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Research Interests

Jake's research focuses on better understanding the causes and consequences of educational inequalities, evaluating policies and programmes aiming to reduce these inequalities, and how best to do this evaluation.

Employment

2016– University College London

2019– Associate Professor,

Undertaking and leading an ambitious programme of research contributing to the profile of the Centre for Education Policy & Equalising Opportunities and securing large-scale funded research for this. Publishing research in high-impact national and international peer-reviewed journals.

Contributing to teaching, including Undergraduate and Master's-level courses, along with supervision of graduate (Master's and doctoral) research students.

2019– Deputy Director, Centre for Education Policy & Equalising Opportunities (CEPEO)

CEPEO carries out cutting-edge research focused on making significant reductions to the structural barriers that engender inequalities across the life course, and equalising opportunities for all. Education is the key policy lever for improving life chances across the life course. Its interdisciplinary work seeks to understand where, how and why inequalities arise in skill development, educational achievement, and beyond.

Leadership of Schools work stream. CEPEO's schools research explores this process, through approaches including rigorous quantitative analysis of longitudinal data and randomised evaluations, seeking ways in which education policy and practice can be improved to equalise opportunities. We have a particular focus on work on understanding how to attract, retain and develop the most talented teachers, and ensure great teaching is made available to children whatever their background.

Leadership of CREATE strand (Conducting Randomised Evaluations & Trials in Education), which champions the development and application of expertise in the use of randomised evaluations and related methods to understand policies and programmes in the work of CEPEO and beyond. CREATE focuses on how best to use randomised controlled trials and related methods to understand the effect of complex interventions that are characteristic of education. As well as carrying out evaluations, CREATE critiques the approaches typically taken by studies of this type and are developing innovative alternative approaches aiming to understand not just what works, but how. One of the ways we do this is by facilitating informed and critical engagement between strands of education research that too often does not occur, encouraging innovation and robustness of evaluation work in the field of education.

2019–2022 Academic Head of Research, Department of Learning and Leadership

Responsible to the Head of Department for strategic planning, leadership and development of a high-quality research culture within the department. Oversight and support of departmental leads for enterprise and innovation, research engagement and impact, research ethics, research mentoring, and research seminars, in support of this aim.

Led strategic direction on and departmental review of research funding applications to improve department's success in grant capture. Organised departmental research skills development programme to improve research capacity.

Member of departmental Senior Leadership Team; member of faculty Research Committee; chair of departmental Research Committee; deputised for Head of Department as required.

Jan.–Sep. 2019 Interim Director, Centre for Education Improvement Science

Leadership and management of faculty flagship centre pending appointment of professorial centre director.

2016–2018 Senior Research Fellow, Department of Learning and Leadership

Researcher responsible for development of, and participation in, funded research projects in line with departmental priorities, producing high quality, impactful research.

Responsible for enhancing the department's methodological expertise through knowledge of advanced quantitative methods and experimental research design.

Reported to the Academic Head of Department for these responsibilities.

2014–2016 National Institute of Economic and Social Research

2015–2016 Research Fellow

2014–2015 Research Officer

Researcher working primarily on projects involving education or labour market transitions. Contributed to the writing of reports aimed at both academic and policy-making audiences.

Involved in projects commissioned by multiple government departments, including analysis of youth transitions into the labour market, evaluation of adult skills interventions, and analysis of patterns of education inequality.

Led successful applications for research contracts and funding from government departments and charitable foundations, including a large randomised controlled trial-based evaluation of a school-based intervention.

2013 House of Commons Education Committee,

Jan.–Jul. 2013 Committee Specialist

Secondment from PhD. Acted as in-house specialist for committee of Members of Parliament, including giving written and verbal briefings for Members of the Committee.

Role also involved acting as an Inquiry Manager with tasks including: researching possible areas of interest for the Committee; organising evidence sessions (including proposing, inviting and briefing potential witnesses); managing relationships with stakeholders (witnesses, external specialist advisers, civil servants, Members' staff, and others); drafting Committee reports; assisting in the preparation of press notices; and briefing for relevant Parliamentary debates.

