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Date of Birth: December 21, 1961
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Education:

B.A.(Honours)	Economics	
April 1984	Queen's University	
	Kingston, Ontario, Canada	
Ph.D.	Economics	
August 1990	Stanford University	
	Stanford, California, U.S.A.	

Experience:

July 1990 - June 1997	Assistant Professor of Economics The University of British Columbia
July 1997 - July 2002	Associate Professor of Economics The University of British Columbia
July 2002 - Present	Professor of Economics The University of British Columbia
August 2010- December 2011	Head, Department of Economics The University of British Columbia Vancouver, B.C. Canada
July 2017- June 2019	Director, Vancouver School of Economics The University of British Columbia Vancouver, B.C. Canada
June 2018 - Dec. 2020	Chair, British Columbia Government Panel on Basic Income
May 2022 -	Member, BC Minister of Finance Environment, Social and Governance Advisory Panel
June 2022 - May 2023	President, Canadian Economics Association
June 2022- June 2024	Co-chair, Canadian Economics Diversity Committee

Affiliations:

International Research Associate, The Institute for Fiscal Studies, University College London
Research Associate, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
IZA Research Fellow

Journal Service:

Associate Editor, Labour Economics, 2003-2006.
Associate Editor, Canadian Public Policy, 2007 - 2008
Editorial Board, American Economic Review, 2008 - 2013
Editor, Canadian Journal of Economics, 2008 – 2013
Associate Editor, Journal of Political Economy, 2017 - 2024

Fellowships And Awards

Fellow, Society of Labor Economists, 2024 -
The McCracken Award for Economic Statistics from the Canadian Economics Association, 2021
The Doug Purvis Memorial Prize for a work of excellence on Canadian economic policy, 2017
UBC Dean of Arts Award, 2016. Prize in Honour of W. Craig Riddell.
Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professorship, 2013
The Doug Purvis Memorial Prize for a work of excellence on Canadian economic policy, 2007
UBC Killam Research Prize, 2002
The Harry Johnson Prize for the Best Article in the Canadian Journal of Economics in 2000
UBC Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Faculty Research Fellowship, 1999/2000
The Harry Johnson Prize for the Best Article in the Canadian Journal of Economics in 1995
Olin Fellowship, Center for Economic Policy Research, Stanford, 1989-90
SSHRC Graduate Fellowship, 1985-88
Medal in Economics, Queen's University, 1984

Invited Talks

Eric J. Hanson Memorial Lecture, Institute for Public Economics, University of Alberta, March 2026
Albert Rees Memorial Lecture, Joint SOLE/EALE/AASLE meeting, Toronto, June 2025
Kenneth C. Griffin Applied Economics Incubator Distinguished Visitor, University of Chicago, October 2024
2019 Gideon Rosenbluth Memorial Lecture, “A Discussion About a Basic Income in BC” CCPA/VSE
2017 John F. Graham Memorial Lecture, Dalhousie University
2016 Jack and Kay Graham Memorial Lecture, McMaster University
H.A. Innis Lecture, Canadian Economics Association Meetings, Ryerson University, Toronto, May, 2015 “Chasing After “Good Jobs”: Do They Exist and Does it Matter if They Do?”
Canadian Public Policy Lecture, Canadian Economics Association Meetings, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, May, 2014 “What is a Minimum Wage For? Empirical Results and Theories of Justice,”

John Weatherall Visiting Scholar, Queen's University, April, 2013
Short Term Visitor, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario, April, 2008
State of the Art Lecture, Statistics Canada Socio-Economic Conference, "What is Driving the Pattern of Canadian Low Skilled Wages Over the Last Quarter Century?" May, 2008.

Published Papers

"Assessing Empirical Approaches for Analyzing Taxes and Labor Supply,"(with T.E. MaCurdy and H.J. Paarsch). Journal of Human Resources, Summer 1990,pp. 415-90.

