

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Commerce (Advanced), First Class Honors (University of Sydney) 2006-2010

I received First Class Honors for my thesis focusing on taxation in Africa and was selected as the most outstanding student in the Economics and Business faculty. I ranked in the top 5% of my cohort. I also completed an exchange program at UCLA and achieved a 4.0 GPA.

Master of Arts, International and Development Economics (Yale University) 2011-2012

I received the highest grade possible in all of my subjects. I studied economics, econometrics, international development and public policy. I was on study leave from the Australian Treasury.

Doctor of Philosophy, Economics (Australian National University) 2016-2020

My research primarily involved conducting field and survey experiments on issues related to taxes and government transfers in a range of developing countries. I was nominated by two of my examiners to receive the most outstanding PhD award in 2020 at the ANU.

Visiting Scholar, Global Poverty Research Lab (Northwestern University) 2019

I was hosted by Professor Dean Karlan (founder of Innovations for Poverty Action and former Chief Economist of USAID).

PUBLICATIONS

Hoy, C., & Mager, F. (2021). Why are relatively poor people not more supportive of redistribution? Evidence from a randomized survey experiment across ten countries. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 13(4), 299–328. (A* - ABDC)

Hoy, C., & Mager, F. (2021). American exceptionalism? Differences in the elasticity of preferences for redistribution between the United States and Western Europe. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 192, 518–540. (A* - ABDC)

Wood, T., Hoy, C., & Pryke, J. (2021). The effect of geostrategic competition on public attitudes to aid. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 8(3), 285–295. (A - APSA)

Hoy, C., & Sumner, A. (2021). The end of global poverty: Is the UN Sustainable Development Goal 1 (still) achievable? *Global Policy*, 12(4), 419–429. (A - APSA)

Wood, T., & Hoy, C. (2022). Helping us or helping them? What makes foreign aid popular with donor publics? *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 70(2), 567–586. (A - ABDC)

Hoy, C., Toth, R., & Merdikawati, N. (2022). Can a multipronged strategy of “soft” interventions surmount structural barriers for financial inclusion? Evidence from the unbanked in Papua New Guinea. *Journal of Development Studies*, 58(12), 2460–2482. (A - ABDC)

Mijs, J. J. B., & Hoy, C. (2022). How information about economic inequality impacts belief in meritocracy: Evidence from a randomized survey experiment across Australia, Indonesia and Mexico. *Social Problems*, 69(1), 91–122. (A - ABDC)

Sumner, A., Ortiz-Juarez, E., & Hoy, C. (2022). Measuring global poverty before and during the pandemic: A political economy of overoptimism. *Third World Quarterly*, 43(1), 1–17. (A - APSA)

Hoy, C., Wood, T., & Moscoe, E. (2022). Addressing vaccine hesitancy in developing countries: Survey and experimental evidence. *PLOS ONE*, 17(11), e0277493. (SJR - Q1)

Hoy, C., McKenzie, L., & Sinning, M. (2024). Improving tax compliance without increasing revenue: Evidence from population-wide randomized controlled trials in Papua New Guinea. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 72(2), 691–723. (A - ABDC)

Hoy, C., Toth, R., & Merdikawati, N. (2024). A false divide? Providing information about inequality aligns preferences for redistribution between right- and left-wing voters. *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 22(3), 669–707. (A - ABDC)

Hoy, C., Simbeye, L., Koivisto, A., Maboshe, M., & Malik, M. A. A. (2024). How have formal firms recovered from the pandemic? Insights from survey and tax administrative data in Zambia. *Journal of African Economies*, 33(5), 538–561. (A - ABDC)

Hoy, C., Toth, R., & Merdikawati, N. (2024). How does information about inequality shape voting intentions and preferences for redistribution? Evidence from a randomized survey experiment in Indonesia. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 112, 102274. (A - ABDC)

Hoy, C. (2025). How does progressivity impact tax morale? Experimental evidence across developing countries. *Journal of Development Economics*, 172, 103398. (A* - ABDC)

Hoy, C., Kanagavel, R., & Cameron, C. (2025). Intra-household dynamics and attitudes towards vaccines: Experimental and survey evidence from Zambia. *Review of Economics of the Household*. doi:10.1007/s11150-025-09768-3. (A - ABDC)

Hoy, C., Kim, Y. S., Nguyen, M. C., Sosa, M., & Tiwari, S. (2026). Attitudes towards reducing fossil fuel subsidies: Evidence across 12 middle-income countries. *Journal of Development Economics*, 178, 103612. (A* - ABDC)

Hoy, Christopher; Lionel Page; Catherine Eckel; Phillip Grossman; & Daniel Goldstein. “Political Polarization, Wage Inequality and Preferences for Redistribution” *R&R at Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* (A* - ABDC)

Hoy, Christopher; Filip Jolevski; & Anthony Obeyesekere “Revealing Tax Evasion: Experimental Evidence from a Nationally Representative Survey of Indonesian Firms” *R&R at Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* (A* - ABDC)

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

“Horizontal Inequity of Taxation: Citizens Perceptions and Preferences” with Pierre Bachas (World Bank), Anders Jensen (Harvard) and Mahvish Shaukat (World Bank)

“For Shorter or Poorer: Survey-based Values of the Trade-off between Poverty and Mortality” with Benoit Decerf (World Bank) and Olivier Sterck (Oxford)

