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EDUCATION

University of Manchester

PhD Economics

1999

BA Economics (Honours)

1988

EXPERIENCE (SINCE 2000)

University of Westminster, London

Professor of Economic Evaluation, Westminster Business School

2017 –

National Institute of Economic and Social Research, London

Principal Research Fellow and Director of Policy Evaluation

2008 – 2016

Policy Studies Institute, London

Research Director (previously Principal Research Fellow, Senior Research Fellow, Research Fellow)

2000 – 2008

AFFILIATIONS

Research Associate, **Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence**

2016 –

Fellow, **National Institute of Economic and Social Research**

2016 –

Visiting Professor, **University College London**

2016 – 2018

Fellow, **LLAKES Centre for Research on Learning and Life Chances**

2008 – 2018

Honorary Fellow, **University of Durham, School of Education**

2013 – 2015

OTHER ROLES/SERVICE (SINCE 2010)

Steering group – Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) student grouping study

2019 –

Study advisory board – EEF evaluation of within-class ability grouping in maths

2019 –

Advisory Group – Nuffield Foundation study of disadvantage and early secondary education

2018 – 2020

Advisory group – Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Universal Credit

2016 – 2018

Expert advisory group – DWP Work Related Activity Group Health Programme

2018

Expert Panel – DWP Labour Market What Works Offer

2016

Expert advisory group – DWP evaluation of Fit for Work

2015 – 2018

Steering Group – ESRC What Works Centre for Wellbeing

2015 – 2018

Expert advisory – Ministry of Justice evaluation of the Sex Offender Treatment Programme

2015 – 2016

Specialist Adviser – House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee

(inquiry into Youth Unemployment and the Future Jobs Fund)

2010

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Dorsett, R., and Stokes, L. (forthcoming) Pre-apprenticeship training for young people: estimating the marginal and average treatment effects. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series A*.

Dorsett, R. (2021) A Bayesian structural time series analysis of the effect of basic income on crime: evidence from the Alaska Permanent Fund. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series A* 184(1): 179-200.

Dorsett, R., Rienzo, C. and Weale, M. (2019) Intergenerational and inter-ethnic well-being: an analysis for the UK. *Population, Space and Place*, 25(2).

Dorsett, R., Hendra, R. and Robins, P. (2018) Using Administrative Data to Explore the Effect of Survey Nonresponse in the UK Employment Retention and Advancement Demonstration. *Evaluation Review* 42(5-6): 491-514.

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- Dorsett, R. (2014) The effect of temporary in-work support on employment retention: evidence from a field experiment. *Labour Economics* 31: 61-71.
- Dorsett, R. and Lucchino, P. (2014) Explaining patterns in the school-to-work transition: an analysis using optimal matching. *Advances in Life Course Research* 22: 1-14.
- Dorsett, R., Lui, S and Weale (2014) Education and its effects on income and mortality of men aged sixty-five and over in Great Britain. *Labour Economics* 27: 71-82
- Dorsett, R. and Robins, P. (2013) A Multi-Level Analysis of the Impacts of Services Provided By the UK Employment Retention and Advancement Demonstration. *Evaluation Review* 37(2): 63-108.
- Dorsett, R., Smeaton, D. and Speckesser, S. (2013) The effect of making a voluntary labour market programme compulsory: evidence from a UK experiment. *Fiscal Studies* 34(4): 467-489.
- Dorsett, R. (2013) The effect of the Troubles on GDP in Northern Ireland. *European Journal of Political Economy* 29: 119-133.
- Bryson, A., Dorsett, R. and Portes, J. (2013) Policy evaluation in a time of austerity: introduction. *National Institute Economic Review* 219, no. 1 (2012): R1-R3.
- Cappellari, L., Dorsett, R. and Haile, G. (2010) State dependence and unobserved heterogeneity in the employment transitions of the over-50s. *Empirical Economics* 38(3): 523-554.
- Dorsett, R. (2010) Adjusting for nonignorable sample attrition using survey substitutes identified by propensity score matching: an empirical investigation using labour market data. *Journal of Official Statistics* 26(1): 105-125.
- Dorsett, R. (2007) The effect of Pathways to Work on labour market outcomes. *National Institute Economic Review* 202: 79-89.
- Dorsett, R. (2006) The new deal for young people: effect on the labour market status of young men. *Labour Economics* 13(3): 405-422.
- Dorsett, R. (2005) Unemployed couples: the labour market effects of making both partners search for work. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series A* 168(2): 365-385.
- Burton, M. and Dorsett, R. (2001) The degree of monopsony power in agricultural labour markets, and the impact of the agricultural minimum wage: an application to craft workers in England and Wales. *Applied Economics* 33(14): 1775-1784.
- Burton, M., Dorsett, R., and Young, T. (2000). An investigation of the increasing prevalence of non-purchase of meat by British households. *Applied Economics* 32 (15): 1985-1991.
- Dorsett, R. (1999) An econometric analysis of the prevalence of smoking among lone mothers. *Journal of Health Economics* 18: 429-441.
- Burton, M., Dorsett, R., and Young, T. (1996) Changing preferences for meat: evidence from UK household data. *European Review of Agricultural Economics*, 23:357-370.
- Dorsett, R. and Heady, C. (1991) The take-up of means-tested benefits by working families with children. *Fiscal Studies*, 12(4): 22-32.

