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Education

<i>MPhil/PhD Political Science, University College London</i>	<i>Expected 2026</i>
<i>MSc Security Studies (Political Science), University College London</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford</i>	<i>2016</i>

Professional Experience

International Organization for Migration

Programme Coordinator (Research), Remote (Iraq) *Since May 2024*

Consultant (Impact Evaluation Specialist), Remote (Iraq) *Nov 2022 – May 2024*

- Co-designed and led a randomized controlled trial to estimate the impact of livelihoods assistance on economic wellbeing and social cohesion in conflict-affected communities.
- Managed a team of researchers delivering multiple studies on post-conflict economic recovery; oversaw methodological design, implementation, and quality assurance.
- Built new institutional partnerships with academic and policy actors; represented IOM in strategic engagements with government counterparts, donors and partners.

Consultant (DTM Coordination), Remote (Haiti) *Sep 2022 – Oct 2022*

DTM Coordinator, Port-au-Prince, Haiti *Mar 2022 – Aug 2022*

- Managed IOM's displacement tracking and research portfolio in Haiti, scaling up the programme from 10 to over 30 staff in response to deteriorating urban violence.
- Designed and deployed an innovative early-warning methodology in previously inaccessible areas by establishing a network of local key informants.
- Brokered partnerships with national and international actors to overcome access constraints through local networks and technological solutions.
- Represented IOM in inter-agency negotiations with leaders of non-state armed groups, enabling the first humanitarian operations in areas under their control.
- Provided evidence-based analysis at coordination forums and donor briefings to inform strategic and operational decision-making.

Special leave following emergency deployments *Oct 2021 – Feb 2022*

Project Officer (DTM), Mekelle, Ethiopia *Aug 2021 – Oct 2021*

- Managed displacement monitoring operations and served as lead humanitarian analyst in Tigray during the civil war and IASC scale-up; led in-person assessments and co-led joint access efforts in hard-to-reach areas.

Programme Officer (DTM), Juba, South Sudan *Dec 2020 – Aug 2021*

- Deputy head of IOM's displacement tracking unit, shaping strategic priorities and overseeing project development, budgeting, operations, analysis, reporting and quality control; acted as officer-in-charge for over 40 staff and hundreds of data collectors across the country.
- Designed and implemented large-scale household surveys using remote sensing data to develop representative sampling frames in areas affected by mass displacement.

Project Officer (DTM EVD Analysis/Reporting), Juba, South Sudan Jan 2019 – Dec 2020

- Served as the organization’s lead humanitarian and displacement analyst; authored regular analytical products and contributed to inter-agency analysis forums.
- Managed cross-border flow monitoring in the context of the EVD and COVID-19 emergencies, establishing a network of field monitors in hard-to-reach border regions.

Intern (DTM Analytics, Knowledge, and Output Quality), London, U.K. Sep 2018 – Jan 2019

University College London

Post-Graduate Teaching Assistant Since Sep 2022

- Taught courses in quantitative data analysis (2nd year undergraduate) and qualitative field methods (graduate), leading seminars, evaluating assessments and delivering a guest lecture.

Research Assistant (Prof Alexandra Hartman) Sep 2022 – Jul 2023

- Econometric analysis and design of a conjoint experiment for a research project on land conflict, dispute resolution and women empowerment in Côte d’Ivoire, in collaboration with the World Bank Gender Innovation Lab.

Financial Conduct Authority

Research Associate, Behavioural Economics and Data Science Unit Feb 2017 – Feb 2018

Helm Associates (Prof Dieter Helm CBE)

Energy Policy Research Intern Jul 2014 – Sep 2014

Works in Progress

‘Local security provision and return from forced displacement: evidence from South Sudan’.

‘Who needs enforcement? Legibility and claim-making during land conflict in Côte d’Ivoire’ with Alexandra Hartman and Aletheia Donald.

‘From displacement to resilience: aid, economic recovery, and social cohesion in post-war Iraq’ with Daniel Masterson, Stephen O’Connell, and Julia Smith-Omomo.

‘Deportation in a humanitarian crisis: the effects of border violence on returned migrants’ political integration’ with Alexandra Hartman, Margaret Peters, Yang-Yang Zhou.

Articles

Franklinos, L., Parrish, R., Burns, R., Caflisch, A. et al. (2021). ‘Key opportunities and challenges for the use of big data in migration research and policy’. *UCL Open: Environment*.

Wiens K. E., Mawien P. N., Rumunu J., Slater D., Jones F. K., Moheed S., Caflisch, A. et al. (2021). ‘Seroprevalence of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 IgG in Juba, South Sudan, 2020’. *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, 27:6.

