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Summary

Position Senior Lecturer (University of Western Australia)
Interests Political Economy, Public Economics, Media Economics, Behavioral Economics
Citizenship Germany
Age 36

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 **Full Professor**, *Universidad EAFIT, Medellín (Colombia)*.
08/2012 **Visiting Scholar**, *University of Miami, FL (USA)*.
2011/2012 **Assistant Professor**, *Universidad EAFIT, Medellín (Colombia)*.

Publications

- [21] “[Gender and Corruption: The Neglected Role of Culture](#),” with Julia Debski, Saskia Möhle, and David Stadelmann. Forthcoming in 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](#).
- [20] “Sorting through global corruption determinants: Institutions and education matter – not culture,” with Christopher F. Parmeter. Forthcoming in **World Development**. [Working Paper available here](#).

- [19] "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. 2018. **Southern Economic Journal**, 84(4): 1067 – 1087
- [18] "The Effect of Media Attention on Terrorism." 2017. **Journal of Public Economics**, 153: 32 – 48. Covered by [The Guardian: Media coverage of terrorism 'leads to further violence.'](#)
- [17] "The gender of your opponents: Explaining the gender gap in performance and risk-taking?," with Jay K. Walker. 2017. **European Economic Review**, Earlier version available as [IZA Discussion Paper # 9669](#) here.
- [16] "Anchoring in financial decision-making: Evidence from the field," with Jay K. Walker. 2017. **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**, 141: 164 – 176. Earlier version available as [IZA Discussion Paper # 10151](#) here. Covered by [National Public Radio US](#) (co-author interviewed)
- [15] "Does urbanization mean bigger governments?" with Christopher F. Parmeter. 2017. **Scandinavian Journal of Economics**, published online on August 21, 2017.
- [14] "Good girl, bad boy? Evidence consistent with collusion in professional tennis," with Jay K. Walker. 2017. **Southern Economic Journal**, 84(1): 155 – 180. [IZA Discussion Paper # 8824](#) available here.
- [13] "More bang for the buck: Suicide attacks and media attention." 2017. **Terrorism and Political Violence**, March 2017, 1 – 21.
- [12] "The impact of exports on economic growth: It's the market form." 2017. **The World Economy**, 40(6): 1040 – 1052.
- [11] "Long Term Trends in Fair and Unfair Inequality in the United States," with Andrew J. Hussey. 2016. **Applied Economics**, 49(12): 1147 – 1163. [IZA Discussion Paper # 8500](#) available here.
- [10] "Corruption: Transcending borders," with Esteban Alemán Correa and Alejandra Montoya Agudelo. 2016. **Kyklos**, 69(2): 183 – 207.
- [9] "UN interventions: The role of geography," with Juan C. Duque and Santiago Sosa. 2015. **Review of International Organizations**, 10(1): 67 – 95. [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.
- [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.
- [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. [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.
- [4] "Volatility and growth: Governments are key." 2014. **European Journal of Political Economy**, 36: 71 – 88. [IZA Discussion Paper # 7826](#) available here.
- [3] "The effects of wage volatility on growth," with Alex Nikol'sko-Rzhevskyy and William T. Smith. 2013. **Journal of Macroeconomics**, 37: 93 – 109.
- [2] "Liberalization and tax amnesty in a developing economy," with Pinaki Bose. 2012. **Economic Modelling**, 29(3): 761 – 765.

- [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.

Submitted Papers

- [1] "Can Policy Shifts Explain the Forward Discount Puzzle?," with Alex Nikolsko-Rzhevskyy and Olena Ogrokhina. R&R at **Empirical Economics**.
- [2] "Financial shocks and the erosion of interpersonal trust: Evidence from longitudinal data" with Ingebjørg Kristoffersen. R&R at the **Journal of Economic Psychology**. [IZA Discussion Paper # 11204 available here](#).
- [3] "Mediated terrorism: US news and al-Qaeda attacks". *Under review*. [The most recent version is available here as CESifo Working Paper # 6804](#). [An earlier version is available as IZA Discussion Paper # 10708 here](#).
- [4] "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](#).)
- [5] "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](#).
- [6] "The political economy of opposition groups: Peace, terrorism, or civil conflict?," with Bei Li. *Under review*. [CESifo Working Paper No. 6747 available here](#). [Earlier version available as IZA Discussion Paper # 9996 here](#).
- [7] "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](#).
- [8] "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](#).
- [9] "Poor Landlocked Regions: Evidence from Subnational Panel Data and Potential Mechanisms," with Saskia Mösele and David Stadelmann. *Under review*. [CESifo Working Paper # 6733 available here](#).
- [10] "Gender differences in the link between income and trust levels: Evidence from longitudinal data," with Jessica R. Bilson and Ingebjørg Kristoffersen. *Under review*. [IZA Discussion Paper # 10585 available here](#).
- [11] "At what age does the anchoring heuristic emerge? Evidence from *Jeopardy!*" with Jay K. Walker. *Under review*.
- [12] "Gender differences in competitiveness and risk-taking among children, teenagers, and college students: Evidence from *Jeopardy!*" with Jay K. Walker. *Under review*. [IZA Discussion Paper # 11201 available here](#).

