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Education

- Queen's University Belfast**, PhD in Economics Sept 2022 – present
- **Thesis:** Essays in Irish Economic Development. Viva passed in November 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** **Job Market Paper**
Solo Authored [paper available [here](#)]
- Finding the Right Time and Place: Evidence from a Unique Place-Based Policy in Ireland 1891 – 1911** **Working Paper**
Solo Authored [paper available [here](#)]
- People and the Poor Law: Measuring Poverty in Post-Famine Ireland 1872 – 1914** **Working Paper**
Solo Authored [paper available [here](#)]
- Left in Limbo: Institutional Change, Religion, and the Catholic Baptism Gap in Twentieth Century Ireland** **In Progress**
Co-authoring with Professor Liam Kennedy

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 and 2025
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

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