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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

Political Economics, Urban, Education, Economic History.

Journal Publications

“Education and Labor Market Risk: Understanding the Role of Sample Trimming,” *Economics of Education Review*, 30(3), pp. 528-545.

“Green Infrastructure: The Effects of Urban Mass Transit on Air Quality,” (with Yihsu Chen), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, forthcoming.

“Do Housing Bubbles Generate Fiscal Bubbles? Evidence from California Cities” (Razvan Vlaicu), *Public Choice*, forthcoming.

Working Papers

“Hierarchical Accountability in Government: Theory and Evidence,” (with Razvan Vlaicu), 2011

“Do Universities Generate Agglomeration Spillovers? Evidence from Endowment Value Shocks,” (with Shawn Kantor) NBER Working Paper 15299, 2009, revise and resubmit, *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

“Elected Versus Appointed Policymakers: Evidence from City Treasurers,” NBER Working Paper 15643, 2010, revise and resubmit, *Journal of Law and Economics*.

“Spending Wisely? How Resources Affect Knowledge Production in Universities,” (with Justin Hicks), 2010, revise and resubmit, *Economic Inquiry*

“Are Program Participants Good Evaluators?” (with Jeffrey Smith and Nathaniel Wilcox), 2011.

Research Papers in Progress

“Strings Attached: Federal Spending, Institutional Restrictions, and the Rise of the Land Grant Institutions,” (with Shawn Kantor)

“Distance to the Frontier: Research and Technology Diffusion in American Agriculture” (with Shawn Kantor)

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

“Jurisdictional Competition, Government Form and Economic Growth,” (with Katrina Kosec, John Hatfield, and Razvan Vlaicu)

Seminar Presentations (post-job market, Economics department unless noted)

Chicago (Harris)*, Illinois*, CSU-Fresno*, Toronto (Cities Centre), CSU-EB, Stanford, UC-Berkeley (Haas), PPIC, Texas A&M, Houston/Rice, Rochester, Virginia, UC-Merced (2008, 2010), UC-Santa Barbara, Arizona, Aarhus, LSE (2007, 2006), Oxford, UC-Davis, Warwick, Maastricht, Policy Studies Institute (London).

*=scheduled

Conference Presentations (post-job market)

Urban Economics Association, MPSA, Local Public Choice Conference 2011, NBER-Economics of Religion, NBER SI-Development of American Economy, NBER-Higher Education, Canadian Economics Association, Canadian Public Economics Group (2008, 2009, 2011), Society of Labor Economists (2010, 2008, 2007, 2006), IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists, UC-Merced Conference on the Causes and Consequences of Increasing Earnings Inequality, IZA/IFAU Conference on Labor Market Policy Evaluation, IZA/CEPR European Summer Symposium in Labor Economics.

Teaching Experience

Topics in Labor and Public Economics, Graduate
Undergraduate Research, Undergraduate
Organizational Strategy, Undergraduate
Personnel Economics, Undergraduate
Intermediate Macroeconomics, Undergraduate
Economic Geography (scheduled), Undergraduate

Grants

National Science Foundation, "The Ascendancy of American Research Universities, 1870-1940," (Co-PI, with Shawn Kantor (Co-PI)), 2009-2011, \$311,020.

UC Merced, Graduate and Research Council, "The Impact of Public Higher Education Expenditure on Regional Economic Development," Summer 2008, \$5,000.

NBER Innovation Policy and the Economy Research Grant, "Do Higher Education Subsidies Stimulate Innovation?," 2008-2009, \$10,000.

Miguel Contreras Labor Research Fund, "UC Merced Labor Studies," (Co-PI with Todd Neumann and Katie Winder), 2006-2008, \$49,969.

Books and Other Publications

Are Participants Good Evaluators? (with Jeffrey Smith and Nathaniel Wilcox) Book manuscript under revision for the W.E. Upjohn Institute.

"Do Public Subsidies for Universities Affect Regional Economic Development?," TIAA-CREF Research Institute, *Research Dialogue*, May (91) (with Shawn Kantor).

"Coins and Coinage," In Loades, David (Ed.) (2003) *Reader's Guide to British History*, Routledge: London, UK.

"Urban Development: Medieval Period," In Loades, David (Ed.) (2003) *Reader's Guide to British History*, Routledge: London, UK.

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: *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, *Criminology*(3), *Economics of Education Review*(3), *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*, *Journal of the European Economics Association*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Labour Economics*(2), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Public Choice*, *State and Local Government Review*, *Review of Economic Studies*(4)

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

Justin Hicks (supervisor, Ph.D., in progress)
Joel Beutel (committee member, Ph.D., in progress)
Steven Seltzer (committee member, Ph.D., 2011)
Amy Leung (supervisor, M.A., 2009)

University of California – Merced Service

Management Planning Committee, Member 2011-
Committee for the Advancement of Graduate Education in the Social Sciences, Member, 2010-
2011
Director of Graduate Education, Economics, 2006 –
ICPSR Official Representative, 2006 –
Member Regents Scholars Selection Committee, 2008
Member of Junior Search Committee, Economics, 2006 – 2009
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

NBER Digest (May, 2010)
Governing (March, 2010)
The Economist (February, 2010)
Washingtonpost.com (January, 2010)
Maclean's Magazine (April, 2009)
Time.com (April, 2008)
Morse Code (February 2008)
NBER Digest (September/October, 2007)
InsideHigherEd.com (March, 2007)