Working Papers and Work in Progress (Selection)

- [1] "Media coverage of terrorist organizations within and across countries," with Axel Dreher and Krisztina Kis-Katos.
- [2] "Terrorism and the media." [IZA Discussion Paper # 8497 available here \(Top 10 downloaded paper on IZA\)](#).

- [3] "Media coverage and mass shootings: Causal evidence" with Jay K. Walker.
- [4] "Career Lotto? Labor Supply in Winner-Take-All Markets" with Wayne A. Grove and Kerry L. Papps. [A much earlier version is available here under the title "The superstar quest: Does youth talent predict professional success for female and male tennis players?" as IZA Discussion Paper # 8103.](#)
- [5] "Urbanization and government size," with Luciana Fiorini, Christopher F. Parmeter, and Christopher Parsons.
- [6] "Communications technology and terrorism," with Rafat Mahmood. [CESifo Working Paper #6995 available here.](#)
- [7] "The effect of drone strikes on terrorism, radicalization, and anti-US sentiment in Pakistan," with Rafat Mahmood.
- [8] "Misreported trade," with Mohammad Farhad, Abu Siddique, and Andrew Williams.
- [9] "Trump, Twitter, and shiny objects," with Ullrich Ecker and Stephan Lewandowsky.
- [10] "The effects of gender fluidity and race on wages: Some evidence of discrimination against the non-binary," with Michael T. French, Alison Preston, and Andrew R. Timming.

Awards and Grants

- 2017 BHP Billiton Distinguished Research Award (2nd Chief Investigator, AUD 16,800); ranked #12 among German-speaking economists aged 35-and-under (Handelsblatt ranking)
- 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

- 2018 Australian Gender Economics Workshop (Perth)
- 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

- 2018 University of Adelaide, Planned: Higher School of Economics (Moscow), VU Amsterdam (Economics), VU Amsterdam (Finance), Universität Freiburg, Universität Tübingen, Universidad de Montevideo, Universidad del Rosario (Bogotá), Universidad de Los Andes (Bogotá), University of Miami, University of Memphis, University of California-Santa Barbara, University of Hawai'i-Manoa
- 2017 University of Luxembourg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University of Bath ([presentation with audio & slides available here](#)), 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)

- 2017 Public Economics (3.7 out of 4); Economic Policy (3.2 out of 4); Economic Growth & Development (Summer Course U Bayreuth with Gerhard Glomm)
- 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), Mohammad Farhad (in progress, joint with Abu Siddique and Andrew Williams), Sebastian Roth (with Leandro Magnusson)
- Masters Supervision Simon O'Donnell (in progress), Douval Douval (in progress, joint with Ingebjørg Kristoffersen), Withanage Sudath Prasanna (2017), Casey Lickfold (2016)
- Honors Supervision Bridget Rumball (2017), Timothy Gosling (2017), Dianne McWilliam (2016), Jessica Bilson (2016, joint with Ingebjørg 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
- Administration Chair of search committee for Assistant Professor (Universidad EAFIT, 2013); member of search committee 2017/2018 (University of Western Australia); planning of Ph.D. program in Economics (Universidad EAFIT, 2016); course coordinator for *Introduction to Macroeconomics, Public Economics, and Economic Policy*

Media Coverage

- 2018 [TV interview NTV Russia on the copycat effect from mass shootings and similar attacks](#), January 24.
[ABC News Breakfast on inequality in tennis & match-fixing](#), January 15.
[ABC local radio Hobart on tennis players and their decisions to turn professional](#), January 10.
[Why so many tennis players go pro even though few 'make it'](#), *The Conversation* (with Wayne A. Grove and Kerry L. Papps), January 5.
- 2017 [Terrorism, the Muslim religion and other identities](#), *University of Western Australia Thought Leaders*, December 3.
[TV and Terror: How the Medium Plays Into Terrorist Strategy](#) (*Forbes*), November 9.
[Good Morning Scotland \(BBC\)](#), September 7.
[Werther-Effekt: Terroranschläge werden nachgeahmt](#), *Deutsche Welle*, September 1. In English: [Terrorism and the copycat effect](#)
[Wir Terrorhelfer](#), *Die Zeit*, August 24.
[Nuclear-trigger happy](#) *Boston Globe*, August 11.
[Nur Männer mogeln](#), *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*, August 6.
[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.
[Wenn TV-Bilder zum Terror anstacheln](#), *Der Tagesspiegel*, June 3.
[Mehr News, mehr Terrorattacken](#), *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, May 27.
[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)
- Spanish (fluent)
- English (fluent)
- French (basic)