basic)