"Balanced Growth and the Geographic Distribution of European Immigrant Arrivals to Canada,1900-14," (with A.G. Green). Explorations in Economic History, No. 30, 1993, pp.31-59.

"The Economic Effects of Unemployment Insurance in Canada: An Empirical Analysis of UI Disentitlement," (with W.C. Riddell). Journal of Labor Economics, Volume 11, Number 1, Part 2, January 1993, pp. s96-s147.

"Canadian Immigration Policy: The Effectiveness of the Point System and Other Instruments," (with A.G. Green). Canadian Journal of Economics, November, 1995, no. 4b. pp. 1006-1041. (Winner of the Harry Johnson Prize for best article in the CJE in 1995). Reprinted in The Economics of Migration, eds., K.F. Zimmerman and T.K. Bauer. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd..

"Qualifying for Unemployment Insurance: An Empirical Analysis ," (with W. Craig Riddell), The Economic Journal, January, 1997, pp. 67-84.

"Unemployment Insurance and Employment Durations: Seasonal and Non-Seasonal Jobs,"(with Timothy Sargent). Canadian Journal of Economics, May, 1998, pp.247-278.

"Immigrant Occupational Attainment: Assimilation and Mobility Over Time," UBC Department of Economics, Discussion Paper No. 95-15, May, 1995. Journal of Labor Economics. Vol 17, no. 1, January 1999, pp. 49-79.

"The Economic Goals of Canada's Immigration Policy, Past and Present," (with A.G. Green). Canadian Public Policy, Vol. XXV, #4, December 1999.

"Cohort Patterns in Canadian Earnings: Assessing the Role of Skill Premia in Inequality Trends," (with Paul Beaudry). Canadian Journal of Economics, Vol.

33, No.4, November 2000, pp. 907-936. (Winner of the Harry Johnson Prize for best article in the CJE in 2000).

"Differences in Wage Distributions Between Canada and the United States: An Application of a Flexible Estimator of Distribution Functions in the Presence of

Covariates(with Stephen G. Donald and Harry J. Paarsch). Review of Economic Studies, Vol. 67, No. 4, October, 2000, pp. 609-33.

"Population Growth, Technological Adoption and Economic Outcomes in the Information Era," (with Paul Beaudry), Review of Economic Dynamics, Vol. 5, No. 4, October 2002, pp. 749-774.

"The Changing Structure of Wages in the US and Germany: What Explains the Difference?" (with Paul Beaudry) NBER Working Paper 7697, May 2000. Re-titled, "Wages and Employment in the US and Germany: What Explains the Differences?" American Economic Review,Vol. 93,No. 3,June 2003, pp. 573-602.

"Literacy and Earnings: An Investigation of the Interaction of Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Attributes in Earnings Generation" (with W. Craig Riddell), UBC Dept of Economics, May 2002. Labour Economics, Vol. 10, No. 2, April 2003, pp. 165-184.

"Tightening a Welfare System: The Effects of Benefit Denial on Future Welfare Receipt," (with William P. Warburton) Journal of Public Economics, Vol 88, June 2004, pp. 1471-1493.

"Changes in US Wages, 1976-2000: Ongoing Skill Bias or Major Technological Change?" (Formerly entitled, "What is Driving US and Canadian Wages: Exogenous Technical Change or Endogenous Choice of Technique?") (with Paul Beaudry), UBC Dept of Economics, September 1999. Journal of Labor Economics, Vol 23, No 3, 2005, pp. 609-648.

"The Goal's of Canada's Immigration Policy: A Historical Perspective," (with Alan G. Green) Canadian Journal of Urban Research, Vol 13, No. 1, Summer 2004, pp. 102-139.

"Changes in the World Distribution of Output-per-Worker 1960-1998: How a Standard Decomposition Tells an Unorthodox Story," (with Paul Beaudry and Fabrice Collard) Review of Economics and Statistics, Vol. 87, No. 4, November 2005, pp. 741-753.

"Demographics and Recent Productivity Performances: Insights from Cross Country Comparisons," (with Paul Beaudry and Fabrice Collard). Canadian Journal of Economics, Vol. 38, No. 2, May 2005, pp. 309-344.

