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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- DPhil in Sociology **University of Oxford, Nuffield College, UK.**
06/2019 (exp.) Supervised by Professors Francesco Billari and Christiaan Monden.
Recipient of a major research council scholarship.
- Visiting PhD Student **Bocconi University, Italy.**
05/2018 Invited by Professor Nicoletta Balbo at the Dondena Research Center.
- Visiting PhD Student **University of Pennsylvania, USA.**
07/2017 Invited by Professor Jason Schnittker at the Population Studies Center.
- MSc in Sociology **University of Oxford, Oriel College, UK.**
09/2014 Recipient of a major research council scholarship.
- BA in Sociology **University of Essex, UK.**
07/2013 First-class Honours. Highest degree grade (ranked 1st out of 100+ students), best 2nd year performance and 1st year distinction.

Doctoral Thesis and Research Profile

- Title **Positive Mental Health Over the Life Course**
- Description This thesis critically analyses the concept of positive mental health by testing its empirical validity over important demographic life course trajectories, and by contrasting the proposed multi-dimensionality of mental health with more established measures like subjective well-being or life-satisfaction. A definition of positive mental health would entail a combination of feeling good and functioning well and consists of the three sub-dimensions of affective (emotional and cognitive), psychological (eudaimonic) and social well-being.
- Research Interests Demography and the life course, epidemiology, social determinants of (mental) health and well-being, medical sociology, social theory, sociology of the family, comparative cross-country research, official statistics, digitalisation.
- Methodological Expertise Advanced statistical, especially parametric and non-parametric event history (survival analyses) techniques, longitudinal and panel data modelling (causal inference in regression designs, data management and GIS, matching techniques and programming), multi-level-, structural equations-, factor- and latent class analyses, machine learning.

Work Experience

Professional

- Bluebook Trainee
03/2019–07/2019 **European Research Council ERC**, *European Commission*, Brussels.
Analysing open access compliance rates of ERC grant holders in the Horizon 2020 framework. Numerous tasks in the administration and selection of ERC grant applications.
The traineeship scheme at the European Commission is highly selective with a selection rate of < 5%.
- Research Intern
09/2018–02/2019 **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development OECD**, *Statistics and Data Directorate*, Paris.
Conducting comparative research on official health measurement frameworks, prepare publications and reports, revision of official indicators. Carrying out a comprehensive review of objective health measure, mental health and well-being indicators across OECD countries.

Research

- Research Assistant
03/2016–03/2017 **Center for Experimental Social Sciences**, *Nuffield College (Professor Raymond Duch)*, University of Oxford.
Conducting social science experiments in economics, politics and sociology. Handling the day-to-day operations of the computer lab, managing participants and organising payments, helping researchers with the practicalities of conducting experiments.
- Data Analyst Plus
07/2013–08/2013 **Knowledge Transfer Project with Essex County Council**,
07/2012–09/2012 *Professor Berthold Lausen*, University of Essex.
Data Analyst
Collaborative work with Essex County Council on predicting the effect of re-ablement packages on elderly people's admissions to care homes. Statistical modelling in R (ROC curves, data validation techniques), data mining. Experience in handling public health data. Familiarity with machine learning approaches for statistical analyses (random forests, deep learning, gradient boosting) in RapidMiner. Leading a team of three data analysts. Report writing and presenting results to external audiences, and involvement in writing an academic paper.
- Research Assistant
10/2011–02/2013 **Department of Sociology**, *Professor Nick Allum*, University of Essex.
Conducting and analysing surveys with potential and current students on their attitudes towards studying sociology. Experience: SPSS programming, survey methodology (question wording, randomisation of answer options), presenting results in *Prezi*.

Teaching

- Teaching Fellow
01/2016–04/2017 **Social Research Methods (Statistics)**, *Department of International Relations (Professor Mathias Czaika)*, University of Oxford.
Teaching statistics to MSc students and conducting lab sessions (STATA). Giving guidance to students on their research projects and marking their assignments.

Teaching Assistant 10/2014–01/2017	Sociological Analysis , <i>Department of Sociology (Professors Michael Biggs and Melina Mills)</i> , University of Oxford. Marking essays and giving individual feedback to postgraduate students. Developing a new marking scheme and designing teaching materials.
Undergraduate Tutor 04/2016–06/2016	Demography , <i>Hertford College (Lecturer Clive Hambler)</i> , University of Oxford. Teaching undergraduate demography tutorials on population projections and cohort analyses.

Awards, Further Experiences and Skills

Awards, Grants and Scholarships

Grant €1,860 06/2017	European Consortium for Sociological Research: Research visit to Bocconi University.
Grant £4,000 11/2016	Economic and Social Research Council: Overseas institutional visit to the University of Pennsylvania.
Scholarship £80,000 09/2013	Economic and Social Research Council: Stipend and postgraduate (MSc and DPhil) tuition fees (University of Oxford).
Scholarship £110,000 03/2013 <i>I declined.</i>	Economic and Social Research Council: Stipend and postgraduate (MSc and DPhil) tuition fees (University of Essex in collaboration with IPSOS Mori).
Award £100 07/2013	<i>Fuller Bequest Undergraduate Prize</i> for the highest degree grade (Department of Sociology, University of Essex).
Award £100 07/2012	<i>Inner Wheel Club Southend-on-Sea Prize</i> for the highest 2 nd year degree grade (Department of Sociology, University of Essex).

