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 Economics Dept., 1974-76, 1997-99; UWO representative  
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**PUBLICATIONS:**

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Henry Milner, "Social Democracy and Rational Choice: The Scandinavian Experience and Beyond", in *Canadian Public Policy*, Vol. 22, 1996, pp. 87-8.

Dan Usher, "The Collected Papers of Dan Usher", Volumes I and II, in *Canadian Journal of Economics*, Vol. 30, 1997, pp. 499-504.

Lloyd Rodwin and Donald Schön, eds., "Rethinking the Development Experience: Essays Provoked by the Work of Albert O. Hirschman", in *Journal of Developing Areas*, Vol. 30, 1996, pp. 231-33

Louis Emmerij, ed., "Economic and Social Development in the Twenty-first Century", in *Journal of Developing Areas*, Vol. 32, 1998, pp. 402-4.

Joseph P. Newhouse, "Pricing the priceless: A health care conundrum", in *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 41, 2003, pp. 1307-08

Peter S. Heller, "Who will pay? Coping with aging societies, climate change, and other long-term fiscal challenges", in *The Singapore Economic Review*, Vol. 50, 2005, pp. 131-2

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"Information Asymmetry, Insurance and Alternative Payment Systems for Health Services", 1998.

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testimony to the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, May 10, 2000

"Pharmacare in Canada: Issues and options" (with Jing Xu), 1999

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#### **CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Economic Analysis of Health Care  
Comparative Health Care Policy  
Health Financing Reform in China

#### **RESEARCH GRANTS, OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

##### **Grants from :**

General Motors Corporation, 1976  
The Fraser Institute, 1977, 1997  
Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada, 1978/79  
Institute for International Economic Studies, University of Stockholm, 1979/80  
Department of Family Medicine, U.W.O., 1977-83.  
Royal Commission on Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada, 1984  
SSHRCC, 1986-88, 1992-93, 1999-2000  
World Bank, 1986, 2004  
Canadian International Development Agency, 1984-86  
Department of Finance, Government of Sweden, 1989  
International Development Research Centre, 1991 (travel grant)  
World Health Organization, 1990 (travel grant)  
Economic Council of Sweden, 1992  
C. D. Howe Institute, 1993, 2002  
County Council, Västerbotten County, Sweden, 1995  
Hong Kong Research Grants Council 1997 (travel grant)  
Institute for Research on Public Policy, 1998-99  
Department of Finance, Government of Canada, 1998  
Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, 1998 (co-investigator)  
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National University of Singapore, 2003-2006

Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, 2009-2011

**Professional Activities:**

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