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I am a Lecturer in Health Economics at City St George's, University of London. Prior to that I was a Senior Health Economics Researcher at the Health Economics Research Centre (HERC), University of Oxford, and a Fellow by Special Election at St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford. My research focuses on applied microeconomic analysis of health-related questions. My current work spans three broad areas: frictions which impact healthcare utilisation, metascience, and international comparisons of healthcare resource use. I have substantial teaching experience at undergraduate and postgraduate level, including Health Economics, Microeconomics, and quantitative methods courses. I am an Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2026–Present	Lecturer in Health Economics <i>City St George's, University of London</i>
2024–Present	Fellow by Special Election <i>St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford</i>
2025–2026	Senior Health Economics Researcher <i>HERC, University of Oxford</i>
2024–2025	Health Economics Researcher <i>HERC, University of Oxford</i>
2021–2023	Early Career Teaching and Research Fellow <i>St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford</i>
2021–2026	Associate Member <i>Department of Economics, University of Oxford</i>

EDUCATION

2023	Advancing Teaching and Learning (Associate Fellow of Advanced HE) <i>University of Oxford</i>
2017–2022	Ph.D Economics <i>University of Southampton</i>
2016–2017	MSc. Economics (Distinction) <i>University of Southampton</i>
2013–2016	BSc. Economics (First Class Honours) <i>University of Southampton</i>

PUBLICATIONS

- 2026 Scott, A.M., Amies-Cull, B., Oguzman, E., Webster, J., **Thomas, R.L.**, Mason, A., Bojke, L., Quinn, M., Clarkson, P., Spearing, J. and Shepperd, S., 'Social and Health Conditions That Drive the Need and Demand for, Use of and Expenditure on Social Care in the UK: A Systematic Review', *Cochrane Evidence Synthesis and Methods*.
doi:10.1002/cesm.70093
- 2025 **Thomas, R.L.**, Roope, L., Duch, R., Robinson, T. and Zakharov, A., 'Lottery or Triage? Multi-country survey-based experiment evidence from the COVID-19 pandemic on public preferences for allocation of scarce medical resources.', *Medical Decision Making*.
doi:10.1177/0272989X25136777
Companion *The Conversation* article: *Should we decide by lottery who gets a medical treatment first?*
- 2024 **Thomas, R.L.**, Millett, C., Sousa Soares, R. and Hone, T., 'More Doctors, better health? A generalised synthetic control approach to estimating impacts of increasing doctors under Brazil's Mais Medicos Programme.', *Social Science and Medicine*.
doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.117222
- 2024 **Thomas, R.L.** and Mentzakis, E., 'The direct and spillover effects of diabetes diagnosis on lifestyle behaviours', *Health Economics*.
doi:10.1002/hec.4803

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

City St George's, University of London

Module Lead EC2037 Quantitative Economics (2026)
Undergraduate Economics (2nd year)

Nuffield Department of Population Health, University of Oxford

Module Lead Health Economics (2025 & 2026)
MSc Global Health Science and Epidemiology

St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford

Tutor Probability and Statistics (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 & 2026)
Undergraduate Economics (1st year)

Tutor Labour Economics and Inequality (2023)
Undergraduate Visiting Students

Tutor Core Microeconomics (2021 & 2022)
Undergraduate Economics (2nd year) · Student evaluation: 4.3/5 (2021)

Tutor Public Economics (2021 & 2022)
Undergraduate Economics (3rd year) · Student evaluation: 4.0/5 (2021)

Lincoln College, University of Oxford

Lecturer Innovation and Digitalisation (2024)
Professional · Module within the Challenges of Globalisation programme

University of Southampton

Lecturer Health Economics and Policy (2020)
Postgraduate (various non-specialists)

Demonstrator Applied Microeconomics 3 (2019 & 2020)
Undergraduate Economics (3rd year) · Student evaluation: 4.6/5 (2019), 4.3/5 (2020)

