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## EMPLOYMENT:

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September 2011 – Present      Lecturer, Department of Economics, London School of Economics  
(Tenured 2017)

## EDUCATION:

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August 2009 – July 2011      Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research, Harvard University  
August 2004 – May 2009      Ph.D. in Economics, University of California-Berkeley  
September 2000 – May 2004      S.B. in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS:

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Behavioral Economics, Microeconomics

## PUBLICATIONS:

“State Finite-Dependence and Identification of Dynamic Discrete Choice Models”, with Pasquale Schiraldi  
Revise-and-resubmit at *RAND Journal of Economics*

“Stable Intuition and the Rise of Deliberative Prosociality in Childhood”, with Francesco Margoni, Francesco Nava, Chiara Sotis, Valerio Caprano, and Elena Nava  
Revise-and-resubmit at *Nature Human Behavior*

“Identification of Dynamic Discrete-Continuous Choice Models, with an Application to Consumption-Savings-Retirement” with Pasquale Schiraldi  
Revise-and-resubmit at *Quantitative Economics*

“Are retirement planning tools substitutes of complements to financial capability?” (2023)  
with Gopi Shah Goda, Colleen Manchester, Aaron Sojourner, Joshua Tasoff, and Jiusi Xiao.  
*Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 214, 561–573

“Who is a Passive Saver Under Opt-In and Auto-Enrollment?” (2020)  
with Gopi Shah Goda, Colleen Manchester, Aaron Sojourner, and Joshua Tasoff,  
*Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 173, 301–321

“Predicting retirement savings using survey measures of exponential-growth bias and present bias” (2019) with Gopi Goda, Colleen Manchester, Aaron Sojourner, and Joshua Tasoff  
*Economic Inquiry*, 57(3), 1636–1658

“Exponential-Growth Bias in Experimental Consumption Decisions” (2019)  
with Joshua Tasoff, *Economica*, 87(345), 52–80

“Exponential-Growth Bias and Overconfidence” (2017)  
with Joshua Tasoff, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 58, 1–14

“An Alternative to Signaling: Directed Search and Substitution” (2016)  
with Balazs Szentes, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, 8(4), 1–15

“Exponential-Growth Bias and Lifecycle Consumption” (2016)

with Joshua Tasoff, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 14(3)

“Misunderestimation: Exponential-Growth Bias and Time-varying Returns”, with Joshua Tasoff, (2016) *Economics Bulletin*, 36(1), 29–34

“Habit Formation and Naivete in Gym Attendance: Evidence from a Field Experiment” (2015)  
with Daniel Acland, *Management Science*, 61(1), 146–160

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## WORKING PAPERS:

“Identification of Intertemporal Preferences from Choice Set Variation”  
with Pasquale Schiraldi

“Estimating Biases in Cigarette Smoking Cessation: Evidence from a Field Experiment”  
with Frank Chaloupka and Justin White

“Misspecified Higher-Order Beliefs and Failures of Social Learning”  
with Andrew Ellis and Balazs Szentes

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## TEACHING:

Fall 2014 –	EC331 – Quantitative Economics Project
Fall 2012 –	EC310 – Behavioural Economics (Undergraduate)
Fall 2012 –	EC537 – Microeconomic Theory for Research Students
Summer 2012 –	EC2 – Behavioural Economics and the Modern Economy (LSE Executive Program)
Summer 2018 –	EC200 – Introduction to Behavioural Economics (LSE Summer Course)
Fall 2021	EC2066 – Intermediate Microeconomics (University of London Int'l Programs)

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## GRANTS:

2009	P30 AG12839, CEDA, UC Berkeley, “Do People Predict Habit Formation” (PI: Lee, R) Role: Co-investigator on pilot grant (with Daniel Acland)
2010	Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies / RWJF Health and Society Scholars Seed. Role: Principal investigator (\$28,600)
2011	Fletcher-Jones Foundation Role: Co-PI (with Joshua Tasoff)
2013	P50 DA036128 – 01, NIH/FDA, “Enhancing the Economic Impact Analysis Used in FDA's Rules for Tobacco Products” (PI: Chaloupka, F) within “The Science of Decision Making: Connecting People and Policy” (PI: Eriksen, M) (2013 Funding: \$3,381,257) Role: Co-Investigator, Research Project #1
2014	TIAA-CREF Institute/Pension Research Council (with Gopi Shah Goda Matthew Levy, Colleen Manchester, and Aaron Sojourner, \$125,000)
2015	National Institute on Aging and the Social Security Administration (3R01AG020717-11S1) (with Gopi Shah Goda Colleen Manchester, Joshua Tasoff, and Aaron Sojourner, \$40,000)
2016	Social Security Administration through the NBER Retirement Research Center (with Gopi Shah Goda Colleen Manchester, Joshua Tasoff, and Aaron Sojourner, \$76,930)
2017	STICERD, “Identification of intertemporal preferences from smoking purchases” (£3,900)

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## OTHER INFORMATION:

**Citizenship:** United States