As the role involved strict deadlines, and frequently responsibility for more than one ongoing inquiry at a time, excellent time management skills were vital. Also involved in improving Committee's public engagement, through social media.

Education

2011–2014 Ph.D. Economics of Education, UCL

Thesis Title: "Socio-economic inequality in access to higher education in England"

Supervisors: Prof. Lorraine Dearden and Prof. John Micklewright

Advisory Panel: Prof. John Jerrim

Examiners: Prof. Ian Walker and Prof. Alissa Goodman

Passed with no corrections

BA (Hons.) Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford, 2007–2010

Finals papers in: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Quantitative Economics, International Economics, Public Economics, International Relations, British Politics and Government since 1900, Modern British Government, Theory of Politics.

Publications

Journal Articles

1. Sims, S., Fletcher-Wood, H., O'Mara-Eves, A., Cottingham, S., Stansfield, C., Goodrich, J., Van Herwegen, J., & Anders, J., (forthcoming), Effective teacher professional development: new theory and a meta-analytic test, *Review of Educational Research*.
2. Harmey, S. & Anders, J. (forthcoming). The Link Between Completing Reading Recovery and Performance on a Phonics Screening Check, *Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk*.
3. Lu, B., Anders, J., Siddiqui, N., & Shao, X. (forthcoming). How do academic selection systems affect pupils' educational attainment? New evidence from an analysis of large-scale data on England, *Educational Review*.
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7. Wyness, G, Macmillan, L., Anders, J., & Dilnot, C. (2023). Grade Expectations: How well can we predict future grades based on past performance?, *Education Economics*, 31(4), 397-418.
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13. Parker, P., Sanders, T., Anders, J., Duineveld, J. & Parker, R. (2021) Maternal Judgments of Child Numeracy and Reading Ability Predict Gains in Academic Achievement and Interest. *Child Development*, 92(5), 2020-2034.
14. Henseke, G., Anders, J., Green, F. & Henderson, M. (2021). Income, housing wealth, and private school access in Britain. *Education Economics*, 29(3), 252-268.
15. Anders, J., Burgess, S. & Portes, J. (2021). The Long-Term Outcomes of Refugees: Tracking the Progress of the East African Asians. *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 34(2), 1967–1998.

16. Parker, P., Sanders, T., Anders, J., Sahdra, B., Shure, N., Jerrim, J. & Cull, N. (2021). Does school average achievement explain the effect of socioeconomic status on math and reading interest? A test of the Information Distortion Model. *Learning and Instruction*, 73, 101432.
17. Anders, J., Häs, S., Jerrim, J., Shure, N. & Zieger, L. (2021) Is Canada really an education superpower? The impact of non-participation on results from PISA 2015. *Educational Assessment, Evaluation and Accountability*, 33, 229–249.
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20. Henderson, M., Anders, J., Green, F. & Henseke, G. (2020) Private Schooling, Subject Choice, Upper Secondary Attainment and Progression to University. *Oxford Review of Education*, 46 (3), 295-312.
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23. Anders, J., Moulton, V., Henderson, M. & Sullivan, A. (2018). The role of schools in explaining individuals' subject choices at age 14. *Oxford Review of Education* 44 (1), 75–93.
24. Anders, J., Henderson, M., Moulton, V. & Sullivan, A. (2018). Incentivising specific combinations of subjects: does it make any difference to university access? *National Institute Economic Review* 243, R37–R52.
25. Moulton, V., Sullivan, A., Henderson, M. & Anders, J. (2018). Does what you study at age 14-16 matter for educational transitions post-16? *Oxford Review of Education* 44 (1), 94–117.
26. Sullivan, A., Henderson, M., Anders, J., & Moulton, V. (2018). Inequalities and the curriculum. *Oxford Review of Education* 44 (1), 1–5.
27. Henderson, M., Sullivan, A., Anders, J. & Moulton, V. (2018). Social Class, Gender and Ethnic Differences in Subjects Taken at Age 14. *The Curriculum Journal* 29 (3), 298–318.
28. Parker, P., Marsh, H. W., Guo, J., Anders, J., Shure, N. & Dicke, T. (2018). An information distortion model of social class differences in math self-concept, intrinsic value and utility value. *Journal of Educational Psychology* 110 (3), 445–463.
29. Anders, J. (2017). The influence of socioeconomic status on changes in young people's expectations of applying to university. *Oxford Review of Education* 43 (4), 381–401. Part of special issue on "The Best of British: new educational researchers in the UK".
30. Anders, J. & Dorsett, R. (2017). What young English people do once they reach school-leaving age: a cross-cohort comparison for the last 30 years. *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies* 4 (1), 79–107.
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36. Anders, J. (2012). The Link between Household Income, University Applications and University Attendance. *Fiscal Studies* 33 (2), 185–210.