"The Effect of Literacy on Immigrant Earnings," (with Ana Ferrer and W. Craig Riddell), Journal of Human Resources, Spring, 2006, pp. 380-410.

"Where Have All the Sociologists Gone? An Economist's Perspective," American Behavioral Scientist, Vol. 50, No. 5, January 2007, pp. 737-747.

"The Impact of Unionization on the Incidence of and Sources of Payment for Training in Canada," (with Thomas Lemieux). Empirical Economics, Vol 32, No. 2-3, 2007, pp. 465-489.

"The tale of the tails: Revisiting recent trends in Canadian after-tax income inequality using Census data," (with Marc Frenette and Kevin Milligan), Canadian Journal of Economics, Vol. 40, No. 3, August 2007, pp. 734-764.

"Breaking the Cycle? The Effect of Education on Welfare Receipt Among Children of Welfare Recipients," (with Michael B. Coelli and William P. Warburton), The Journal of Public Economics. Vol. 91, 2007, pp. 1369-1398.

"A Cautionary Discussion About Relying on Human Capital Policy to Meet Redistributive Goals," Canadian Public Policy, Vol. 33, No. 4, December 2007, pp. 397 - 418.

"Taxes, Transfers and Canadian Income Inequality," (with Marc Frenette and Kevin Milligan), Canadian Public Policy, Vol. 35, No. 4, December 2009, pp. 389-411.

"Understanding the Wage Patterns of Canadian Less Skilled Workers: The Role of Implicit Contracts," (with James Townsend), January 2010, Canadian Journal of Economics, Vol. 43, No. 1, pp. 373-403.

"The Importance of the Long Form Census to Canada," (with Kevin Milligan), Canadian Public Policy, Vol.36, no. 3, September 2010, pp. 383-8.

"Stuck on Screens: Patterns of Computer and Gaming Station Use in Youth Seen in a Psychiatric Clinic," (with Susan Baer and Elliot Bogusz). Journal of the Canadian Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, 2011, vol. 20, no. 2, pp. 86-94.

"Does Industrial Composition Matter? An empirical evaluation based on Search and Bargaining theory," (with Paul Beaudry and Benjamin Sand) NBER Working

Paper, May 2008 (under title, "Spillovers from Good Jobs"), Econometrica, vol. 80, no. 3, May 2012, pp. 1063-1104

"Leadership Effects: School Principals and Student Outcomes," (with Michael B. Coelli), Economics of Education Review, Vol. 31, No. 1, February 2012, 92-109.

"Immigrant Earnings Profiles in the Presence of Human Capital Investment: Measuring Cohort and Macro Effects," (with Christopher Worswick), Labour Economics , Vol. 19, No. 2, April 2012, pp. 241-259.

"Long Term Consequences of Natural Resource Booms for Human Capital Accumulation," (with J. C. Herb Emery and Ana Ferrer), Industrial and Labor Relations Review, vol. 65, no. 3, July 2012, pp. 708-734.

"Ageing and Literacy Skills: Evidence from Canada, Norway and the United States," (with W. Craig Riddell), Labour Economics, June 2013, v. 22, pp. 16-29

"The Impact of Minimum Wages on Labour Market Transitions" (with Pierre Brochu), The Economic Journal, June, 2013, vol. 123, no. 573. Pp. 1203-35.

"Spatial Equilibrium with Unemployment and Wage Bargaining: Theory and Estimation (with Paul Beaudry and Ben Sand), Journal of Urban Economics, January 2014, vol. 79, pp. 2-19.

"The Declining Fortunes of the Young Since 2000," (with Paul Beaudry and Benjamin Sand), American Economic Review, May 2014, vol. 104, no. 5, pp. 381-86.

"Ability, Parental Valuation of Education and the High School Dropout Decision," (with Kelly Foley and Giovanni Gallipoli), Journal of Human Resources, 2014, Vol. 49, no. 4, pp. 906-44.

