

Guillaume Blanc

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Employment	Simon Fraser University 2025– Assistant Professor, Department of Economics (Parental leave: Spring 2026)
	The University of Manchester 2022–25 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics Co-Founder and Deputy Director, Arthur Lewis Lab (Parental leave: Spring 2023)
Fields	Economic History, Development, Political Economy, Demography
Education	Brown University 2022 PhD, Economics
	École des hautes études en sciences sociales 2015 MA, Analysis and Policy in Economics
Working papers	“The Cultural Origins of the Demographic Transition in France” Conditionally accepted at the Economic Journal
	“The Making of France” (with Masahiro Kubo) Revise & Resubmit (2nd round) at the American Economic Review
	“Malthusian Migrations” (with Romain Wacziarg) Reject & Resubmit at the Quarterly Journal of Economics
Publications	“Change and Persistence in the Age of Modernization” (with Romain Wacziarg), Explorations in Economic History , Vol 78, October 2020 Awarded Larry Neal Prize for best article in Explorations
Book chapters	“State-Sponsored Education and French Identity” (with Masahiro Kubo), <i>Nation Building: Big Lessons from Successes and Failures</i> , CEPR, 2023
	“France’s baby bust”, <i>Works in Progress</i> , 2023, Issue 10 (Spotlight Article)
Keynote lectures	Distinguished speaker, Migration and Family Workshop, Ieseg 2023
	Keynote speaker, The End of Childhood, European Parliament 2022
Seminars	Pitt, Penn, Northwestern 2027
	Stanford 2026
	McGill, CUNEF, SFU, PSE, Brown, Birmingham, PEEP APSA, 2025
	UBC, Northwestern

	KCL, NBER, Nottingham, LSE, HEC Montreal, McGill, Laval, Copenhagen, Lund, Warwick, Sciences Po, ENS Lyon	2024
	ASSA, Manchester, Humboldt, LSE, York, SDU, Copenhagen, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Bologna, ASREC	2023
	NAWMES, Aix-Marseille, Manchester, EIEF, CREI, UC3M, NES, Zurich, ASREC, Pompeu Fabra, SIOE, NBER SI DAE, WEHC	2022
	Oxford, UCLA, PSE, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Stellenbosch, PAA, Big Data in Economic History, ASREC, Brown, NEUDC, EWMES	2021
	Brown, Clark, Northwestern, Louvain, College de France, PSE, LMU, ASREC, EHA, UC Davis, Empirics and Methods in Economics, ENS	2020
	Brown, IRES, EHA	2019
Honors, fellowships, funding	SSHRC Small Explore Research Grant, SFU (\$10,000)	2026
	SOSS Small Research Grant, Manchester (£2,000)	2025
	Research Fellowship, Manchester (£15,000)	2025
	Emergent Ventures, Mercatus Center (\$15,000)	2024
	Hallsworth Funding, Manchester (£20,000)	2024
	Thirsk-Feinstein Prize for best dissertation (finalist), EHA	2023
	Hallsworth Funding, Manchester (£20,000)	2023
	Initiatives and Conference Fund, EHS (£2,000)	2022
	Hayek Fund Research Award, IHS (\$1,000)	2022
	Hallsworth Funding, Manchester (£20,000)	2022
	Stephen R. Ehrlich Endowed Fellowship, Brown	2021–22
	Larry Neal Prize for best article, EHA	2021
	CUP Dissertation Fellowship, EHA (\$10,000)	2021
	Research Grant, Brown, Bravo Center (\$5,000)	2021
	Hayek Fund Research Award, IHS (\$1,000)	2021
	Merit Dissertation Fellowship, Brown, Economics	2020
	Workshop Grant, ASREC (\$1,000)	2020
	Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center (\$10,000)	2019–20
	International Fellowship, Brown, PSTC	2019–20
	Workshop Grant, IRES (\$1,000)	2019
	Abramson Prize for best third year paper, Brown, Economics	2019
	Doris I. Eccleston 1925 Endowed Fellowship, Brown	2017–19
	Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Research Grant, Brown (\$5,000)	2017
	First Year Fellowship, Brown, Economics	2016–17
Teaching	Honours Research Proposal (Fall 2025, 2026)	
	Topics in Economic Growth (Fall 2022, 2023)	
	Lewis Lab Summer School (Summer 2023, 2024, 2025)	
PhD students	Nicholas Gachet (PhD 2025): Assistant Prof., Tecnológico de Monterrey	
	Jordi Caum-Julio (Postdoc 2025): Assistant Prof., Universitat de Barcelona	

Editorial service Referee work for American Economic Review (3), Quarterly Journal of Economics (6), Review of Economic Studies (2), Review of Economics and Statistics (1), Journal of the European Economic Association (4), Economic Journal (1), Journal of Economic Growth (7), American Political Science Review (1), Journal of Development Economics (1), Journal of Economic History (1), American Economic Journal: Applied Economics (1), Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (1), Journal of Comparative Economics (1), Journal of Population Economics (1), Journal of Demographic Economics (1), PLOS One (1), International Economic Review (1), Manchester School (1), European Journal of Political Economy (1), Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique FNRS (1), Journal of Interdisciplinary History (1)

Conferences organized “Economic Development and Structural Change: A Conference in Honour of W. Arthur Lewis”, Manchester, 2024
“Lewis Lab Graduate Student Workshop”, Manchester, 2024
“Hajnal Lecture”, Manchester, 2024–25
“Legal and institutional origins of development”, Manchester, 2024
“Lewis Lab Graduate Student Workshop”, Manchester, 2024
“Productivity revolutions: past and future”, Manchester, 2023
“Big counterfactuals of macro-political history”, Manchester, 2023
“Lewis Lab Graduate Student Workshop”, Manchester, 2023
“Conflict, cooperation, and inequality”, ASSA, 2023
“Lewis Lab Seminar”, Manchester, 2022-2024
“Growth Breakfast”, Brown, 2020-2022

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