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Research Interests

Historical demography; health and mortality in colonial and post-colonial Africa; racial inequality in health; quantitative methods in economic history; South African economic and demographic history.

Current Appointments

Aix-Marseille School of Economics Aix-en-Provence, France
Postdoctoral Fellow, working with Cecilia Garcia-Peñalosa on the FaMiGrowth project Oct 2026 –

Previous Appointments

King's College, University of Cambridge Cambridge, UK
Postdoctoral Research Associate Oct 2025 – Sep 2026

CAMPOP, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge Cambridge, UK
Visiting Scholar (Tawney Postdoctoral Fellowship, sponsored by EHS & IHR) Oct 2025 – Sep 2026

London School of Economics London, UK
Graduate Teaching Assistant, EH222: Economic History of MENA Sep 2025 – Jul 2026

Education

London School of Economics London, UK
PhD Economic History 2021–2025

Dissertation: *Essays in South African Demographic and Health History*

Supervisors: Prof. Leigh Gardner, Prof. Eric Schneider

MSc Economic History (Distinction) 2019–2020

University of Cape Town Cape Town, South Africa
M.Com. Applied Economics (Distinction) 2017–2019

B.Com. (Hons.) Economics (2:1) 2013–2016

Research Experience

What Works for Children's Social Care, London Sep 2020 – Aug 2021
Research Associate. Impact evaluations via RCTs and quasi-experimental designs; survey design and validation.

University of Lund, Department of Economic History Feb 2020 – Feb 2021
Research Assistant to Dr Jutta Bolt on *Africa's Population Boom in Historical Perspective*. Digitised colonial medical and sanitary reports for mortality estimation.

SALDRU, University of Cape Town Jul 2017 – Sep 2019
Research Assistant to Dr Malcolm Keswell on LRES, a 3ie-funded evaluation of South Africa's Land Restitution Programme. Constructed national sampling frame from provincial registries; fieldworker training.

Qhubeka, Cape Town Jan 2017 – Jun 2017
Research Intern. Designed and conducted survey of 400+ students on mobility and transport access.

Teaching Experience

Department of Economic History, LSE Sep 2022 – Sep 2025
Graduate Teaching Assistant

- **EH222: Economic History of MENA** (2 years)
- **EH238: The Origins of Growth** (2 years)

- **EC103: Inequality** – Summer School (1 year)
- **Department Writing Advisor**. Developed **writing** and **referencing** guides

School of Economics, UCT

Jul 2018 – Feb 2019

Tutor for Analysis of Household Survey Data; **Understanding Complex Social Survey Data (DataFirst)**

Awards & Funding

Tawney Postdoctoral Visiting Fellowship , Economic History Society	2025/26
Class Teacher Award, Department of Economic History, LSE (three times)	2023, 2024, 2025
Summer School Class Teacher Award, LSE	2023
PhD Studentship (full fees + stipend), LSE	2021–2025
Research Fund for Graduate Students (£1,000), Economic History Society	2023

Service & Administration

Advisory Board, Historical Economic Demography Group	2023–
Editorial Assistant, <i>The Economic History Review</i>	2021–2025
Teaching Mentor for Doctoral Students, LSE	2022–2025
Manager, LSE Economic History Twitter/YouTube	2022–2025
Organiser, PhD Reading Group: Great Books in Economic History	2021–2025
Copy Editor, Volckart, O. <i>The Silver Empire</i> (OUP, 2024)	2022

Conferences & Presentations

2024 Racial health inequalities during apartheid: antibiotics, 1940–1970 – **BSPS** (Bath); **IUSSP Workshop** (Alghero)

2023 Racial inequality in infectious disease mortality in South African cities, 1910–48 – **ESHD** (Nijmegen); **Werner Troesken Memorial Conference** (Pittsburgh); **EHS** (Warwick, poster); **EHA** (Pittsburgh, poster)

Publications & Working Papers

Fitzhenry, N. and Keswell, M. (2021). ‘Pareto Efficient Intrahousehold Allocations and Land Rights: Evidence from South Africa’. *SALDRU Working Paper* 286. [\[link\]](#)

Fitzhenry, N. et al. (2022). ‘Ethnic Minority Social Workers in the UK: Workforce Representation, Welfare, Retention and Progression’. *What Works for Children’s Social Care*. [\[link\]](#)

Skills & Other

Software: Stata, R, Python, LaTeX, ArcGIS, SurveyCTO, Microsoft Office

Accredited Researcher: ONS Secure Research Service

Languages: English (native), Afrikaans (intermediate), French (beginner)

Other: Master of Boats, **LSE Rowing Club** (2023–25); Volunteer Librarian, **Cricklewood Community Library** (2021–); Quizmaster, **The Taproom**, Cape Town (2018–19)

Professional Memberships

Economic History Society • **Royal Historical Society** • **British Society for Population Studies**

References

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