Books and Book Chapters

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40. Wyse, D., & Anders, J. (2019). Primary education curricula across the world: qualitative and quantitative methodology in international comparison. in Suter, L. (ed.) *SAGE Handbook of Comparative Studies in Education*, SAGE.
41. Anders, J. & Jerrim, J. (2017). The socio-economic gradient in educational attainment and labour market outcomes: a cross-national comparison. in Schoon, I. & Silbereisen, R. K. (eds.) *Pathways to Adulthood: Social inequalities, structure and agency and social change*, UCL IOE Press.
42. Whitty, G. & Anders, J. (2017). 'Closing the achievement gap' in English cities and towns in the twenty-first century. in Pink, W. & Noblit, G. (eds.) *Second International Handbook of Urban Education*, Springer.
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44. Anders, J. (2015). Socio-economic inequality in access to higher education in England. PhD Thesis, University College London.
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Working Papers

46. Sims, S., Anders, J., Inglis, M., Lortie-Forgues, H., Styles, B., & Weidmann, B. (2023), Experimental education research: rethinking why, how and when to use random assignment, CEPEO Working Paper Series, No. 23-07 (July 2023), UCL Centre for Education Policy & Equalising Opportunities.
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50. Green, F., Anders, J., Henderson, M. & Henseke, G. (2017). Who Chooses Private Schooling in Britain and Why? LLAKES Research Papers, No. 62 (December 2017).
51. Anders, J., Henderson, M., Moulton, V. & Sullivan, A. (2017). A note on subject choice at age 14 and socioeconomic inequality in access to university. CLS Working Papers, No. 2017/10 (August 2017).
52. Anders, J. (2015). Does socioeconomic background affect pay growth among early entrants to high-status jobs? NIESR Discussion Papers, No. 453 (August 2015).
53. Anders, J. (2014). Does an aptitude test affect socioeconomic and gender gaps in attendance at an elite university? DoQSS Working Papers, No. 14-07 (April 2014).
54. Anders, J. (2012). Using the Longitudinal Study of Young People in England for research into Higher Education access. DoQSS Working Papers, No. 12-13 (December 2012).

Research Reports

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62. Anders, J., Shure, N., Wyse, D., Barnard, M., Frerichs, J., Evans, A., & Bohling, K. (2021). Young Journalist Academy: Evaluation Report. Education Endowment Foundation (September 2021).
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Policy Outputs

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Book Reviews

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Funding

Research funding

Total research funding as principal or co-investigator: >£10million

ADR UK Youth Transitions Community Catalyst. Co-investigator, ADR UK/UKRI, ~£550,000. January 2024-March 2026.

Longitudinal Educational Achievements: Reducing iNequalities (LEARN). Co-investigator, EU Horizon Europe funding, €3million. January 2024-December 2026.

Building policy impact from the COVID Social Mobility & Opportunities study (COSMO). Project lead, Research England QR Policy Support Fund/UCL Public Policy, £8,000. February-July 2023.

COVID Social Mobility & Opportunities study (COSMO): wave 2. Principal Investigator, ESRC World Class Labs capital funding/data infrastructure funding, ~£1.9m. March 2022-July 2023.

