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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2020 - present	Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Economics (University of Cape Town)
2019	Master of Commerce in Economics (Stellenbosch University)
2018	Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Economics (<i>cum laude</i>) (Stellenbosch University)
2015 - 2017	Bachelor of Commerce (Stellenbosch University)

AWARDS

2019	Co-winner of the Founder's Medal issued by the Economics Society of South Africa (ESSA) for best Honours economics thesis in South Africa for 2018
2019	Recipient of the Genesis Analytics Certificate of Achievement: Top 3 B.Com. Honours (Economics) students in 2018

EMPLOYMENT

Dec 2019 – present	Junior Researcher, Development Policy Research Unit, University of Cape Town
July 2020 – present	Assessor, MIT Sloan Economics for Business online program, GetSmarter
Feb 2019 – Nov 2019	Research Assistant to Dr. Nic Spaull (Research on Socio-Economic Policy (ReSEP), Funda Wande)
Nov 2018 – Dec 2018	Research Intern in the South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) Economic Research and Statistics Department
Jan 2017 – Oct 2019	Private individual- and group-level Undergraduate Economics Tutor

Jan 2017 – Nov 2018 Departmental Economics Tutor (Stellenbosch University)

Jan 2018 – July 2018 Departmental Demi Assistant (Stellenbosch University)

PUBLICATIONS

Köhler, T. (2020). Class size and outcomes in South African secondary schools: The role of school socioeconomic status. *Development Southern Africa*. DOI: 10.1080/0376835X.2020.1845614.

WORKING PAPERS

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Maughan-Brown, B., Köhler, T., Burger, R., Christian, C., Rossouw, L. and English, R. (2021). *COVID-19 risk perceptions, preventative behaviour and COVID-fatigue during a lull in the epidemic in South Africa*. National Income Dynamics Study: Coronavirus Rapid Mobile Survey Wave 3 Policy Paper.

Hill, R. and Köhler, T. (2021). *Mind the gap: The distributional effects of South Africa's national lockdown on gender wage inequality*. Development Policy Research Unit Working Paper 202101. DPRU, University of Cape Town.

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Hill, R. and Köhler, T. (2020). *Mind the gap: Examining the effects of South Africa's national lockdown on gender wage inequality*. National Income Dynamics Study: Coronavirus Rapid Mobile Survey Wave 2 Policy Paper No. 7.

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Bhorat, H., Köhler, T., Oosthuizen, M., Stanwix, B., Steenkamp, F. and Thornton, A. (2020). *The Economics of Covid-19 in South Africa: Early Impressions*. Development Policy Research Unit Working Paper 202004. DPRU, University of Cape Town.

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Köhler, T. and de Wit, M. (2019). *Economic Growth and Environmental Degradation: Investigating the existence of the environmental Kuznets curve for local and global pollutants in South Africa*. Stellenbosch Economic Working Paper No. 04/2019. Stellenbosch University.

POLICY BRIEFS

Baskaran, G., Bhorat, H. and Köhler, T. (2020). *South Africa's Special COVID-19 Grant: A Brief Assessment of Coverage and Expenditure Dynamics*. DPRU Policy Brief 20/55. DPRU, University of Cape Town.

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<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-07-08-labour-market-ters-payment-period-should-be-extended-if-job-losses-are-to-be-minimised/>.

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<https://www.thebrenthurstfoundation.org/news/did-covid-19-grants-work-survey-reveals-the-answer/>.

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'Reintroduction of SRD grant offers renewed hope to those struggling financially', Cape Argus and IOL, 27 July 2021. Available here: <https://www.iol.co.za/capeargus/news/reintroduction-of-srd-grant-offers-renewed-hope-to-those-struggling-financially-c0712bb2-b1e6-4aee-9a7a-48e5f8787fd0>.

'COVID-19 pandemic has triggered a rise in hunger in South Africa', The Conversation, 21 July 2021. Available here: <https://theconversation.com/covid-19-pandemic-has-triggered-a-rise-in-hunger-in-south-africa-164581>.

