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Current Position

2006- Assistant Professor of Economics, University of California – Merced

Affiliations and Previous Positions

2012 Visiting Scholar, University of California – Berkeley
2009- Research Economist, NBER (Development of the American Economy)
2009- Faculty Affiliate, UC Center for Energy and Environmental Economics
2007- Associate Research Fellow, SKOPE, Oxford University
1999-2001 Research Analyst, NBER (Health Care)

Education

2001-2006 University of Maryland – College Park, Ph.D. in Economics
1998-1999 University of British Columbia, M.A. in Economics
1995-1998 University of Western Ontario, B.A. in Economics
1994-1995 University of Nottingham, Undergraduate Economics Coursework

Fields of Interest

Public Economics, Urban Economics, Productivity, Economic History.

Working Papers

“Research Proximity and Productivity: Long-Term Evidence from Agriculture”
with Shawn Kantor.

“Hierarchical Accountability in Government: Theory and Evidence,” with Razvan Vlaicu.

“Are Program Participants Good Evaluators?” with Jeffrey Smith and Nathaniel Wilcox.

Published and Forthcoming Papers

“Knowledge Spillovers from Research Universities: Evidence from Endowment Value Shocks,” with Shawn Kantor, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 96 (1): 171-188 (March 2014).

“Spending Wisely? How Resources Affect Knowledge Production in Universities,” with Justin Hicks, *Economic Inquiry*, 52(1): 35-55, (January 2014).

“Elected Versus Appointed Policymakers: Evidence from City Treasurers,” *Journal of Law and Economics*, 56(1): 39-81 (February 2013).

“Green Infrastructure: The Effects of Urban Mass Transit on Air Quality,” with Yihsu Chen, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 4(1): 58-97 (February 2012).

“Do Housing Bubbles Generate Fiscal Bubbles? Evidence from California Cities,” with Razvan Vlaicu, *Public Choice*, 149(1-2): 89-108 (October 2011).

“Education and Labor Market Risk: Understanding the Role of Data Cleaning,” *Economics of Education Review*, 30(3): 528-545 (June 2011).

Selected Research in Progress

“Land Reallocation and Productivity in Agriculture”
with Christian Dippel and Trevor O’Grady.

“State Capacity and Development: Lessons from the United States Progressive Era”
with Gustavo Bobonis.

“Big Science: Teams, Diversity and Scientific Progress”
with Shawn Kantor and Fabian Waldinger.

“How Well Do We Measure Job Training?”
with Jeffrey Smith.

“Governments, Spillovers and Regional Development”
with Enrico Moretti.

Resting Papers

“The Power of Attention: Do Rankings Affect the Financial Resources of Public Colleges?”
with Ginger Jin.

“Racial Differences in the Insurance Value of Human Capital”

Other Publications

“Review of Art and Science in Breeding: Creating Better Chickens by Margaret E. Derry,”
Journal of Economic History, Vol .73, No. 3, pp. 892-893 (September 2013).

Are Participants Good Evaluators? with Jeffrey Smith and Nathaniel Wilcox,
book manuscript, Conditionally Accepted, W.E. Upjohn Institute.

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

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

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

Teaching

Graduate: Topics in Labor and Public Economics.

Undergraduate: Economic Geography, Organizational Strategy, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Human Resource Economics, Undergraduate Research.

Grants

- 2012-2013 *University of California Center for Energy and Environmental Economics*, with Christian Dippel (Co-PI), \$17,000.
- 2012-2013 *National Science Foundation*, with Shawn Kantor (Co-PI), \$125,000.
- 2009-2011 *National Science Foundation*, with Shawn Kantor (Co-PI), \$311,020.
- 2008-2009 *National Bureau of Economic Research Innovation Policy and Economy*, \$10,000.
- 2008 *UC Merced Graduate and Research Council*, \$5,000.
- 2006-2010 *University of California Miguel Contreras Labor Research Fund*, with Todd Neumann and Katie Winder (Co-PI), \$49,969.

