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EVA VIVALT

EMPLOYMENT

Director, Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford	2023-current
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Toronto	2020-current
Wealth and Well-Being Research Fellow and Senior Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Research School of Economics, Australian National University	2020
Wealth and Well-Being Research Fellow and Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Research School of Economics, Australian National University	2016-2019
Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford University	2015-2016
Post-Doctoral Fellow, New York University	2013-2015
Young Professionals Program, World Bank	2011-2013

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, UC Berkeley	2011
M.A. in Mathematics, UC Berkeley	2010
M.Phil. in Development Studies, University of Oxford	2007
A.B. in Philosophy modified with Sociology, minor in Physics, Dartmouth College	2005

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Vivalt, E. and Coville, A. (2023). "How Do Policymakers Update Their Beliefs?" *Journal of Development Economics*, 165: 103121.

Chow, V. and Vivalt, E. (2022). "Challenges in Changing Social Norms: Evidence from Interventions Targeting Child Marriage in Ethiopia." *Journal of African Economies*, 31(3): 183-210.

Vivalt, E. (2020). "How Much Can We Generalize From Impact Evaluations?" *Journal of the European Economics Association*, 18(6): 3045–3089.

DellaVigna, S., Otis, N. and Vivalt, E. (2020). "Forecasting the Results of Experiments: Piloting an Elicitation Strategy." *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 110(5): 75-79.

DellaVigna, S., Pope, D. and Vivalt, E. (2019). "Predict Science to Improve Science." *Science*, 366(6464): 428-429.

Vivalt, E. (2019). "Specification Searching and Significance Inflation Across Time, Methods and Disciplines." *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 81(4): 797–816.

Vivalt, E. (2015). "Heterogeneous Treatment Effects in Impact Evaluation." *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, 105(5): 467–470.

WORKING PAPERS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Seeking Evidence: Which Studies Do Policymakers Prefer? (with Aidan Coville and Sampada KC)

Local Knowledge, Formal Evidence, and Policy Decisions (with Aidan Coville and Sampada KC)

The Unclaimed Property Puzzle: Billion Dollar Bills Lying on the Sidewalk

The Causal Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from Two U.S. States (with Alex Bartik, David Broockman, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes)

The Causal Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from a Large U.S. City (with Alex Bartik, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes)

The Causal Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from a U.S. County (with Nour Abdul-Razzak, Alex Bartik, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes)

Research on forecasts leveraging the [Social Science Prediction Platform](#) (with Stefano DellaVigna and Nicholas Otis)

Gathering, Evaluating, and Aggregating Social Scientific Models of COVID-19 Mortality (Miriam A. Golden, Alexandra Scacco, Haoyu Zhai, Tara Slough, Macartan Humphreys, Eva Vivalt, Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, Kim Yi Dionne, Sampada KC, Eugenia Nazrullaeva et al.)

The Shape of Moral Values (with Emiliano Huet-Vaughn, Minh Pham, and Josh Tasoff)

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, HONOURS AND GRANTS

All amounts are in USD unless otherwise specified

2023	\$2,311,645 from the NIH, with Alex Bartik, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes
2023	\$85,029 CAD from a SSHRC Insight Grant, with Alex Bartik, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes
2023	\$40,000 from Open Philanthropy
2022	\$346,000 from the Founders Pledge's Survival and Flourishing Fund
2022	\$600,000 from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, with Stefano DellaVigna
2022	\$374,947 from the Spencer Foundation's Large Research Grants on Education Program, with Alex Bartik, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes
2022	\$549,136 from the NSF, with Marianne Bertrand, Alex Bartik, and Elizabeth Rhodes
2021	\$2,494,318 from the NIH, with Alex Bartik, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes
2020	\$209,655 from J-PAL North America SPRI, with Alex Bartik, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes
2020	\$50,000 from the Russell Sage Foundation, with Alex Bartik, David Broockman, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Rhodes
2019	\$174,921 from the Russell Sage Foundation and \$201,461 AUD from the Australian National University
2019	\$405,322 from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and \$285,000 from an anonymous foundation, with Stefano DellaVigna
2019	\$150,000 AUD from the John Mitchell Economics of Poverty Lab
2018	Early Career Researcher Grant Scheme
2018	\$75,000 from Open Philanthropy
2016-2017	AARF Research Grants
2016-2017	Research School Grants
2016	Australian National University Inaugural Wealth and Well-Being Fellow
2015	SSMART Research Grant
2015	Leamer-Rosenthal Prize - Emerging Researchers
2012	\$75,000 from an anonymous foundation for AidGrade
2010	Dean's Normative Time Fellowship

2007	International Gateway Fellowship
2005	Commonwealth Scholarship (full scholarship for graduate study at Oxford, plus stipend)
2004-2005	Rufus Choate Scholar
2003	Presidential Scholarship
2002	Class of '59 International Scholarship
2001	Ward N. Hunt Scholarship

REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

Bernard, D. R. and Vivalt, E. (in press). “What are the Prospects of Forecasting the Far Future?” in Barrett, J., H. Greaves, & D. Thorstad (*eds.*), Essays on Longtermism. London: Oxford University Press.

Vivalt, E. (2020). “Using Priors in Experimental Design: How Much Are We Leaving on the Table?” in Bédécarrats F., I. Guérin, & F. Roubaud (*eds.*), Randomized Control Trials in the Field of Development: The Gold Standard Revisited (pp. 293-303). London: Oxford University Press.