COVID Social Mobility & Opportunities study (COSMO): wave 1. Principal Investigator, UKRI Ideas to Address COVID-19 Fund, ~£2.7m. March 2021-July 2022.

Assessing the impact of COVID-19 on young people's learning, motivation, wellbeing, and aspirations using a representative probability panel. Co-Investigator, UKRI Ideas to Address COVID-19 Fund, ~£200,000. September 2020 – August 2021.

Evaluation of the West London Zone Early Intervention Programme. Principal Investigator, West London Zone, ~£150,000. March 2020 – December 2024.

The competitive effects of Free Schools in England on student outcomes in neighbouring schools. Co-Investigator, Nuffield Foundation, ~£300,000. May 2021 – April 2023.

English grammar teaching in primary schools: assessing the efficacy of Englicious. Co-Investigator and RCT lead, Nuffield Foundation, ~£330,000. January 2019 – December 2020.

Private schooling in the UK in the 21st Century: participation and outcomes. Co-Investigator, Economic and Social Research Council, ~£185,000, November 2017 – September 2019.

The Effects of Teacher Pay Reforms on Teacher Pay, Teacher Careers and Student Attainment. Co-Investigator, ~£200,000, Economic and Social Research Council, December 2017 – December 2020.

Evaluation of five Cultural Learning interventions. Principal Investigator, Education Endowment Foundation and Royal Society of Arts, ~£400,000. July 2017 – September 2020.

Evaluation of EDT Schools Partnership Programme. Principal Investigator, Education Endowment Foundation, ~£240,000. May 2017 – March 2021.

Evaluation of SMART Spaces: Spaced Learning. Co-Investigator, Education Endowment Foundation, ~£240,000. July 2018 – August 2020.

Review of approach to evaluation of complex, whole-school interventions. Principal Investigator, Education Endowment Foundation, ~£35,000. December 2016 – April 2017.

Socio-economic status and subject choice at 14: do they interact to affect university access? Principal Investigator, Nuffield Foundation, ~£32,000. July 2015 – April 2017.

Evaluation of Embedding Formative Assessment: A cluster randomised controlled trial in schools. Principal Investigator, Education Endowment Foundation, ~£100,000. April 2015 – March 2018.

The influence of socio-economic status on financial success in professional occupations. Principal Investigator, The Sutton Trust/upReach ~£10,000. January – May 2015.

“The Access Project: Evaluation Support”. Co-Investigator, Centre for Social Action Innovation Fund (NESTA), ~£15,000. September – December 2014.

Enterprise and Consultancy

Analysis of the implications of different post-16 admissions criteria. Eton College and Star Academies. ~£20,400. November 2021 – July 2022.

Independent Assessment of Cohort 2 and Final Cohort for the HMP Peterborough Payment by Results pilot. Ministry of Justice, ~£90,000. March 2015 – June 2016.

Analysis of the performance of coastal schools. Department for Education, ~£15,000. November – December 2015.

Research Programme into Adult English and Maths Skills. Department of Business Innovation and Skills, ~£250,000.

September 2014 – March 2016.

Research on Youth Transitions to and within the labour market. Department of Business Innovation and Skills, ~£30,000.
September 2014 – March 2015.

Awards & Scholarships

2017 Included in Oxford Review of Education special issue on “Best of New British Educational Research”

2014 Helen Robinson Award for Best Paper by a Young Economist, WPEG Conference

2011–14 ESRC NCRM ADMIN Node PhD Studentship, UCL Institute of Education, London

2011–14 Advanced Quantitative Methods Stipend, UCL Institute of Education, London

2008–10 Academic Scholarship, New College, University of Oxford

Conferences, Seminars & Invited Talks

“Young people’s mental health and wellbeing in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic”. Keynote presentation, Children and Young People’s Mental Health conference, Open Forum Events, London, April 2024.

