

Education

University of California, Santa Cruz — PhD Economics (2024–)

The London School of Economics — MSc Environmental Economics & Climate Change (2018–2019)

Dissertation: Impact of wind development and deregulation on midwestern electricity; *Advisor:* Prof Eugenie Dugoua

University of California, Berkeley — BS Environmental Economics; BA Rhetoric (2014–2018)

Thesis: Cost–benefit analysis under climate change: case study of the Oxford Tract development

Research Experience

Jul 2025– current — Graduate student researcher with Galina Hale, UC Santa Cruz, Department of Economics

Aug 2022–Jul 2024 — Part-time pre-doc with Robin Burgess, Gharad Bryan at LSE, Department of Economics

Oct 2019–Jan 2020 — Occasional research officer with Giles Atkins, LSE Middle East Centre

Contributions

Atkin, D., Caria, S., Donaldson, D., Kala, N., Rasul, I., Saggese, A., Teachout, M., Verhoogen, E., & Woodruff, C. (2024). Firms, trade, and productivity. **International Growth Centre**. Evidence Paper. London, UK.

Saggese, A., Shawa, B., & Wani, S. (2024). Positioning Zambia for a copper-plus future. **International Growth Centre**. Policy paper. Lusaka, Zambia.

Burgess, R., Caria, S., Dobermann, T., & Saggese, A. (2023). Innovation, Growth and the Environment. **International Growth Centre**. White paper. London, UK.

Vivid Economics* (2021). Jamaica's long-term climate change strategy recommendations. **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, World Bank**. Report. Washington, DC.

Vivid Economics* (2021). Mission-critical: invest in water, sanitation and hygiene for a healthy and green economic recovery. **WaterAid**. Report. London, UK.

Vivid Economics* (2020). Greenness of Stimulus Index (Eds. 1–3). **Finance for Biodiversity**. London, UK.

Teaching

Spring 2026 — *Teaching assistant*, UC Santa Cruz — ECON 101 Managerial economics

Winter 2026 — *Teaching assistant*, UC Santa Cruz — ECON 01 Principles of microeconomics

Fall 2025 — *Teaching assistant*, UC Santa Cruz — ECON 100A Intermediate microeconomics

Professional service

Spring 2024 *Committee Member*, Environment Camp conference, LSE

Spring 2023 *Curriculum Developer*, IGC–BREAD PhD Course on Environmental Economics

2022, 2023 *IGC Organizer*, Environment Week conference, LSE

Spring 2019 *Editor, Online Contributor*, Energy Journal at Energy Society, LSE

■ Awards

Summer 2025 *Travel grant*, J-PAL Governance Initiative (GI) — \$5,000

2024-25 *Regents Fellowship*, UC Santa Cruz — \$30,000

2018-19 *Masters Award*, LSE (2018–19) — \$8,000

2017-18 *Haas Scholars Undergraduate Program*, UC Berkeley — \$3,800

Fall 2017 *Dean's List*, UC Berkeley

Spring 2017 *Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program*, UC Berkeley

2016-18 *California Alumni Association Scholarship*, UC Berkeley — \$2,000

Summer 2016 *Capital Fellowship*, Matsui Center at UC Berkeley— \$2,000

■ Work Experience

Aug 2022–Jul 2024 — Policy Economist, *International Growth Centre at LSE*

Nov 2021–Jun 2022 — Economist, *McKinsey & Co. Sustainability*

Jan 2020–Nov 2021 — Analyst, *McKinsey & Co. Sustainability*

Jan 2018–Jun 2019 — Intern, *Sustainabilist*

May 2016–Aug 2016 — Intern, *California State House, Representative Bloom (D-50)*

Aug 2014–Aug 2016 — Administrative Assistant, *College of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley*

■ Skills

Computer R, Python, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, ArcGIS/QGIS, STATA, MATLAB, LaTeX

Languages English (*native*), Italian (*proficient*)

Other Grant writing; report writing; painting; film photography