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Employment

The Long-Run Institute Senior Research Fellow (post-doc)	2026 – present
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

Education

Queen's University Belfast , PhD in Economics	Sept 2022 – January 2026
• Thesis: Essays in Irish Economic Development.	
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	

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

Sept 2026: Economic History Association Conference, dissertation prize session	St. Louis, USA
May 2026: Agriciometrics VI – Conference	Universidad de Alcalá
April 2026: Annual Conference Economic History Society – Centenary Conference	London School of Economics
January 2026: Graduate Economic History Seminar	London School of Economics
Dec 2025: Economic and Social History Society of Ireland Annual Conference	Dublin City University
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
Nov 2023: Economic History Society Residential Course
Aug 2023: 'Historical Perspectives on Current Economic Issues'

Trinity College Dublin
University of Warwick
University of Southern
Denmark

Teaching Experience

Contemporary Issues in Economics (QUB ECO3038), lectures & tutorials	Spring 2027 (upcoming)
Quantitative Methods (QUB ECO1009), undergrad tutorials and exam marking	Spring 2024, 2025, and 2026
Economic History: Lessons for Policy (Ulster University), Guest Lecture	Spring 2026
Mathematics for Economists (QUB ECO1004), undergrad exam revision classes	Summer 2024
Economic History (QUB ECO3020), guest lectures	Autumn 2024 and 2025
Principles of Economics (QUB ECO1013), undergrad tutorials and essay marking	Autumn 2025

Statistical Programmes and Quantitive Methods

Proficient : R, STATA, QGIS, and LaTeX

Basics : Matlab

Learning : Python

Methods : Difference-in-Difference, Regression Discontinuity Design, Vector Autoregressive Models. Experienced with both cross-sectional and panel data. Accustomed to working with "Big Data", administrative data, spatial data, and incomplete data.

Funding

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

Prizes

Gerschenkron Prize Finalist 2026 – Runner up for best doctoral thesis on an area outside of the USA/Canada at the Economic History Association Annual Conference.

Conniffe Prize 2026 – Best Paper by a young economist at the Irish Economic Association Annual Conference.

New Researcher Prize 2025 – Best Graduate Paper at Economic at the Annual Conference of the Economic and Social History Society of Ireland.

Affiliations

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

Economic History Association (EHA), Member

Economic History Society (EHS), Member

European Economic Association (EEA), Member

Irish Economic Association (IEA), Member

Irish Historical Macroeconomic Policy Network (IHMP), Member

Royal Economic Society (RES), Member

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