“Attitudes toward Poverty Reduction Programs Around the World” with Francois Gerard (UCL), Ben Waltmann (IFS) and Edward Bond (IFS)

“Informality, Incidence and Pass-through of VAT Exemptions” with Matias Strehl-Pessina (UC Santa Barbara), and Ruggero Doino (Sciences Po)

“Mangers as Gatekeepers in the Age of AI” with Yong Suk Lee (Notre Dame), Cassandra Merritt (Notre Dame), and Jacob Dominski (University of Maryland)

“Public Preferences for Economic Reforms” with several World Bank colleagues

“Trade-offs in the Design of Simplified Tax Regimes” with several World Bank colleagues

WORK EXPERIENCE

McKenzie Research Fellow at University of Melbourne 17/06/25-

I am working as a full-time Researcher (i.e., no teaching responsibilities) at the Melbourne Institute (Applied Economics Department) of the University of Melbourne. This position is primarily funded through an endowment, and only around 2.5% of applicants are successful.

World Bank Economist (joined via the Young Professionals Program) 14/09/20-16/06/25

I worked as an Economist across the Poverty, Macro, and Governance Global Practices. I was the first Australian selected in an economist role via the World Bank Young Professional Program in over a decade, and only around 0.5% of applicants are successful.

Research Fellow at Australian National University 20/01/20-31/08/20

I led a research agenda working with policy makers in the Asia-Pacific to use impact evaluations to evaluate programs. For example, I partnered with JPAL and IPA to run training sessions and attracted over USD2 million to establish a country office in Papua New Guinea.

Independent Economics Consultant 01/01/16-19/01/20

I worked as an economics consultant on a range of projects, including with the World Bank and Asian Development Bank. This included conducting the first randomized control trial in Papua New Guinea, which led to the removal of bank fees for many lower-income households.

Lecturer (Part-time) at the Australian National University 20/01/19-30/06/19

I taught and was course convenor of a graduate level subject, “Poverty Reduction”, and the student feedback was among the highest scores in the Crawford School of Public Policy.

Lecturer (Part-time) at the University of Sydney 20/01/17-30/11/18

I taught three graduate-level subjects in Development Studies about impact evaluation and a short course on this topic for Indonesian Public Servants from the national planning authority.

Researcher at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI Global) 01/09/14-31/12/15

I worked as a researcher in the Growth, Poverty and Inequality division. I sole or co-authored over 15 policy papers, reports, and blogs, which have been viewed tens of thousands of times.

Country Economist (Part-time) at UNICEF Uganda 01/03/14-31/07/14

I worked as the country economist for UNICEF Uganda and I provided advice and conducted analysis on economic and public finance issues.

Researcher (Part-time) at Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Uganda 01/03/14-31/07/14

I contributed to a study led by Dean Karlan, Greg Fischer and Meredith Startz.

Economist at Australian Government's Aid Program (AusAID/DFAT) 07/11/12-28/02/14
I worked as an economist in the Office of the Chief Economist.

Graduate Economist at Australian Treasury 07/02/11-06/11/12
I worked as a graduate economist in the Foreign Investment and Trade Policy division.

SELECTED POLICY REPORTS

- Estimates of the impact of COVID-19 on global poverty, United Nations University WIDER working paper.
- Hooked on Subsidies: The Case for Reform, World Bank Flagship Report.
- Projecting Progress: Can the SDGs be achieved? Overseas Development Institute Report.
- Financing the future: Costing the SDGs, Overseas Development Institute Report.
- Leveling the Playing Field in Africa, World Bank Flagship Report.

SELECTED GRANTS

World Bank Global Tax Program (US\$1,250,000), ADB Impact Evaluation Committee (US\$600,000), Gates Foundation (US\$200,000), Oxfam (US\$125,000), GIZ (US\$100,000), World Bank Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (US\$80,000), Australian Aid Program (DFAT) (US\$55,000), UK Aid Program (FCDO) (US\$45,000) University of Sydney Research Excellence Initiative (US\$26,000), Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) (US\$12,000)

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Harvard (2026), MIT (2019), LSE (2018,2025), Oxford (2019,2021), PSE (2019,2025), NEUDC (2019,2024), PacDev (2022), MWIEDC (2020), ADEW (2016,2018,2019,2022,2024,2025,2026), ECIENQ (2019,2025), World Bank Research Department (2022,2023,2024), ADB (2018,2019,2025,2026), KDI (2019), IZA (2017), OECD (2020), University of Wisconsin-Madison (2020), University of South Pacific (2021), QUT (2019,2025), Monash (2026), Macquarie (2025), UNSW (2026).

AWARDS/PRIZES

Atkinson Prize from the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (2025), World Bank East Asia and Pacific Vice President's Above and Beyond Award (2024), World Bank Prosperity Vice President's Team Award (2022), Most Downloaded Article in *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (2022), Australian Government Post-Graduate Award (2016), Most Outstanding All-round Student in Economics and Business Faculty, University of Sydney (2010)

REFeree SERVICE

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of European Economic Association, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization

SELECTED PRESS MENTIONS

Bloomberg, New York Times, Economist, BBC, Al Jazeera, ABC TV, Voice of America, Guardian, UNU-WIDER, From Poverty to Power, Sydney Morning Herald, Age, ABC Radio, Lowy Interpreter, World Bank Development Impact Blog, WEF, Channel News Asia, Vox, CGD, ODI, Jakarta Post, Post Courier (National Newspaper of Papua New Guinea), Fiji Times.