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EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

- 2022- Senior Research Fellow, [Population Wellbeing Initiative](#), University of Texas at Austin
- 2022- Senior Research Affiliate, [Global Priorities Institute](#), University of Oxford
- 2019-2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Oklahoma
- 2017 Research Consultant, International Monetary Fund

EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Texas at Austin
- 2016 M.A. in Economics, University of Texas at Austin
- 2014 B.A. in Mathematical Economics (with honors), Temple University

RESEARCH FIELDS

- Primary: Agricultural & Environmental Economics, Macroeconomics
- Secondary: Animal Agriculture, Climate Change, Growth, Normative Economics

WORK IN PROGRESS

[“How much should we pay to avert a bad life: Valuing reductions in industrial farming”](#)

A Pareto Principle for Pigs and Puppies? (with Luis Mota; in progress)

Long-run projections of animal agriculture: A Macroeconomic Approach (with Jonathan McFadden; in progress)

[“Is Less Really More? Comparing the Climate and Productivity Effects of a Shrinking Population”](#) (with Sangita Vyas, Mark Budolfson, Mike Geruso and Dean Spears). *Under Review*

[“The long-run relationship between per capita incomes and population sizes”](#) (with Maya Eden), *CEPR Discussion Paper DP18353*. *Under Review*

PUBLISHED & FORTHCOMING PAPERS

- Forthcoming 9. “The Willingness to Pay for a Cooler Day: Evidence from 50 years of Major League Baseball” (with Melissa LoPalo and Sean O’Connor*), *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.
*Graduate Advisee
- 2023 8. “Monetizing the Externalities of Animal Agriculture: Insights from an Inclusive Welfare Function” (with Jonathan McFadden), *Social Choice and Welfare*.
7. “Animal welfare in economic analyses of food production” (with Jonathan McFadden), *Nature Food*.
- 2022 6. “Are IMF Rescue Packages Effective? A Synthetic Control Analysis of Macroeconomic Crises”, *Journal of Monetary Economics*.
5. “Intergenerational Transmission is Not Sufficient for Positive Long-Term Population Growth” (with Sam Arenberg, Nathan Franz, Sangita Vyas, Nicholas Lawson, Melissa LoPalo, Mark Budolfson, Mike Geruso and Dean Spears), *Demography*.
4. “Population Issues in Welfare Economics, Ethics, and Policy Evaluation” (with Mark Budolfson and Dean Spears), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance*.
- 2021 3. “Animal-based foods have high social and climate costs” (with Frank Errickson and Jonathan McFadden), *Nature Food*.
2. “Climate action with revenue recycling has benefits for poverty, inequality and wellbeing” (with Climate Futures Initiatives Team), *Nature Climate Change*.
1. “Utilitarian benchmarks for emissions and pledges promote equity, climate and development” (with Mark Budolfson, David Anthoff, Francis Dennig, Frank Errickson, Dean Spears and Navroz Dubash), *Nature Climate Change*.

BOOK CHAPTERS, COMMENTARIES & POLICY WRITINGS

- 2021 “Protecting the poor with a carbon tax and equal per capita dividend” (with Climate Future Initiatives Team), *Nature Climate Change*.
“What Should We Agree on about the Repugnant Conclusion?” (consensus letter with 20+ coauthors), *Utilitas*.
“Assessing IMF Involvement in Fragile States” (with Charles Collins and Shinji Takagi), in *Macroeconomic Policy in Fragile States* (eds. Ralph Chami, Raphael Espinoza and Peter Montiel), Oxford University Press.
- 2019 “Quantifying India’s Climate Vulnerability” (with Melissa LoPalo, Dean Spears and Mark Budolfson), *India Policy Forum*, Vol 15.
- 2018 “The IMF and Fragile States: Assessing Macroeconomic Outcomes”, Background research paper (BP/18-01/05) for *The IMF and Fragile States: Evaluation Report 2018*, Independent Evaluation Office, International Monetary Fund.

CONFERENCE & SEMINARS (*SCHEDULED)

- 2024 UC Davis (ARE); The Economics of Animal Welfare, Brown University*; Low-Fertility in High-Income Countries (NBER)*; Society for Economic Dynamics*
- 2023 Welfare Across Species Workshop, Paris School of Economics; Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford; University of Houston; Hunter College, CUNY; Midwest Macro Meetings; Southern Economic Meetings
- 2022 Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics; Bank of England (Climate Seminar Series); Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford; Innovation and Scale Workshop, University of Texas at Austin; Southern Economic Association Meetings
- 2021 Welfare Economics and Public Policy (Virtual) Seminar Series; Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford
- 2020 Population, Climate Change and Social Welfare Economics, University of Texas at Austin; Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford
- 2019 Reserve Bank of India; University of South Florida; University of Oklahoma; University of Maine
- 2018 India Policy Forum, New Delhi; Macroeconomic Policy in Fragile States, University of Oxford; Texas A&M University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committees: Animal Welfare Valuation Working Group (hosted by USDA)

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Economic Behaviour & Organization, Nature Food, Social Choice and Welfare, Journal of Environmental Economics and Policy, Economics Bulletin, Labour Economics, International Economics, Nature Scientific Reports.*

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2023 Open Philanthropy (to co-organize animal welfare workshop)
- 2021 & 2022 Junior Faculty Fellowship, University of Oklahoma
- 2021-2022 Research support (consequences of low fertility), [Longview Philanthropy](#)
- 2021 Big XII Faculty Fellowship, University of Oklahoma
- 2021 Global Priorities Fellowship, [Forethought Foundation](#)

TEACHING AND ADVISING (UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA)

Courses Taught	Environmental Economics; Principles of Macroeconomics (Honors & Large Lecture); Independent Readings
PhD Committees (Chaired)	Sean O'Connor (first job: Federal Housing Financing Agency)
PhD Committees	Zhengang Xu Saini Das Brent Norwood Amir Tayebi Anthony Mayberry