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Curriculum Vita

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Personal

Birth Date: April 8, 1975
Citizenship: Canada and United Kingdom

Academic and Professional Experience

Assistant Professor, University of California – Merced, 2006 –
Associate Research Fellow, SKOPE (Oxford University), 2007 -
Research Economist, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2009-

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, May 2006
M.A. Economics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 1999
B.A. Economics (Honors), University of Western Ontario, London, Canada, 1998

Fields of Specialization

Public Economics, Education, Economic History, Political Economics

Research Topics

Higher Education, Local Public Goods

Working Papers

“Elected Versus Appointed Policymakers: Evidence from City Treasurers,” NBER Working Paper 15643, 2010

“Do Universities Generate Agglomeration Spillovers? Evidence from Endowment Value Shocks,” (with Shawn Kantor) NBER Working Paper 15299, 2009

“Education and Labor Market Risk: Understanding the Role of Sample Trimming,” 2009

“The Power of Attention: Do Rankings Affect the Financial Resources of Public Colleges?” (with Ginger Jin), NBER Working Paper 12941, 2008

Research in Progress

“Estimating the Effects of Research Spending on Knowledge Production in Universities,” (with Justin Hicks)

“Green Machines? The Effect of Urban Mass Transit on Air Quality,” (with Yihsu Chen)

“Separating the Roles of Church and State in the Ascendancy of American Higher Education, 1900-1914” (with Shawn Kantor)

“Are Participants Good Evaluators?” (with Jeffrey Smith and Nathaniel Wilcox)

“The Performance and Competitive Effects of Government Autonomy”

Presentations (post-job market)

Stanford (scheduled), UC-Berkeley (scheduled), NBER-Economics of Religion, NBER SI - Development of American Economy, Texas A & M, Houston/Rice, NBER- Higher Education, Rochester, Virginia, UC-Merced, Canadian Economics Association, Canadian Public Economics Group (2008, 2009), Society of Labor Economists (2008, 2007, 2006), IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists, UC-Santa Barbara, Arizona, UC-Merced Conference on the Causes and Consequences of Increasing Earnings Inequality, Aarhus, LSE (2007, 2006), Oxford, UC-Davis, Warwick, IZA/IFAU Conference on Labor Market Policy Evaluation, IZA/CEPR European Summer Symposium in Labor Economics, Maastricht, Policy Studies Institute (London)

Teaching Experience

Topics in Labor and Public Economics, Graduate
Undergraduate Research, Undergraduate
Organizational Strategy, Undergraduate
Personnel Economics, Undergraduate
Intermediate Macroeconomics, Undergraduate

Research Grants

National Science Foundation, “The Ascendancy of American Research Universities, 1870-1940,” (Co-PI, with Shawn Kantor (Co-PI)), 2009-2010.

UC Merced, Graduate and Research Council, “The Impact of Public Higher Education Expenditure on Regional Economic Development,” Summer 2008.

NBER Innovation Policy and the Economy Research Grant, “Do Higher Education Subsidies Stimulate Innovation?,” 2008-2009.

Miguel Contreras Labor Research Fund, “UC Merced Labor Studies,” (Co-PI with Todd Neumann and Katie Winder), 2006-2008.

W.E Upjohn Institute for Employment Research Grant, "Evaluating Participant Self-Evaluation," (with Jeffrey Smith (PI) and Nathaniel Wilcox), 2003 – 2004.

Fellowships and Awards

Doctoral Research Fellowship, Economic Club of Washington, 2004

Fulbright Scholarship (declined), 1999

J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Undergraduate Essay Award, 1998

Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Scholarship, 1998

Referee Service

Referee for: *Review of Economic Studies*, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, *Criminology*, *Economic Journal*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Labour Economics*

Professional Activities

Co-organizer (with Todd Neumann and Katie Winder), UC Merced Labor Seminar, 2007-.

Co-organizer (with Todd Neumann and Katie Winder), UC Merced Conference on the Causes and Consequences of Increasing Earnings Inequality, 2007.

University of Maryland Student Representative, Inter-University Student Conference, 2004-2006

Co-Chair, Economics Graduate Student Association, University of Maryland, 2003-2004

Graduate Student Supervision

Amy Leung (supervisor, M.A., 2009)

Justin Hicks (co-supervisor, Ph.D., in progress)

Joel Beutel (committee member, Ph.D., in progress)

Steven Seltzer (committee member, Ph.D., in progress)

University of California – Merced Service

Director of Graduate Studies, Economics, 2006 –

ICPSR Official Representative, 2006 –

Member Regents Scholars Selection Committee, 2008

Member of Junior Search Committee, Economics, 2006 –

Member of Senior Search Committee, Economics, 2006 –

Member of Junior Search Committee, Management, 2006-2007

Member of Senior Search Committee, Management, 2006-2007

Media Mentions

InsideHigherEd.com (March, 2007)

NBER Digest (September/October, 2007)

Morse Code (February 2008)

Time.com (April 2008)

Maclean's Magazine (April 2009)