Working papers

- Anders, J. and Dorsett, R. (2021) Financing innovation through payment by results: reflections from the evaluators of two large-scale case studies
- Anders, J., Foliano, F., Bursnall, M., Dorsett, R., Hudson-Sharp, N., Runge, J. and Speckesser, S. (2020) The effect of embedding formative assessment on pupil attainment (under review)
- Jay, M., De Stavola, B., Dorsett, R., Thomson, D. and Gilbert, R. (2020) Model estimates of cumulative incidence of children in need status and referral to children's social care from incomplete administrative data (pre-print) [[link](#)].
- Dorsett, R., and Stokes, L. (2019) Pre-apprenticeship training for young people: estimating the marginal and average treatment effects [[link](#)](under review)
- Dorsett, R., Rienzo, C. and Weale, M. (2018) Censoring and instrumental variable estimation: Biases in estimates of the relationship between fathers' and children's years of education [[link](#)]

Contributions to edited volumes

- Dalgety, J., Dorsett, R., Johnston, S. and Spier, P. (2010) Employment incentives for sole parents: Labour market effects of changes to financial incentives and support. In Claus, I., Gemmell, N., Harding, M. and White, D. (eds.) *Tax reform in open economies* Edward Elgar.
- Young, T., Burton, M., Dorsett, R. (1998) Consumer theory and food choice in economics, with an example in Murcott, A. (ed.) *The Nation's Diet – the Social Science of Food Choice* Addison Wesley Longman, London.

