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Education

Queen's University Belfast , PhD in Economics	Sept 2022 – present
• Thesis: Essays in Irish Economic Development. Submitted September 2025.	
Queen's University Belfast , MSc Economics	Sept 2021 – Sept 2022
• Classification: Distinction	
• Dissertation: Socioeconomic Outcomes, Inequality, and Industrial Policy: Northern Ireland 2001–2018	
Queen's University Belfast , BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics	Sept 2014 – Sept 2017
• Classification: 1st Class Honours	

Employment

Northern Ireland Assembly Constituency Office Manager and Advisor	2020 – 2022
European Parliament Senior Political Advisor, Political Attaché, and Accredited Parliamentary Assistant (Brussels, Strasbourg, and Ireland)	2018 – 2020

Scholarship

From Pensions to Pupils? Schooling, Resource Constraints and Old Age Pensions in Ireland 1901 – 1911 Solo Authored [paper available here]	Job Market Paper
Finding the Right Time and Place: Evidence from a Unique Place-Based Policy in Ireland 1891 – 1911 Solo Authored [paper available here]	Working Paper
People and the Poor Law: Measuring Poverty in Post-Famine Ireland 1872 – 1914 Solo Authored [paper available here]	Working Paper
Left in Limbo: Institutional Change, Religion, and the Catholic Baptism Gap in Twentieth Century Ireland Co-authoring with Professor Liam Kennedy	In Progress

PhD Committee

Supervisors: Alan Fernihough (QUB), David Jordan (QUB), and Alan de Bromhead (UCD)
Academic Progress Committee: Graham Brownlow (QUB) and Chris Colvin (QUB)
External Examiner: Paul Sharp (SDU)

Selected Presentations and Events

May 2025: Nevin Economic Research Institute Labour Market Conference	University of Ulster
May 2025: Irish Economic Association Annual Conference	Queen's University Belfast
Jan 2025: Irish Quantitative History Workshop	Trinity College Dublin
Dec 2024: Economic and Social History Society of Ireland Annual Conference	Queen's University Belfast
July 2024: Queen's Business School PGR Conference	Queen's University Belfast
Nov 2023: Economic History Society Residential Course	University of Warwick
Aug 2023: 'Historical Perspectives on Current Economic Issues'	University of Southern Denmark

Teaching Experience

Quantitative Methods (ECO1009), undergraduate tutorials and exam marking	Spring 2024 and 2025
Mathematics for Economists (ECO1004), undergraduate exam revision classes	Summer 2024
Economic History (ECO3020), guest lectures	Autumn 2024
Principles of Economics (ECO1013), undergraduate tutorials	Autumn 2025

Funding

Research Scholarship, Queen's Business School (2022 – 2025)

Affiliations

Centre for Economics, Policy, and History (CEPH), Research Student

Economic History Society (EHS), Member

Irish Economic Association (IEA), Member

Irish Historical Macroeconomic Policy Network (IHMP), Member

Royal Economic Society (RES), Member

Last Updated: October 2025