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Teaching:

2023: Topics in Development Economics and Policy (Undergraduate), Department of Economics, University of Toronto

2022: Labor Economics: The Distribution of Earnings (Undergraduate) and Topics in Development Economics and Policy (Undergraduate), Department of Economics, University of Toronto

2021: Topics in Development Economics and Policy (Undergraduate), Department of Economics, University of Toronto

2019: Advanced Topics in Poverty, Public Policy and Development / Development, Poverty and Famine (joint Graduate / Undergraduate), Research School of Economics, Australian National University

2018: Advanced Topics in Poverty, Public Policy and Development / Development, Poverty and Famine (joint Graduate / Undergraduate), Research School of Economics, Australian National University

2015: Economic Policy Analysis (Undergraduate), Department of Economics, Stanford University

Supervision:

2022 – present: Poli Natama, PhD student in the Department of Economics, University of Toronto (committee member)

2018 – 2021: Chris Wokker, PhD student at the Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University (associate supervisor)

2019: Harshit Shah, MA student in the Research School of Economics, Australian National University, An Huang (Case Studies in Applied Economic Analysis and Econometrics)

2018: Rosa Bishop, Honours student in the Research School of Economics, Australian National University, now at the Reserve Bank of Australia (supervisor); Yashu Kalera (Case Studies in Applied Economic Analysis and Econometrics)

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Selected Seminars and Talks (including planned):

2024: Erasmus University Rotterdam, Dartmouth College, Opportunity Insights at Harvard University, University of Chicago, Stanford University, Yale University

2023: Tulane University, University of California, Santa Cruz

2022: Monash University, University of Oxford, University of Texas - Austin
2021: NYU Center for Experimental Social Science, Johns Hopkins University Causal Inference Working Group, Number 10 Data Science, University of New South Wales, University of Zurich, Behavioural Insights Team
2020: Toulouse School of Economics, University of Toronto, University of California, Davis, Yale University, University of Auckland*, University of Western Australia*, University of Melbourne*, University of Chicago*, Australia and New Zealand Workshop in Experimental Economics (* cancelled due to COVID-19)
2019: University of New South Wales, University of Melbourne, University of Sydney, University of Zurich, University of Oxford, Northwestern University, University of Warwick
2018: Pennsylvania State University, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, University of British Columbia, University of San Francisco, University of Queensland
2017: University of Adelaide, Reserve Bank of Australia, NSW Behavioural Insights Unit, National University of Singapore, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, University of Sydney, University of New South Wales
2016: Productivity Commission, University of Melbourne, University of California, San Diego, Inter-American Development Bank, Stanford University, University of New South Wales, University of California, Berkeley
2015: Stockholm School of Economics, Australian National University, London School of Economics, University of Toronto, University of Ottawa, Princeton University, Cornell University

Selected Conference Presentations (including planned):

2024: American Economic Association Meeting
2023: American Economic Association Meeting, Economics for Inclusive Prosperity, External Validity Conference, The Methodological Challenges of Meta-Analysis in the Social Sciences, Effective Altruism Global, Canadian Economics Association Conference, Cash Transfers in the U.S.: The Science of Impact, Forecasting in the Social Sciences Workshop
2022: Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences, Research Networks on Economic Experiments for the Common Agricultural Policy (keynote), Workshop on Forecasting Existential Risks and the Long-Term Future
2021: Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences, Toronto Data Workshop on Reproducibility (keynote), Prediction, Registration, and Replication of Scientific Findings, Metascience 2021 (plenary)
2020: Center for Human-Compatible AI Workshop, Effective Altruism Global x Asia-Pacific, 5th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research
2019: Warwick Applied Workshop, Centre for the Study of African Economies Workshop on Meta-Analysis in Development Economics: Methods and Applications, Effective Altruism Global, 3rd Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research, Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale Conference
2018: Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale Inaugural Conference, Workshop on Forecasts of Social Science Results, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Australasian Development Economics Workshop, Centre for the Study of African Economies (plenary), New Approaches in Causal Inference, American Economic Association Meeting
2017: Effective Altruism Global x Australia, Effective Altruism Global, Research Transparency and Reproducibility Workshop, Y Conf, Australasian Aid Conference, American Economic Association Meeting
2016: Atlantic Causal Inference Conference, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Effective Altruism Global x Australia, Pacific Development Conference
2015: Effective Altruism Global, American Economic Association Meeting

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Public Goods:

Social Science Prediction Platform (with Stefano DellaVigna)
Forecasting Research Institute Board Member
Editorial Board, Institute for Replication

Organized Workshops:

Forecasting in the Social Sciences Workshop (Berkeley Institute for Transparency in the Social Sciences, University of California, Berkeley), Workshop on Forecasts of Social Science Results (Berkeley Institute for Transparency in the Social Sciences, University of California, Berkeley), Australasian Development Economics Workshop (Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University), New Approaches in Causal Inference (Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford)

Referee Service:

American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of the European Economic Association, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Human Resources, Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Nature, Nature Human Behavior, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Political Economy: Macro, Journal of Business & Economic Statistics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Economic Surveys, Economic Development and Cultural Change, World Bank Economic Review, World Development, Review of Development Economics, Sociological Methods and Research, Environmental and Resource Economics, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Governance, Journal of Peace Research, Behavioural Public Policy

OTHER INFORMATION

Affiliations:

American Economic Association
Affiliated Researcher, Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale, Yale University
Invited Researcher, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab – North America
Schwartz Reisman Institute Faculty Affiliate, University of Toronto
Research Affiliate, Inclusive Economy Lab, University of Chicago
Associate Member, Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Citizenship: Canadian

Languages: English (native); French (fluent); Chinese (intermediate); Spanish, Russian, Arabic (basic)