Computer Skills

Statistical Software	GIS, MIWiN, R, SPSS, STATA	Programming	HTML, L ^A T _E X, SQL, Swift, Xcode
Productivity	Endnote, MS Office, Sharepoint	Design	Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop

Language Skills

English	Native (acquired)	French	Intermediate
German	Native	Italian	Basic
Latin	Academic		

Further Achievements

Actor and Producer 10/2014–07/2018	The Oxford German Play, a student run foreign language theatre group at the University of Oxford.
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- Development Associate 11/2016–03/2018 Telephone campaign at Nuffield College, working in a team of 5 to secure £140,00 in donations, vastly exceeding expectations. I also helped to train other students in the consecutive campaign.
- President 04/2015–03/2016 Nuffield College's *Junior Common Room* (95 students). I managed a budget of £14,000, and orchestrated a team of 17 representatives. Strategic planning in liaison with the college's senior leadership team. <https://www.nuffield.ox.ac.uk/About/Documents/Annual%20Report%202014-2015.pdf>, pp. 10-12.

Professional Service and Publications

Professional Service

- Refereeing Advances in Life Course Research, European Sociological Review.
- Conference Organisation Popfest 2018 (Graduate Student Conference), Nuffield College.

Articles in Preparation

- Jacobi, C., Thiel, D., and Allum, N. *Factors enabling and constraining successful re-ablement: Results from modelling local authority management data of home-based restorative care interventions in Essex, UK.*
- Jacobi, C., Schnittker, J. *Positive mental health and mortality in the USA.*
- Jacobi, C. *Longitudinal and multilevel effects of neighbourhood deprivation on positive and negative mental health.*
- Jacobi, C. *Does divorce cause declines in eudaimonic well-being?*
- Jacobi, C. *Trends in positive mental health over time from a UK representative household survey.*
- Jacobi, C., Exton, C., Fleischer, L. *OECD working paper on self-rated health, mental health and subjective well-being measures.*

Conference Presentations

- 09/2019 *upcoming* International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies, Granada, Spain. *Eudaimonia and religiousness in the United Kingdom.*
- 07/2019 *upcoming* Understanding Society Scientific Conference, Colchester, UK. *GHQ, WEMWBS and SF-12: What's the difference?*
- 03/2019 Conference on Culture, Religion and Eudaimonia, Eudaimonia Institute, Winston-Salem, USA. *Trends in religiousness and positive mental health in the United Kingdom.*
- 03/2018 International Conference on Policies for Happiness and Health, Siena, Italy. *Trends in multi-dimensional well-being over time.*
- 03/2018 International Conference on Policies for Happiness and Health, Siena, Italy. *What is a healthy personality? Positive mental health and long-term mortality risk in the USA.*

- 09/2017 International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies, Innsbruck, Austria. *Differing associations of negative and positive mental health variables with life-course events in the UK.*
- 04/2017 Population Association of America, Chicago, USA. *Positive mental health and mortality in the UK.*
- 09/2016 European Consortium for Sociological Research, Oxford, UK. *Is objective neighbourhood deprivation (causally) associated with positive mental health?*
- 09/2016 British Society for Population Studies, Winchester, UK. *Positive mental health and mortality.*
- 09/2016 British Sociological Association, Medical Sociology Annual Conference, Birmingham, UK. *Positive mental health and mortality. A longitudinal assessment of the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-Being Scale based on nationally representative data of UK households (Understanding Society).*
- 07/2016 PopFest 2016 (Graduate Student Conference), Manchester, UK. *Introducing the positive mental health (PMH) framework and testing its association with mortality.*
- 03/2016 British Sociological Association, Medical Sociology Scottish Group Inaugural Conference, Glasgow, UK. *Positive mental health (research and policy).*

Other Publications

- Jacobi, C. 2013 *Attitudes towards social welfare and gender in the British Social Attitudes Survey.* IDEATE The Undergraduate Journal of Sociology, Vol. 10, University of Essex.
- Jacobi, C. 2012 *Outline and assess Weber's notion of social action. How is it different from the approach of either Marx or Durkheim?* IDEATE The Undergraduate Journal of Sociology, Vol. 9, University of Essex.
- Jacobi, C. 2012 *What do Baudrillard's theories of simulation and hyper-reality tell us about the information society?* IDEATE The Undergraduate Journal of Sociology, Vol. 9, University of Essex.

Media Appearances and Public Engagement

- 08/09/2016 British Sociological Association. <https://www.britsoc.co.uk/media-centre/press-releases/2016/september/being-positive-linked-to-lower-chance-of-dying-study-says/>
Press
- 08/09/2016 MedicalXpress. <http://medicalxpress.com/news/2016-09-positive-linked-chance-dying.html>
News Article

01/10/2015 The Henry Box School Festival of Social Sciences, Witney, UK.
Talk *Does your neighbourhood make you ill?* [presentation and workshop]

References

Billari, F.C. Professor and Dean of Faculty at Bocconi University.
Monden, C. Professor at Oxford University.