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Education

Ongoing PhD – UC Berkeley
2013/14 BA/MA – McGill University

Publications

1. Thomas, C. C., **Otis, N. G.**, Abraham, J. R., Markus, H. R., Walton, G. M. (2020). Toward a science of delivering aid with dignity: Experimental evidence and local forecasts from Kenya. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(27), 15546-15553. Press: Stanford News
2. DellaVigna, S., **Otis, N. G.**, Vivaldi, E. (2020). Forecasting the Results of Experiments: Piloting an Elicitation Strategy. In *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Vol. 110, pp. 75-79).

Research grants

- ▶ Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) (2021)
- ▶ Fetzer Franklin Fund (2019)
- ▶ Psychology and Economics of Poverty (PEP) research grant (2019)
- ▶ X-lab research grant (2019)
- ▶ Russell Sage Foundation Small Grant in Behavioral Economics (2018)
- ▶ The Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics (2018)
- ▶ GiveWell (2018)
- ▶ Economic Security Project (with Hazel Rose Markus and Catherine Thomas) (2017)

Fellowships and awards

- ▶ Oxford Global Priorities Fellowship (2018-2020)
- ▶ USAID Research and Innovation Fellowship (2018)
- ▶ Rocca Pre-dissertation Research Fellowship (2018)
- ▶ NIH/NIA Graduate fellowship (T32-AG000246)
- ▶ Course funding: Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative summer program (2016)
- ▶ Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Strategic Knowledge Cluster Competition Winner (2014)
- ▶ McGill Graduate Excellence Award (2014)
- ▶ Forces Avenir Award for Achievement of Committed Students, for Developing Pictures (cofounder) (2010)

Teaching

- ▶ Invited guest lecture: Econ 055 Behavioral Economics (Swarthmore)
- ▶ UGIS 192 (Fall, 2020, Spring, 2021): Undergraduate Research Mentor (Economics).

Refereeing

- ▶ American Economic Review (ad-hoc)

Presentations:

2021: Berkeley (BITSS annual meeting), Oxford (CSAE annual meeting), Metascience 2021, APPAM 2021 [scheduled]
2020: Berkeley (CEGA Summer Development Series), IDinsight
2019: Oxford (GPI), Erasmus University Rotterdam (invited seminar, cancelled to covid)
2018: Berkeley (Development Lunch)

Research experience

- ▶ 2019- Research Assistant: Stefano DellaVigna
- ▶ 2015-17 Research Specialist: Johannes Haushofer (Princeton University)
- ▶ 2014-15 Statistical Consultant: McGill Center for Families and Children
- ▶ 2013-15 Research Assistant: Oliver Coomes (McGill University)