Awards and Recognitions

- 2012 Mentioned in graduating student survey as a faculty member making a meaningful impact, *University of California – Merced*
- 2004 Doctoral Research Fellowship, *Economic Club of Washington*
- 1999 Fulbright Scholarship (declined)
- 1998 J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Undergraduate Essay Award
- 1998 Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Scholarship

Seminar and Workshop Presentations

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Syracuse University, University of Pittsburgh, Harvard University, Boston University (Management), Brown University, USDA-ERS, University of Maryland – College Park, University of California – Berkeley (Economics, 2013; Agricultural Economics, 2012; Haas, 2010), Bocconi University, London School of Economics (2012; 2007; 2006), University College – London, Institute for International Economic Studies – Stockholm, Stockholm University, Stanford University (Education, 2012; Economics, 2010; 2014), Santa Clara University, University of Chicago (Harris), University Illinois – Urbana Champaign, California State University – Fresno, University of Toronto (Cities Centre), California State University – East Bay, Public Policy Institute of California, Texas A&M University, University of Houston/Rice University, University of Rochester(2008; 2014), University of Virginia, University of California – Merced (2008; 2010), University of California – Santa Barbara, University of Arizona, Aarhus University, Oxford University, University of California – Davis, University of Warwick (2013; 2007), Maastricht University, Policy Studies Institute (London).

Post-job market; Economics Department unless noted. *=scheduled

Conference Presentations

UC Center for Energy and Environmental Economics; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum: Economics of Science and Innovation; RCEF 2012: Cities, Open Economies, Public Policy; National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute – Development of the American Economy (2012; 2009); All-UC Economic History; American Economic Association; Urban Economics Association; Mid-West Political Science Association; Local Public Choice Conference 2011; National Bureau of Economic Research – Economics of Religion; National Bureau of Economic Research – Higher Education; Canadian Economics Association; Canadian Public Economics Group (2011; 2009; 2008); Society of Labor Economists (2010; 2008; 2007; 2006); IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists; University of California–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.

Referee

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Journal of Agricultural Economics; B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy; British Journal of Industrial Relations; Criminology; Economic Inquiry; Economic Journal; Economics of Education Review; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Economics and Management Strategy; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Urban Economics; Labour Economics; Management Science; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Public Choice; Regional Science and Urban Economics; Routledge; State and Local Government Review; Review of Economic Studies.

Graduate Student Supervision

Justin Hicks (supervisor, Ph.D., 2012), Amy Leung (supervisor, M.A., 2009), Steven Seltzer (committee member, Ph.D., 2011).

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).

Service

2012-2013	Graduate Student Research Competition, Judge
2012-	Faculty Accreditation Organizer, Economics
2012-2013	Junior Search Committee, Economics
2012-2013	Senior Search Committee, Economics
2011-2012	Junior Search Committee, Economics
2011-2012	Senior Search Committee, Economics
2011-2012	Visiting Assistant Search Committee, Management
2011-	Graduate Admissions Committee, Social Sciences
2011-2012	Committee for the Advancement of Graduate Education in the Social Sciences
2011-2012	Management Planning Committee
2010 -	Official Representative, Wharton Research Data Services
2010-2011	Senior Search Committee, Economics
2008-2009	Senior Search Committee, Economics
2008-2009	Junior Search Committee, Economics
2008-2009	Executive Committee, School of Social Sciences Humanities and Arts
2008	Undergraduate Regents Scholars Selection Committee
2007-2008	Senior Search Committee, Economics
2007-2008	Junior Search Committee, Economics
2006-2007	Senior Search Committee, Economics
2006-2007	Senior Search Committee, Management
2006-2007	Junior Search Committee, Management
2007-	Co-Organizer, Economics Seminar
2007	Co-Organizer, UC Merced Conference on the Causes and Consequences of Increasing Earnings Inequality
2006-	Official Representative, Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research
2006-	Director of Graduate Education, Economics