“The COVID Social Mobility & Opportunities (COSMO) study: A cohort study tracking the unequal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in England”. Long Term Study of the Impacts of the Pandemic on Learners and Education in Wales conference, Welsh Government. Cardiff, November 2023.

“The unequal effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on young people’s education and wellbeing: The COVID Social Mobility & Opportunities study (COSMO)”. Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies (SLLS) International Annual Conference, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, October 2023.

“The COVID Social Mobility and Opportunities Study (COSMO) as a new resource for well-being research”. Presentation for What Works Wellbeing, August 2023.

“Do targeted higher-value conditional incentives improve survey response and representation in longitudinal studies? Evidence from the COVID Social Mobility & Opportunities Study (COSMO) in England”. European Survey Research Association conference, Milan, July 2023.

“The COVID Social Mobility & Opportunities study (COSMO): challenges and opportunities of using push-to-web to recruit a new youth cohort study in England during the pandemic”. European Survey Research Association conference, Milan, July 2023.

“Private school pupils’ performance in GCSEs (and IGCSEs)”. Children of the noughties: a conference to celebrate 21 years of the Millennium Cohort Study, London, June 2023.

“Experimental education research: rethinking why, how and when to use random assignment”. Invited presentation and roundtable at “Educational interventions in the classroom: Challenges and solutions”, University of London Centre for Educational Neuroscience and Université Paris Cité, May 2023.

“How unequal circumstances have led to unequal outcomes from the COVID-19 pandemic”. Invited keynote. UCL Educational Psychology Group, UCL Faculty of Psychology and Language Sciences, London, March 2023.

Oral evidence to the House of Lords Communications and Digital Committee inquiry on “Digital exclusion and the cost of living”, February 2022.

“A New Youth Cohort Study on the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Young People’s Education and Wellbeing: The COVID Social Mobility and Opportunities Study (COSMO)” in symposium “International Cohorts Showcase: New Longitudinal Studies in the UK”. Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies (SLLS) International Annual Conference, Case Western Reserve University, Ohio, October 2022.

Oral evidence to the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee inquiry on “Diversity in STEM”, February 2022.

“The unequal effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on young people’s education and wellbeing: new evidence from the first wave of the COVID Social Mobility & Opportunities study (COSMO)”. British Educational Research Association (BERA) Annual Conference, University of Liverpool, September 2022; Durham University Department of Sociology seminar series, October 2022; LSE Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE) Seminar series, December 2022; University of Oxford Department for Education seminar series, January 2023; University of Warwick Department of Education Studies seminar series, April 2023.

“Financing social innovation through payment by results: reflections from the evaluations of two large-scale case studies from the evaluations of two large-scale case studies”. Social Outcomes Conference 2021, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, September 2021.

“COVID-19 and labour market scarring”. Invited presentation and roundtable. UK Government Strategic Economic Policy Group, May 2021.

“The Effects of Pay Decentralisation on Teachers’ Pay and Teacher Retention”. NBER Economics of Education Program Meeting, Spring 2021. By invitation.

“Grade Expectations: How well can past performance predict future grades?” [Parallel session]. Scottish Economic Society Annual Conference, Online, April 2021.

“The impact of COVID-19 on Children and Young People Across the Globe”. Invited member of panel discussion. IAFOR European Conference on Education (ECE), July 2020.

“The Effects of Student Grouping Practices in England: Addressing the Challenge of Research at Scale” [Symposium]. AERA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (Conference Cancelled), April 2020.

“The effects of pay decentralisation on teachers’ pay and teacher retention” [Parallel session]. Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness annual conference, Washington, DC (Conference Cancelled), March 2020.

“False discoveries and erroneous findings in randomised controlled trials in education” [Parallel session]. Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness annual conference, Washington, DC (Conference Cancelled), March 2020.

“The effect of embedding formative assessment on pupil attainment” [Invited talk]. University of Oxford Department of Education seminar series, Oxford, UK, February 2020.

“Social mobility in higher education: the best new ideas” [Invited talk]. Behavioural Exchange 2019, London, UK, September 2019.

