

SEAN B. LAVENDER

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EDUCATION

- PhD Economics**, University of Cambridge Oct 2022 -
- Supervised by Professor Florin Bilbiie.
 - Research Fields: Monetary Economics, Consumer Finance.
- Rank-Manning Junior Research Fellow**, New College, University of Oxford Jul 2026 -
- Associate member of the Department of Economics.
- Jane Eliza Procter Fellow**, Princeton University Aug 2025 - Jun 2026
- Hosted by Professor Gianluca Violante.
 - Visiting PhD student at the Princeton Economics Department.
- MPhil Economic Research** (*Distinction*), University of Cambridge Sep 2021 - Aug 2022
- Ranked 1st in cohort, awarded Stevenson Prize.
- BA Economics** (*Double First-Class Honours*), University of Cambridge Oct 2017 - Jul 2020
- Achieved first-class honours in all parts of the Economics Tripos.

WORKING PAPERS

Government Debt and the Fiscal Channels of Monetary Policy

Inequality in the Consumer Lending Channel of Monetary Policy

- *with Leonardo S. Alencar and Antonia Tsang.*

Complementarity, Heterogeneity, and Multipliers: Utility for HANK

- *with Florin Bilbiie and Fergal Hanks.*
- [CEPR Discussion Paper DP20804](#).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Monetary Policy, Consumption Inequality, and the Consumer Credit Channel

- *with Leonardo S. Alencar and Antonia Tsang.*

POLICY WORK

A UK-HANK Model

- *with Daniel Albuquerque, Edward Hill, Alberto Polo and Jamie Lenney (Bank of England).*
- [Bank of England Macro Technical Paper No. 7](#).

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PhD Intern, Bank of England

Monetary Policy Outlook Division, Monetary Analysis

Jul 2024- Nov 2024

London, UK

- Research visit within the MPOD Modelling team.
- Development of a HANK model to study the monetary transmission mechanism in the UK.

Visiting Researcher

Banco Central do Brasil

Aug 2024- Sep 2024, July 2026

Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- Research visit to study the pass-through of monetary policy to consumer credit in Brazil.
- Supported by a grant from the Keynes Fund (project JHXA).

Research Assistant

Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge

Jan 2023 -

Cambridge, UK

- Research Assistant to Prof. Florin Bilbiie.
- Work related to Tractable Heterogeneous-Agent New Keynesian models.

Undergraduate Admissions Interviewer

Trinity Hall and Queens' College, University of Cambridge

Dec 2022 -

Cambridge, UK

- Interviewed and assessed applicants to the Economics BA at Trinity Hall and Queens' College.

College Supervisor

Trinity Hall, Pembroke, Fitzwilliam and Christ's College, University of Cambridge

Oct 2021 -

Cambridge, UK

- Supervising final-year (Part IIB) undergraduates in macroeconomics and microeconomics.

GRANTS, AWARDS AND PRIZES

- **Jane Eliza Procter Fellowship** (full tuition and stipend for a 1 year visit to Princeton) Aug 2025 - Jun 2026
- **Keynes Fund** grant for the project 'From Macroeconomic Policy to Inequality: The Consumer Credit Channel' (£15,000). Jun 2025 - Jun 2027
- **Keynes Fund** grant JHXA for the project 'Heterogeneous Monetary and Fiscal Policy Pass-through to Consumer Credit: Evidence from Brazil' (£10,000). Jun 2024 - Dec 2025
- **ESRC DTP 1+3 Studentship** (full funding and stipend for MPhil and PhD). Oct 2021 - Oct 2025
- **Stevenson Prize** for best overall performance in the MPhil Economic Research. Sep 2022
- **Harcourt Prize** for exceptional performance in Part IIB of the Economics Tripos. Jul 2020
- **Bateman Scholarships** for outstanding performance in Parts I/IIA/IIB of the Economics Tripos. 2018-2020

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- **2026:** Princeton Macro Student Lunch, Boston College PhD Conference.
- **2025:** European Finance Association (*Paris*), Workshop on Banking and Institutions (*Strasbourg*), Warwick PhD Conference, 11th ECINEQ Conference (*Washington DC*), Princeton Macro Student Lunch.

ADDITIONAL COURSES AND SKILLS

- 2024 Goethe Macro Training School: Heterogeneous Agent Macroeconomics
 - Instructors: Adrien Auclert, Matthew Rognlie, Ludwig Straub.
- 2023 CREI Macroeconomics Summer School: *Numerical Methods for Fiscal and Monetary Policy Analysis*.
 - Instructor: Davide Debortoli.
- Software: Stata, EViews, L^AT_EX, Matlab, Dynare, Python, R, MS Excel.

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