Demonstrator Masters Dissertation (2019 & 2020)
Postgraduate Economics

Demonstrator	Undergraduate Dissertation (2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020) Undergraduate Economics (3rd year)
Demonstrator	Quantitative Modelling in Economics (2019) Undergraduate Economics (1st year) · Student evaluation: 4.3/5
Demonstrator	Foundations of Microeconomics (2017 & 2018) Undergraduate Economics (1st year) · Student evaluation: 4.4/5 (2017), 4.0/5 (2018)
Demonstrator	Principles of Microeconomics (2017 & 2018) Undergraduate Economics (1st year) · Student evaluation: 4.4/5 (2017), 4.4/5 (2018)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018–2019	Higher Economic Assistant <i>Department for Education, December 2018 – April 2019</i> At the Department for Education I worked on two main projects: • <i>Timpson review of school exclusion, technical note.</i> The analysis aimed to estimate non-causal associations between a number of school and pupil characteristics and the probability of being excluded. Published report. • <i>School-level factors associated with disadvantaged pupil performance.</i> This project involved using statistical learning techniques to analyse the factors most associated with disadvantaged pupil performance.
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FUNDING

2026	NHS Race and Health Observatory, CI
2025	British Academy Partial Randomised Allocation Trial, CI
2024	UKRI Metascience research grants, CI (£172,039.20)
2024	University of Western Australia Research Collaboration Award, CI
2024	University of Oxford OPEN Workshop
2024	SABE: Workshop Support Programme
2016	ESRC 1+3 Studentship

PRESENTATIONS

2024	Using partial randomisation to award research funding, The British Academy
2024	Oxford-OECD Symposium on data linkages, disease expenditure, and comparisons
2023	Nova School of Business and Economics
2023	Department of Applied Economics, HEC Montréal
2022	Academic Unit of Health Economics, University of Leeds
2021	Virtual Seminar on the Economics of Risky Health Behaviors, Cornell University
2019	Public Health Policy Evaluation Unit, Imperial College

CONFERENCES

2025	International Health Economics Association Congress
2025	Metascience Conference
2021	PhD-EVS Seminar Series
2021	Royal Economic Society Conference
2020	XXV AIES National Conference*
2020	30th Congress of the European Economic Association
2020	European Health Economics Association Conference*
2020	ALdE XXIII Applied Economics Meeting*
2019	ESRC South Coast DTP Final Year Conference
2018	Economics PhD Workshop, University of Southampton
2017	Family Finance Surveys User Conference

*Conferences I was accepted to but was not able to attend due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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2026	American Journal of Health Economics
2026	MetaROR
2025	Economic Modelling
2024	Social Science and Medicine
2021, 2022	PLOS ONE
2020	SSM - Population Health
2018	Heliyon

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

2025–2026	NIHR Predoctoral fellowship Supervisor
2025–2026	Module Lead, Health Economics (MSc GHSE)
2025–2026	HERC Internal Work-in-progress Seminar Series Organiser
2025–2026	MSc Global Health Science and Epidemiology Admissions Shortlister
2024	Organiser, <i>Using partial randomisation to award research funding</i> workshop at The British Academy
2024	Organiser, <i>Oxford-OECD Symposium on data linkages, disease expenditure, and comparisons</i>
2022–2023	Economics Organising Tutor
2022–2023	St Edmund Hall Sustainability Sub-Committee
2022–2023	Lead PPE Admissions Tutor
2021–2023	Economics Sub-Faculty Committee
2021–2023	St Edmund Hall Tutorial Committee
2021–2023	Undergraduate Admissions for PPE and E&M
2021–Present	College Advisor to Postgraduate Students
2021–2022	St Edmund Hall Economics Discussion Event Organiser
2018–2020	Internal PhD Seminar Series Organiser
2020	Undergraduate Economics Programs Validation Student Representative
2019	1st Southampton Applied Workshop Co-organiser
2018	Postgraduate Economics Programs Validation Student Representative
2017	SCDTP Final Year Conference Organiser

OTHER COMPETENCIES

Languages	English (native), Welsh (native)
Software	Stata (Advanced), $\text{\LaTeX}$ (Advanced), R Statistics (Intermediate)