‘No livelihood or hope: The warning signs of violence’, Mail & Guardian, 14 July 2021. Available here: <https://mg.co.za/news/2021-07-14-no-livelihood-or-hope-the-warning-signs-of-violence/>.

‘R350 grant: A ticket into the labour market — report’, Mail & Guardian, 29 June 2021. Available here: <https://mg.co.za/business/2021-06-29-r350-grant-a-ticket-into-the-labour-market-report/>.

‘Of SA jobs lost, only a quarter were due to lockdown itself: Experts’, Sunday Times, 12 May 2021. Available here: <https://www.timeslive.co.za/sunday-times-daily/news/2021-05-12-of-sa-jobs-lost-only-a-quarter-were-due-to-lockdown-itself-experts/>.

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‘The ‘she-cession’: Covid-19 economy KO’s women in South Africa’, Daily Maverick, 1 October 2020. Available here: <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-10-01-the-she-cession-covid-19-economy-kos-women-in-south-africa/>.

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‘New index ranks physical-interaction aspect of Covid-19 transmission risk across occupations’, Engineering News, 5 May 2020. Available here: <https://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/new-index-ranks-physical-interaction-aspect-of-covid-19-transmission-risk-across-occupations-2020-05-05/>

RADIO, TELEVISION, PODCASTS (selected)

Interview on the NIDS-CRAM Wave 5 findings, Business Day TV, July 2021. Available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HezIU2MBGxA>.

Interview on the NIDS-CRAM Wave 5 findings, POWERFM, July 2021. Available here: <https://omny.fm/shows/power-business/while-sa-male-employment-is-back-to-pre-pandemic-1>.

Interview on South Africa’s COVID-19 relief package, POWERFM, July 2021. Available here: <https://omny.fm/shows/power-business/extending-the-covid-19-relief-package-research-don>.

Interview on South Africa’s COVID-19 vaccine rollout, eNCA, May 2021. Available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yT8wr4eGOek&t=1s>.

‘SA’s labour market: Is a national lockdown as severe as we think?’, Economic Research Southern Africa podcast, May 2021. Available here: http://www.econrsa.org/podcasts/sas-labour-market-national-lockdown-severe-we-think?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=sm&utm_campaign=24.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (selected)

September 2021: *2021 UNU-WIDER Development Conference*. COVID-19 and the labour market: Estimating the employment effects of South Africa's national lockdown. Poster presentation.

September 2021: *2021 Jobs and Development Conference organised by the World Bank, IZA (Institute of Labor Economics), UNU-WIDER, and the Network on Jobs and Development*. The distributional effects of COVID-19 on gender wage inequality in South Africa.

August 2021: *Pan-African Scientific Research Council's (PASRC) COVID-19 Conference*. COVID-19 and the labour market: Estimating the employment effects of South Africa's national lockdown.

July 2021: *Economic Research Southern Africa webinar*. Can cash transfers aid labour market recovery? Evidence from South Africa's special COVID-19 grant.

July 2021: *LSE Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ) PhD Workshop*. COVID-19 in the context of extreme unemployment and inequality: Estimating the employment effects of South Africa's national lockdown.

June 2021: *UCT School of Economics seminar*. COVID-19 and the labour market: Estimating the employment effects of South Africa's national lockdown.

June 2021: *2021 Annual International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) Conference*. The distributional effects of COVID-19 on gender wage inequality in South Africa.

May 2021: *University of Pretoria PhD Economics Workshop*. COVID-19 and the labour market: Estimating the employment effects of South Africa's national lockdown.

May 2021: *Economic Research Southern Africa webinar*. COVID-19 and the labour market: Estimating the employment effects of South Africa's national lockdown.

February 2020: *Research on Socio-Economic Policy (ReSEP) Brown Bag Lunch*. Does Class Size Matter in South African Secondary Schools? It Depends.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Micro-economics, poverty and inequality measurement and analysis, labour economics, social protection, the economics of education, health economics, randomised evaluations,

SKILLS

Micro-econometric analysis, survey data analysis, application of quasi-experimental techniques, causal inference, quantitative statistical analysis using Stata and R, typesetting in LaTeX