“Determinants of private school participation: all about the money?” Parallel session at British Sociological Association annual conference, April 2018; Invited talk as part of WZB Anglo-German Workshop Series on “Skill Formation in Context”, April 2019; Parallel session at Dynamics of Inequality Across the Lifecourse (DIAL) conference, June 2019; Part of symposium at Society of Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies (SLLS) conference, September 2019; Invited talk at University of Oxford Department of Education seminar series, November 2019.

“Inequality in child development during secondary schooling.” [Invited talk] CiFAR Workshop on “Child Well-Being: Advancing Our Understanding of Inequalities in Child Development through Interdisciplinary and International Research”, December 2017.

“Subject choice at age 14 and early labour market outcomes.” [Invited talk] WZB Anglo-German Workshop Series on “Skill Formation in Context”, November 2017.

“Subject choice at age 14: Does incentivising specific combinations of subjects make any difference to university entry? Do subjects studied explain inequality in university access?” Parallel session, WPEG Annual Conference, University of Sheffield, July 2017; Parallel session, British Educational Research Association Annual Conference 2017, September 2017; DfE policy seminar, Department for Education, November 2017.

“The role of schools in explaining individuals’ subject choice at age 14.” Parallel session and symposium organiser (“The determinants of subject ‘choice’ and its role in determining future academic pathways”), Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies Annual Conference, Bamberg, October 2016; Department of Education seminar, University of Oxford, November 2016.

“Does socio-economic background affect pay growth among early entrants to high-status jobs?” Parallel session,

WPEG Annual Conference, University of Sheffield, July 2015; Parallel session, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management International Conference, June 2016.

“The influence of socio-economic status on changes to young people’s expectations of applying to university.” ‘Brown Bag’ seminar series, Institute of Positive Psychology, Australian Catholic University, February 2018; Plenary session, Survival Analysis for Junior Researchers conference, University of Warwick, April 2014; Parallel session, WPEG Annual Conference, University of Sheffield, July 2014; Poster presentation, EALE/SOLE Conference, Montreal, June 2015.

“What young English people do once they reach school-leaving age: A cross-cohort comparison for the last 30 years.” Parallel session, CLS Cohort Studies Conference, UCL Centre for Longitudinal Studies, March 2015; Parallel session, Society of Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies Annual Conference, Dublin, October 2015; IAB-UCL Anglo-Germany Early Career Quantitative Education Researchers’ Network, April 2019.

“Does an aptitude test affect socioeconomic and gender gaps in attendance at an elite university?” Parallel session, RES Postgraduate Presentation Meeting and Job Market, University College London, January 2014; Parallel session, RES Annual Conference, University of Manchester, April 2014; Department of Education seminar, University of Oxford, May 2014; DoQSS seminar, UCL Social Research Institute, London, June 2014.

“What’s the link between household income and going to university?” Plenary session, CMPO Doctoral Conference, University of Bristol, May 2012; Parallel session, UCL Institute of Education Doctoral Conference, London, June 2012; Parallel session, European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference, Bonn, September 2012; Parallel session, WPEG Annual Conference, University of Sheffield, September 2012; Parallel session, Society of Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies Annual Conference, Paris, October 2012; Parallel session, CLS Cohort Conference, UCL Centre for Longitudinal Studies, London, November 2012.

Professional Activities

External service, advisory roles and professional memberships

Member, Evaluation and Trial Advice Panel, Cabinet Office, UK Government (2020–25)

External Referee for Promotions Committee: London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE); University of Newcastle, Australia

Funding Peer Reviews: Economic and Social Research Council (Peer Review and Funding Panel Membership); British Academy; Nuffield Foundation; Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council

Journal Peer Reviews: European Sociological Review; Economics of Education Review; Journal of the Royal Statistical Society; BMJ Open; Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry; Education Economics; The Manchester School; Oxford Review of Education; British Educational Research Journal; Cambridge Journal of Education; Journal of Education and Work; National Institute Economic Review; Teaching and Teacher Education; Longitudinal & Life Course Studies; Assessment in Education: Principles, Policy & Practice; Social Science Research; Education Sciences; Thinking Skills & Creativity; International Journal of Educational Management.

