

WORLD BANK, GENDER INNOVATION LAB**Office Contact Information**

World Bank Headquarters
1818 H Street NW
Washington, DC
USA

Personal Contact Information

rcassidy@worldbank.org
www.rachelmccassidy.com

Personal Information:

Citizenships: UK, Ireland

Languages: English (native), French (fluent), Spanish (fluent), German (basic)

Current position:

Research Economist, World Bank Gender Innovation Lab, September 2019 – present

Non-resident Fellow, Center for Global Development, July 2018 – present

International Research Associate, Institute for Fiscal Studies, September 2019 – present

Research Associate, University of Warwick CAGE Research Centre, June 2021 – present

Previous positions:

Post-doctoral Fellow, Institute for Fiscal Studies, October 2017 – August 2019

Graduate Studies:

University of Oxford, 2012-2017

Ph.D. (“DPhil.”) in Economics

Thesis Title: “Essays in development economics”

Examiners: Professor Nava Ashraf (LSE), Professor Christopher Woodruff (Oxford)

Supervisors: Professor Stefan Dercon, Professor Marcel Fafchamps, Dr Simon Quinn

Stanford University, Visiting Student Researcher, Spring 2015

University of Oxford, MSc Economics for Development, *Distinction & prize for best thesis*, 2011

Undergraduate Studies:

University of Oxford, B.A., Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), *First-Class Honours*, 2009

Other employment

Dalberg Global Development Consulting, Geneva, Summer internship, 2015

European Commission, Brussels, Desk Economist for G20 and Middle-East-North-Africa Region, 2011-12

Research Fields:

Primary fields: Development economics, Gender and Household Economics

Secondary fields: Experimental economics, Behavioural economics

Publications and selected working papers:

[The power to protect: household bargaining and female condom use](#), Journal of Development Economics, 2021;
with Marije Groot Bruinderink, Wendy Janssens & Karlijn Morsink

[Banker My Neighbour: Matching and Financial Intermediation in Savings Groups](#), Journal of Development Economics, 2020; *with Marcel Fafchamps*

[Tuberculosis diagnosis and treatment under uncertainty](#), Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 2019;
with Charles F. Manski

[Evening the credit score? Impact of psychometric loan appraisal for women entrepreneurs](#), World Bank Policy

Research Working Paper #10230; with *Salman Alibhai, Markus Goldstein and Sreelakshmi Papineni*

[Father of the bride, or Steel Magnolias? Targeting men, women or both to reduce child marriage](#), Institute for Fiscal Studies Working Paper #W22/50; with *Anaya Dam, Wendy Janssens, Umair Kiana and Karlijn Morsink*

[Are the poor so present-biased?](#) Institute for Fiscal Studies Working Paper #W18/24

[New insights on women's employment in Ethiopia's industrial parks](#), World Bank Policy Brief (& working paper); with *Kehinde Ajayi, Niklas Buehren, and Isabelle Salcher*

Selected presentations (including forthcoming):

North-East Universities Development Conference (2017, 2022); IPA Annual Researcher Gathering (2022); Y-RISE Conference (2019, 2022); Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (2022), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (2017, 2022); Center for the Study of African Economies Conference (2015, 2017, 2019, 2023); Royal Economic Society Conference (2018, 2021); European Economic Association – Econometric Society European Meetings (2019); CEMMAP workshop (invited presentation, 2019); London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (invited seminar 2019); Lund University (invited seminar, 2018); Behavioural Insights Team (invited seminar 2019); Scottish International Development Workshop (invited presentation, 2019), Department for International Development (invited seminar, 2018); Institute for Fiscal Studies (invited seminar, 2016); University of Nottingham (invited seminar, 2016); Society of the Economics of the Household Conference (2018); Econometric Society European Winter meeting (2016); SEEDEC (2016); CEAR Atlanta (2016); All Souls Behavioral Economics Colloquium (2016), DfID iiG (2015).

Research Grants:

- | | |
|------|---|
| 2018 | ESRC IAA, “Collaboration with Oxfam and Pratham to increase NGO data impact” with Britta Augsburg, £30,000 |
| 2017 | DfID-ESRC, “Women’s empowerment, social norms, and domestic violence” with Karlijn Morsink & Wendy Janssens, £500,000 |
| 2017 | BA-Leverhume, “Domestic violence and women’s economic decision-making” with Dan Anderberg & Karlijn Morsink, £10,000 |
| 2014 | IGC Pakistan, “Time-inconsistency, liquidity and the demand for commitment savings products” (experiment for job market paper), with Marcel Fafchamps & Simon Quinn, £32,000 |
| 2013 | iiG (UK DfID), “Savings, lending and default in community-based microfinance groups, evidence from rural Malawi” (data collection for second-year paper), with Simon Quinn, £20,000 |

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| 2017 | Lindau Nobel Laureate meetings participant (by selection) |
| 2016 | UCSD Behavioural Economics Spring School participant (by selection) |
| 2015-16 | Frankel Memorial Studentship, Oriel College, University of Oxford |
| 2015 | Leader of Tomorrow (by nomination), St Gallen Symposium |
| 2012-16 | UK ESRC Advanced Quantitative Methods Studentship (for PhD) |
| 2011 | Luca d’Aglano Prize for best MSc thesis, University of Oxford |
| 2009-2010 | Department of Economics Scholarship (for MSc), University of Oxford |
| 2009-2010 | Ogilvie-Thompson Scholarship (for MSc), Worcester College |
| 2007-2009 | Worcester College Scholarship (for BA) |

Teaching Experience:

- | | |
|---------|---|
| 2016-17 | TA, Undergraduate Microeconomics; New College, University of Oxford; rated “excellent”. |
| 2014-17 | TA, MBA Core Microeconomics (“Firms and Markets”); University of Oxford Saïd Business School; rated “excellent”. Shortlisted for Oxford University’s Best Teacher Award 2017. |
| 2013-16 | Lecturer, Development Economics; CBL International Summer School, Oriel College, University of Oxford; rated “excellent”. |