Policy Reports (Selected)

Caflisch, A., Hartman, A., Lamorena, Z., Peters, M., Zhou, T., Zhou, Y. (2025). *Study on the reintegration of deported migrants in Haiti: insights from the first round of panel surveys*. International Organization for Migration, Haiti.

Caflisch, A., M. Fidakar, D. Materson, S. D. O’Connell, M. Roze and J. L. Smith-Omomo (2025). *From Displacement to Resilience: Aid, Economic Recovery, and Social Cohesion in Post-War Iraq. Part I: Baseline Findings – Impact Evaluation of Individual Livelihoods Assistance*. International Organization for Migration, Baghdad.

Martin, D. and Caflisch, A. (2025). *Predictors of Business Success among Enterprise Development Fund Recipients in Iraq*. International Organization for Migration, Baghdad.

Martin, D. and Caflisch, A. (2024). *The Enterprise Development Fund: Business Trajectories After One Year*. International Organization for Migration, Baghdad.

International Organization for Migration (2022). *Displacement Trends and Drivers in the Port-au-Prince Metropolitan Area: Evidence from the Early Warning System*.

International Organization for Migration (2020, 2021). *South Sudan Urban and IDP Site Multi-Sector Needs and Vulnerabilities Survey*, Report Series.

International Organization for Migration (2020). *South Sudan Trends in Cross-border Return Flows and Impact of COVID-19 Restrictions*.

Caflisch, A., Grubb, M. D., Kelly, D., Nieboer, J., and Osborne, M. (2018). 'Sending out an SMS: The impact of automatically enrolling consumers into overdraft alerts'. *FCA Occasional Paper*, No. 36.

Grants, Awards & Scholarships

2025 *UNU WIDER Visiting PhD Fellowship* (approx. 6,500 EUR).

2025 *CEPR ReCIPE*. 'Qualitative insights into livelihoods policy and social cohesion: follow-up study on Post-Conflict Reintegration in Iraq', with Daniel Masterson, Julia Smith-Omomo and Stephen O'Connell (24,117 GBP).

2025 *J-PAL Displaced Livelihoods Initiative*. 'From Displacement to Resilience: Aid, Economic Recovery, and Social Cohesion in Post-War Iraq', with Daniel Masterson, Julia Smith-Omomo and Stephen O'Connell (227,885 USD).

2023, 2025 *PhD Opportunity Award*. Grants to pursue qualitative fieldwork in Côte d'Ivoire and conference travel (2 x 1,500 GBP).

2022 *Clara Collet Scholarship*. Fully funded PhD scholarship awarded by UCL's Department of Political Science (approx. 95,000 GBP).

2018 *Departmental Dissertation Prize*. Awarded to the best MSc dissertation written by a student of UCL's Department of Political Science.

2018 *Faculty Dean's List*. Awarded to the top-scoring 5% of students in taught postgraduate programmes by UCL's Faculty of Social and Historical Sciences.

Conferences & Invited Talks

2025 *Fragile Lives*

American Political Science Association

European Political Science Association

University of Oxford, All Souls College, T. E. Lawrence Program on the Study of Conflict

International Studies Association

2024 *Technical University of Munich, Workshop on Conflict Dynamics*

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) Migration Away Day

Conflict Research Society

Società Italiana di Scienza Politica

2019 *UCL Grand Challenges Workshop 'Can big data help migration research?'*

Professional Service

Reviewer at *Journal of Peace Research; Data & Policy*.

Professional Trainings

Advancing Research on Conflict Summer School (Washington, D.C., 2023). One-week residential course focusing on ethical, safe and methodologically rigorous research fieldwork in conflict settings.

ACAPS Humanitarian Analysis Programme (Geneva and distance learning, 2020). Advanced six-month training programme for senior humanitarian analysts.

Safe and Secure Approaches in Field Environments (Juba, 2019). United Nations security training for conflict and volatile settings.

Software & Coding Skills

R (coding language): advanced professional knowledge, inc. data manipulation and database integration (data.table, dplyr, tidyr, RODBC), static and interactive data visualization (ggplot2, leaflet, shiny), automated reporting (markdown, knitr), geo-spatial analysis (sf, rgdal, sp, stars, raster), NLP, supervised and unsupervised machine learning, econometric modelling, complex survey analysis.

Python, SQL, ArcGIS, QGIS, GitHub, AWS cloud servers: working knowledge.

Languages

Italian (native), English (native level), French (fluent), Spanish (intermediate).