Book Proposal Peer Reviews: Springer; Policy Press/Bristol University Press

Other Peer Reviews: Education Endowment Foundation (reports and analysis plans); Youth Endowment Foundation (reports and analysis plans); Submission review for Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness Annual Conference (by invitation); Submission review for British Educational Research Association Annual Conference.

Advisory Group Member: 5 Nuffield Foundation-funded research projects; 2 Education Endowment Foundation-funded evaluation projects.

Editorial Board Member: National Institute Economic Review (2015–16)

Expert: Economics Observatory

Member: Royal Economics Society; British Educational Research Association; Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies; Sutton Trust Research Review Group

University and faculty service

Member, UCL Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) 2023 Task and Finish Group
Member, Faculty Educational Inequalities Task and Finish Group (2023)
Ethics Reviewer, UCL Institute of Education Research Ethics Committee (2017–)
Member of six recruitment committees as non-departmental member

Departmental service

Academic Head of Research (2019–2022)
Member, Departmental Senior Leadership Team (2018–2022)
Member, Departmental Research Committee (2017–2022)
Member, Departmental Teaching Committee (2019–)
Peer Reviewer, Departmental Output Review Exercise (2018–)
Chair of six and member of 12 external recruitment committees within department
Member of three internal recruitment committees for departmental leadership roles
Member, Departmental Digital Education Task and Finish Group (2023)

Additional affiliations

Adjunct Member, Teachers & Teaching Research Centre, University of Newcastle, Australia (2018–)
Associate Fellow, Jacob's Foundation Pathways to Adulthood Programme (2014–2017)
Honorary Research Fellow, UCL Social Research Institute (2015–2017)

Teaching

Undergraduate

“Economics of Public Policy” (Autumn 2023), co-module leader and lecturer, BSc module, UCL Social Research Institute.

Master's

“Impact evaluation and randomised controlled trials in Education” (Autumn 2019, Spring/Autumn 2020, 2021, Spring 2022). Lecturer and seminar leader, part of Understanding Research (UR) MA module, Department of Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment, UCL Institute of Education (IOE).

Lecturer on “Global Debates and Research into Practice: Educating Children Aged 4-12” (Summer 2023), MA module, Department of Learning and Leadership, IOE.

Lecturer on “Researching Early Years and Primary Education” (REYPE) (Autumn 2017, 2018, 2019), MA module, Department of Learning and Leadership, IOE.

“More Stata programming: calculating, debugging and using” (Spring 2018, 2019) Lecturer & computer class leader, part of Using Stata Efficiently and Effectively MSc module, UCL Social Research Institute.

“Quantitative Methods: Introduction” (Autumn 2016) Lecturer, part of Doing and Using Research (DUR) MA module, Department of Learning and Leadership, IOE.

“Education and Social Mobility” (Autumn 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019) Lecturer and class leader, part of Economic Perspectives on Education Policy (EPEP) MSc module, Department of Education, Practice and Society, IOE.

“Panel data models: Fixed effects and random effects” (Spring 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017) Lecturer and computer class leader, part of Longitudinal Research and Analysis (LRA) MSc module, UCL Social Research Institute.

“Higher Education Funding and Access” (Spring 2014) Lecturer and class leader, part of Economic Value of Education (EVE) MSc module, UCL Social Research Institute.

Research Supervision: Doctoral — Current

Joshua Uddin (2024, expected), principal supervisor with Dr. Rachael Levy.

Tom Waters (2024, expected), principal supervisor with Prof. Alex Bryson and Dr. Claire Crawford.

Emine Pehlivan (2025, expected), subsidiary supervisor with Dr. Stuart Tannock.

Ruth Ogundamisi (2026, expected), principal supervisor with Prof. Gill Wyness. UBEL-DTP/Sutton Trust-funded to work with COSMO data.

