

# Lauren Gilbert

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## Work Experience

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### UK Day One

Senior Researcher

remote

2024 -

- Research on energy and immigration policy in the UK

### GeoQuant

Country Risk Analyst

remote

2019 -

- Analyzed news for changes to investment risk in various countries
- Countries covered: Egypt (2019-2024), Libya (2020-2024), Iraq (2019-2024), Kazakhstan (2021-2023), Uzbekistan (2021-2023), Zambia (2023-2024), Ghana (2023-2024), São Tomé and Príncipe (2024), Sudan (2024), South Sudan (2024), Indonesia (2024-), Malaysia (2024-), Turkmenistan (2024-), Jamaica (2024-), Turkmenistan (2024-)

### University of Chicago Development Impact Lab

Contractor

remote

2024

- Editing and revision of research projects for Prof. Michael Kremer's research group

### Open Philanthropy

Research Fellow

remote

2021 - 2024

- Researched and synthesized evidence across 26 potential cause areas for future Open Philanthropy investment
- Quantitatively modeled impact and cost-effectiveness of potential cause areas and grants
- Grantmaker in global health and well-being, including \$6M RFP on impactful social science research
- Sourced and managed current social science grants totaling \$5.7M
- Supervised PhD interns and external consultants
- Presented on Open Philanthropy valuation structure at public talks

### Quite Interesting

Elf (Researcher)

remote

2016 - 2024

- Wrote @qikipedia Twitter feed two days per week (1.3 million followers, 25 million views/week)
- Wrote QI Facebook content (400,000 followers, 3.5 million views/week)
- Contributed to 222 *QI Answers to Your Quite Ingenious Questions*, *1234 Facts To Leave You Speechless* and other Amazon.co.uk bestsellers
- Appeared on BBC Radio 2's The Breakfast Show With Zoe Ball (16x)

### Ericsson

Graduate Researcher

remote

2020-2021

- Worked on the use of AI to support accessibility and privacy in VR/AR
- Two patents filed

## Education

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### University of California, San Diego

MA in Political Science

San Diego, California

2020

- ABD December 2021
- Subfields: political methodology and comparative politics
- Teaching responsibilities included PhD-level quantitative methods and causal inference classes
- Awarded grants from Gates Foundation COVID-19 Research Accelerator, University of Michigan COVID-19 Small Rapid Grant Program, UCSD International Institute, Sanford Lakoff Fund

### University of California, San Diego

MSc in Physics

San Diego, California

2018

- San Diego Fellow, Sloan Minority PhD Scholar

### California Institute of Technology

BS in Physics

Pasadena, California

2016

## Writing

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### LIVING LITERATURE REVIEW

#### Lauren Policy

Newsletter on migration, policy, and innovation.

Living literature review posts supported by a grant from Open Philanthropy

## RESEARCH REPORTS

### Telecommunications in LMICs

Open Philanthropy

October 2022

### Civil conflict reduction

Open Philanthropy

October 2022

## ACADEMIC WRITING

Power, Parity, Projection: How Distance and Uncertainty Condition the Balance of Power

Erik Gartzke, Alex Braithwaite, Michael Hulme, Lauren Gilbert

*Revise and resubmit at Journal of Conflict Resolution*

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on treatment for domestic violence injuries: evidence from medical claims.

Lauren Gilbert, Susan Parker, Lauren Schechter

*Review of Economics of the Household* pp. 535–562. 2024

## PUBLIC WRITING

### Taylor Swift, imperfect capitalist?

The Economist

December 2024

### Rarely is the question asked: is our children learning?

Asterisk Magazine

December 2023

### Every generator is a policy failure

Works in Progress Magazine

February 2023

### Ukraine's Eurovision victory was political. So is Eurovision itself.

The Washington Post

May 2022

### If Fire Saga really wanted to win Eurovision, this is what they needed to know

The Washington Post

July 2020

## PATENTS

### Moderating a user's sensory experience with respect to an extended reality

Gregoire Phillips, Paul McLachlan, Lauren Ann Gilbert

December 2020

### Methods and devices related to extended reality

Paul McLachlan, Lauren Ann Gilbert

December 2020

## Skills and Awards

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**Appointments** Roots of Progress Fellow, Energy for Growth Hub Fellow

**Fellowships** 2023 Tarbell Fellow, 2016-2018 Sloan Minority PhD Fellow, 2016-2018 San Diego Fellow

**Programming** R (tidyverse, ggplot, etc.), Python, Stan, C++, Java, Fortran 90, Stata, Fortran 77, MATLAB, SolidWorks, LabView

**Coursework** Causal Inference, Field Experiments, Labor Economics, Bayesian Statistics, Maximum Likelihood Estimators, Econometrics

**Miscellaneous**  $\text{\LaTeX}$ (Overleaf/R Markdown), Microsoft Office, Google Docs/Sheets, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center Qualified Laser Operator

References available upon request.