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Education

MPhil/PhD Political Science, University College London

Expected Oct 2026

- Committee: Alexandra Hartman, Nils Metternich, Manuel Vogt
- Clara Collet Scholar (full scholarship)

MSc Security Studies (Political Science), University College London

2018

BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford

2016

Works in Progress

Caflisch, A. C. (2026) Local security provision and return from forced displacement: Evidence from South Sudan. WIDER Working Paper 2026/79. Helsinki: UNU-WIDER. <https://doi.org/10.35188/UNU-WIDER/2026/754-1>. *Job market paper*.

'Distributional Effects of Land Formalization: Experimental Evidence from Côte d'Ivoire' with Alexandra Hartman, Aletheia Donald, Michael O'Sullivan and Gabriel Tourek. *Working paper*.

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

'ML-based geographic sampling frames miss transitory populations in fragile regions' with Daniel Masterson, Stephen D. O'Connell, Ettan Patel, and Julia Smith-Omomo. *Working paper*.

'Reintegration, legibility, and harm: evidence from a panel survey of Haitian deportees' with Alexandra Hartman, Margaret Peters, Yang-Yang Zhou. *Data collection ongoing*.

'Social and Distributional Effects of Capital Grants for Small and Medium Enterprises on Employers and Employees: Evidence from Post-War Iraq' with Daniel Masterson, Stephen O'Connell, and Julia Smith-Omomo. *Data collection ongoing*.

Articles

These publications pre-date my PhD.

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.

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.

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.*

Grants, Awards & Scholarships

2026 Innovation for Poverty Action Peace and Recovery Initiative. Collective Healing for Social Inclusion: The Impact of Peer Support Groups on the Reintegration of Women with Perceived Family Affiliation to ISIL (Pilot Study). 50,000 USD.

2026 Conflict Research Society Cedric Smith Prize. Awarded for the best piece of peace and conflict research submitted by a PhD candidate or research graduate.

2026 APSA Migration and Citizenship Section Best Graduate Paper Award. Best paper on migration and/or citizenship presented at the 2025 APSA Annual Meeting in Vancouver.

2026 UNU WIDER Visiting PhD Fellowship. Competitive (<1% acceptance rate) three-month fellowship supporting independent research towards my doctoral dissertation. 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.

Teaching & Research Assistance

University College London

Post-Graduate Teaching Assistant

2024 – 2026

- Spread of conflict in international relations (2nd/3rd year undergraduate), winter 2026
- Introduction to qualitative methods: interviews, observation and fieldwork (graduate), inc. guest lecture, winter 2024
- Quantitative data analysis (2nd year undergraduate), autumn 2024

Research Assistant (Prof Alexandra Hartman)

2022 – 2023

- Econometric analysis for a research project on land rights and women empowerment in Côte d'Ivoire, in collaboration with the World Bank Gender Innovation Lab.

Non-Academic Professional Experience

International Organization for Migration

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

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

- Managed a research team of three international consultants and six Iraqi staff, setting strategy and overseeing quality assurance for three randomized controlled trials, a quasi-experimental study, and survey research on post-conflict recovery and forced displacement.
- Led the technical design and execution of impact evaluations, including sampling and power calculations, pre-analysis plans, survey instruments and treatment-effect estimation, managing the ethical and operational challenges typical of research in fragile and humanitarian settings.
- Established strategic partnerships with leading universities and think tanks; secured dedicated research funding from J-PAL, CEPR and IPA and sustained funding from large programmatic donors; 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 data and research unit in Haiti, scaling up the programme from 10 to 30+ staff in response to rapidly escalating violence and humanitarian needs.
- Designed and deployed an innovative displacement early warning methodology, overcoming access constraints by combining local community networks and technological solutions.
- Briefed donors and high-level decision-makers to inform evidence-based strategy and planning.
- Represented IOM in inter-agency access negotiations with leaders of non-state armed groups.

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

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

- Lead humanitarian analyst and displacement monitoring operations manager in Tigray during the civil war and IASC scale-up; briefed inter-agency decision-makers and co-led access efforts in hard-to-reach areas.

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

- Deputy head of unit, shaping strategic priorities and overseeing project development, budgeting, operations, analysis, reporting and quality control; acted as officer-in-charge for over 40 staff members.
- Designed and managed 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*

- Lead humanitarian and displacement analyst, authoring regular reports and dashboards; represented IOM in inter-agency humanitarian and conflict 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*

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*

Conferences & Invited Talks

- 2026 WZB Berlin Meetings on the Political Economy of Development (MoPED)
Inter-American Development Bank Forced Displacement Working Group
World Bank – UNHCR Research Conference on Forced Displacement.
Conflict Research Society
ESOC/ReCIPE Annual Meeting
- 2025 Fragile Lives Conference, International Security and Development Centre
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*.

Summer Schools

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.

Software & Coding Skills

Proficient user and trainer experience in R (coding language), inc. data processing (data.table, dplyr, tidyr), visualization (ggplot2, leaflet, shiny), geo-spatial analysis (sf, stars, terra, raster), NLP, machine learning, econometric modelling, complex survey analysis.

Proficient in Python, Stata, Kobo/ODK, SQL, LaTeX, Adobe InDesign & Illustrator, PowerBI, QGIS/ArcGIS, AWS, Git/GitHub, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook).

Languages

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