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EDUCATION	University of Western Ontario Ph.D. Economics University of Western Ontario M.A. Economics McMaster University MBA, focus in Finance and Strategic Business Valuation McMaster University B.Comm. (Honours) Commerce	London, ON, Canada (Expected: 2018) London, ON, Canada 2013 Hamilton, ON, Canada 2010 Hamilton, ON, Canada 2009
DISSERTATION	Peer Effects in Education Committee Members: Timothy Conley (Supervisor), Todd Stinebrickner, and David Rivers	
RESEARCH AREAS	Economics of Education, Applied Microeconomics, Social Networks	
TEACHING INTERESTS	Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Economics of Education, Corporate Finance	
JOB MARKET PAPER	"Peer effects in MBA Program," Job Market Paper, September 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">In this paper I document the existence and magnitude of peer effects within small groups in an MBA program. I avoid a common problem in peer effects research, the endogeneity of peer group formation, using a novel dataset that I collected from a Canadian MBA program in which students are administratively assigned to Learning Teams based on observable characteristics. Using this data, I find that the composition of Learning Team affects student's grade in a Managerial Finance class. In particular, a high fraction of peers with science or engineering degrees may have negative effect on test results. These effects are heterogeneous, with students benefiting of being assigned to teams with peers of similar ability. I use the results of a survey that I ran in 2014-2016 among three cohorts of MBA students to investigate the potential mechanisms behind the peer effects, including the effect of personality characteristics.	
RESEARCH PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">"Peer Effects in Small Teams: Testing Team Allocation Rules," Working Paper, September 2017"On Methodology of Social Network Data Collection: Comparison of Two Common Methods (With Tim Conley) ," Working Paper, September 2017	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Course Instructor: King's University College (UWO) <ul style="list-style-type: none">MOS 3310 - Introduction to Corporate Finance Teaching Assistantships: The University of Western Ontario <ul style="list-style-type: none">Economics 9601A/9602B - Microeconomics I & II (Graduate)Economics 1021A/1022B - Principles of Economics McMaster University <ul style="list-style-type: none">COMM 4FE3 - Options and FuturesCOMM 4SA3 - International Business	Winter 2015 Fall 2013 - Winter 2014 Fall 2012 - Winter 2013 Fall 2009 Winter 2010

PRESENTATIONS	Conference Presentations:	
	The 51st Annual Conference of the Canadian Economic Association, Antigonish	2017
	UM-MSU-UWO Labo(u)r Day, East Lansing	2016
REFEREING	Journal of Development Economics	
RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS	University of Western Ontario:	
	Research assistant to Professor Timothy Conley	2014-2016
	McMaster University:	
	Research assistant to Professor Narat Charupat	Winter 2010
AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS	University of Western Ontario	
	Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship <i>Focus: Peer Effects in MBA program</i>	2015-2018
	Lindau Nobel Meetings in Economics <i>Participant</i>	2017
	Doctoral Excellence Research Award	2016-2017
	Ontario Graduate Scholarship <i>Declined in lieu of larger scholarship.</i>	2015-2016
	Ontario Graduate Scholarship	2014-2015
	Western Graduate Research Scholarship	2012-2016
	McMaster University	
	DeGroot Graduate Scholarship	2009
	Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship	2004 - 2008
	City of Hamilton Economic Development Scholarship	2005
	University (Senate) Scholarship	2005
	Deans Honours List	2005, 2006, 2010
SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERING	University of Western Ontario	
	Graduate Student Representative, Committee on Academic Policy Department of Economics	2014-2015
	McMaster University	
	President, McMaster Russian Association	2008-2009
COMPUTER SKILLS	Microsoft Office Suite, LaTeX, MATLAB, Stata, R	

REFERENCES

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