Project reports

- Stokes, L., Dorsett, R., Manzoni, C., Runge, J. and Xu, L. (2021) Supervision of Designated Safeguarding Leads in Primary Schools in Bolton. What Works for Children's Social Care report.
- Wright, H., Carr, D., Wiese, J., Stokes, L., Runge, J., Dorsett, R., Heal, J. and Anders, J. (2020) URLEY Education Endowment Foundation evaluation report [Using Research Tools to Improve Language in the Early Years].
- Dorsett, R., Gray, H., Speckesser, S. and Stokes, L. (2019) Estimating the impact of Traineeships. Department for Education Research Report 919.
- Wright, H., Dorsett, R., Anders, J., Buzzeo, J., Runge, J. and Sanders, M. (2019) Improving Working Memory. Education Endowment Foundation evaluation report.
- Stokes, L., Hudson-Sharp, N., Dorsett, R., Rolfe, H., Anders, J., George, A., Buzzeo, J. and Munro-Lott, N. (2018) Mathematical Reasoning. Education Endowment Foundation evaluation report.
- Panayiotou, S., Boulden, K., Kyriakopoulos, G., Dorsett, R. and Boyle, A. (2018) Quantitative programme of research for adult English and maths Longitudinal survey of adult learners: technical report of the longitudinal survey of adult learners. Department for Education Research Report 795.
- Anders, J., Dorsett, R. and Stokes, L. (2018) The relative effectiveness of blended versus face to-face adult English and maths learning. Department for Education Research Report 794.
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- Panayiotou, S., Hingley, S., Boulden, K., Kyriakopoulos, G., Romanou, E., Dorsett, R., Anders, J. Stokes, L., Weale, W., Smith, J. and Boyle, A. (2018) Quantitative programme of research for adult English and maths Longitudinal survey of adult learners: final research report. Department for Education Research Report 792.
- Panayiotou, S., Hingley, S., Boulden, K., Kyriakopoulos, G., Romanou, E., Dorsett, R., Anders, J., Stokes, L., Weale, M., Smith, J. and Boyle, A. (2018) Quantitative programme of research for adult English and maths Longitudinal survey of adult learners: waves 1 and 2. Department for Education Research Report 791.
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- Anders, J. and Dorsett, R. (2017) Peterborough social impact bond: methodological review of the cohort 1 analysis. Ministry of Justice Report.
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- Dorsett, R. and Lucchino, P. (2016) The Work Programme: factors associated with differences in the relative effectiveness of prime providers. Department for Work and Pensions ad hoc research report no. 26.
- Speckesser, S., Anders, J. De Coulon, A., Dorsett, R. Espinoza Bustos, H., Kirchner Sala, L. and Nafilyan, V. (2015) Empirical research on Youth Transitions to, and within the labour market. Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) Research Paper 255.
- Dorsett, R., Rienzo, C., Rolfe, H., Burns, H., Robertson, B., Thorpe, B. and Wall, K. (2014) Mind the Gap. Education Endowment Foundation report DOI: 10.13140/2.1.2996.0641
- McManus, S., Mowlam, A., Dorsett, R., Stansfeld, S., Clark, C., Brown, V., Wollny, I., Rahim, N., Morrell, G., Graham, J., Whalley, R., Lee, L. and Meltzer, H. (2012) Mental health in context: the national study of worksearch and wellbeing. Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 810.
- Bewley, H. and Dorsett, R. (2011) Using administrative data to measure employment outcomes following further education. BIS report.
- Dorsett, R. and Robins, P. (2011) In-work support for lone parents: using the UK ERA demonstration to examine cross-office variation in effectiveness. Department for Work and Pensions Working Paper No 105.
- Hendra, R., Riccio, J., Dorsett, R., Greenberg, D., Knight, G., Phillips, J., Robins, P., Vegeris, S. and Walter, J., with Hill, A., Ray, K. and Smith, J. (2011) Breaking the low-pay, no-pay cycle: Final evidence from the UK Employment Retention and Advancement (ERA) demonstration. Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 765.
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- Bewley, H., Dorsett, R. and Salis, S. (2009) The impact of Pathways to Work on work, earnings and self-reported health in the April 2006 expansion areas. Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 601.
- Bewley, H. and Dorsett, R. (2009) The impact of Pathways to Work on the under 25s. Department for Work and Pensions Working Paper 65.

- Bewley, H., Dorsett, R. and Salis, S. (2008) The impact of Pathways on benefit receipt in the expansion areas. Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 552.
- Dorsett, R. (2008) Pathways to Work for new and repeat incapacity benefits claimants: evaluation synthesis report. Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 525.
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- Dorsett, R. and Smeaton, D. (2008) Mandating Intensive Activity Period for jobseekers aged 50+: final report of the quantitative evaluation. Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 500.
- Riccio, J., Bewley, H., Campbell-Barr, V., Dorsett, R., Hamilton, G., Hoggart, L., Marsh, A., Miller, C., Ray, K. and Vegeris, S. (2008) Implementation and second-year impacts for lone parents in the UK Employment Retention and Advancement (ERA) demonstration. Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 489.
- Bewley, H., Dorsett, R. and Ratto, M. (2008) Evidence on the effect of Pathways to Work on existing claimants. Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 488.
- Dorsett, R., Hudson, M. and Mackinnon, K., (2007) Progress2work and progress2work-LinkUP: an exploratory study to assess evaluation possibilities. Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 464.
- Bewley, H., Dorsett, R. and Haile, G. (2007) The impact of Pathways to Work. Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 435.
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- Bewley, H., Dorsett, R., and Thomas, A. (2005) Joint Claims for JSA - synthesis of findings. Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 235.
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- Bryson, A., Dorsett, R. and Purdon, S. (2002) The use of propensity score matching in the evaluation of active labour market policies. Department for Work and Pensions Working Paper No.4.
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- Bonjour, D., Dorsett, R. and Knight, G. (2001) Joint Claims for JSA – quantitative survey stage 1 – potential claimants. Employment Service Report 94.
- Dorsett, R. (2001) Workless couples: characteristics and labour market transitions. Employment Service Report 79.
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- Marsh, A., Stephenson, A, Dorsett, R. and Elias, P. (2001) Earnings Top-up evaluation: effects on low-paid workers. Department of Social Security Research Report 134.
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- Dorsett, R. (1998) Ethnic minorities in the inner city. Bristol: Policy Press.
- Dorsett, R., Finlayson, L., Ford, R., Marsh, A., White, M. and Zarb, G. (1998) Leaving Incapacity Benefit. DSS Research Report 86.