Robbie Maris (2026, expected), subsidiary supervisor with Prof. Gill Wyness. UBEL-DTP/Education Policy Institute-funded.

Research Supervision: Doctoral — Former

Silvan Häs (2021), subsidiary supervisor with Prof. John Jerrim. Thesis title: “Socio-economic status and worklessness: educational investments and expectations”. Passed with minor corrections. Now working at ritzenhoefer & company.

Eliza Kozman (2020), principal supervisor with Prof. Peter John (KCL). Thesis title: “Addressing barriers to university progression for white working-class boys”. Passed with minor corrections. Now working at TASO.

Sandra Mathers (2019), subsidiary supervisor with Prof. Iram Siraj (Oxford). Thesis title: “Observing Language Pedagogy (OLP): Developing and piloting a contextualised video-based measure of early childhood teachers’ pedagogical language knowledge”. Passed with no corrections. Now working at University of Oxford Department of Education.

Bibi Groot (2018), subsidiary supervisor with Prof. Peter John (KCL). Thesis title: “Social support and academic success: field experiments in further education in England”. Passed with no corrections. Now Head of Behavioural Science at Fair HQ.

Natasha Codioli McMaster (2018), maternity cover subsidiary supervisor with Profs. Alice Sullivan and Lindsey Macmillan. Thesis title: “Stratification by field of study in Higher Education”. Passed with minor corrections. Now working at UK Government Cabinet Office.

Research Supervision: Master's

Dissertation supervision and marking for MA Early Years Education and/or MA Primary Education (2017, 2018)

Dissertation supervision and marking for MSc Quantitative Research Methods (2017)

Examination

External examination for 2 PhD students, University of Cambridge and King’s College London

External examiner for Research Design & Methodology pathway of MSc Education, University of Oxford (2023-26)

External examiner for MA Education and PGCert Coaching & Mentoring, Plymouth Marjon University (2023–26)

Upgrade examination for four MPhil/PhD students, UCL

Teaching Leadership

Member, UCL Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) 2023 Task and Finish Group (2022–23)

Co-Chair, Departmental Task and Finish Group on Links Between Research and Education (2023–)

Member, Faculty Task and Finish Group on Educational Inequalities (2023–)

Member, Departmental Teaching Committee (2019–2022)

Member, Departmental Task and Finish Group on Digital Education Strategy (2023–)

Professional Development

Jake provides professional development focused on the use of experimental and quasi-experimental impact evaluation methods (for example, matching and weighting methods, longitudinal designs, and randomised controlled trials), primarily with applications in education. These can be tailored to organisations' existing expertise and experience profiles, helping improve teams' understanding of such methods and, hence, their ability to interpret evidence from and supervise work on these kinds of projects, for example.

Other Relevant Information

University Training

University Leaders

Research Student Supervision (pre-requisite to act as principal supervisor to doctoral students)

HR: Fair and Inclusive Recruitment; Effective People Management

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA2018) Training

Other training including: equality, diversity and inclusion; fire safety; health and safety; Cybsafe information security; sustainability; disclosing and managing conflicts of interest; Prevent; freedom of information; and safeguarding.

IT Skills

Highly competent. Experience across Mac, Windows and Linux environments:

advanced skills with statistical software Stata and R;

highly skilled with Microsoft Office, \LaTeX , and Markdown;

developing skills in Python;

developing reproducible research skills, inc. notebook reporting in Stata, R (using Quarto) & Python (using Jupyter);

basic knowledge of web development languages, particularly HTML, CSS and PHP.

Miscellaneous

NHS Data Security Awareness Level 1 Training (annual renewal; most recent August 2023)

UK Data Service (UKDS) Safe User of Research data Environments (SURE) Training

Office for National Statistics (ONS) Safe Researcher Training (SRT) (5 year renewal; most recent January 2023)

ONS/UK Digital Economy Act (DEA) Accredited Researcher (5 year renewal; most recent January 2023)

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Standard Disclosure clean (two year renewal; most recent November 2022)

References available on request.

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