"What is a Minimum Wage For? Empirical Results and Theories of Justice," Canadian Public Policy, 2014, vol. 40, no. 4, pp. 293-314.

"Chasing After "Good Jobs": Do They Exist and Does it Matter if They Do?" Canadian Journal of Economics, (HA Innis Lecture), 2016, Vol. 48, No. 4, pp. 1215-65.

"The Great Reversal in the Demand for Skill and Cognitive Tasks" (with Paul Beaudry and Ben Sand), Journal of Labor Economics, 2016, Vol.34, no. S1, p. S199-S247.

"Has the Canadian Labour Market Polarized?" (with Benjamin M. Sand), Canadian Journal of Economics, 2016, Vol. 48, No. 2, pp. 612-646.

"Immigration and the Canadian Earnings Distribution in the First Half of the 20th Century" (with Alan G. Green), Journal of Economic History, 2016, Vol. 76, No. 2, pp. 387-426.

"Canadian Economics Research on Immigration Through the Lens of Theories of Justice," (with Christopher Worswick), Canadian Journal of Economics, 2017, Vol. 50, No. 5, pp. 1262-1303.

"In Search of Labor Demand" (With Paul Beaudry and Ben Sand), American Economic Review, 2018, Vol. 108, No. 9, pp. 2714-57. (built from the paper, "How Much is Employment Increased by Cutting Labor Costs? Estimating the Elasticity of Job Creation. NBER Working Paper no. 15790, February 2010).

"Economy Wide Spillovers from Booms: Long Distance Commuting and the Spread of Wage Effects," (with Rene Morissette, Ben M. Sand and Iain Snoddy), Journal of Labor Economics, 2019, Vol. 37, pp. S642-S687.

"COVID and the Economic Importance of In-Person K-12 Schooling," (with Ali Karimirad, Gaelle Simard-Duplain, and Henry Siu), Canadian Public Policy. 2021, Vol. 47, No. 2, pp. 265-280.

"Policy Forum: Re-Envisaging the Canada Revenue Agency – From Tax Collector to Benefit Delivery Agent," (with Gillian Petit, Lindsay M. Tedds, and Jonathan Rhys Kesselman), Canadian Tax Journal/Revue fiscal Canadienne, 2021, vol. 69, No. 1, pp. 99-114.

"The Distribution of COVID-19 Related Risks," (with Patrick Baylis, Pierre-Loup Beauregard, Marie Connolly, Nicole M. Fortin, Pablo Gutierrez -Cubillos, Samuel Gyetvay, Catherine Haeck, Timea L. Molnar, Gaelle Simard-Duplain, Henry E. Siu, Maria teNyenhuis, and Casey Warman), Canadian Journal of Economics, 2022, Vol. 55, Issue S1, pp. 172-213.

"The UK as a Technological Follower: Higher Education Expansion, Technological Adoption, and the Labour Market," (with Richard Blundell and Wenchao Jin). Review of Economics Studies, 2022, Vol. 89, No. 1, pp. 142-180.

"A Reanalysis of 'Town with No Poverty: The Health Effects of a Canadian Guaranteed Annual Income Field Experiment," Canadian Public Policy, 2023, Vol. 48, no. 4, pp. 539-548.

"Basic Income and the Labour Market: Labour Supply, Precarious Work and Technological Change," Canadian Journal of Economics, Vol 56, No. 4, pp. 1195-1220.

"The place of a basic income in the search for a more just society: a comment on '"Covering all the [welfare] basics": a critical policy study of the Expert Panel on Basic Income report in British Columbia, Canada' by Tracy Carrier-Smith et al" (with Lindsay M. Tedds), Journal of Poverty and Social Justice, 2024.

"Education and Inequality: An International Perspective," (with Patrick Bennett, Kelly Foley, and Kjell G. Salvanes) Fiscal Studies, 2024, Vol. 45, No. 3, pp. 429-454.

The Impact of Unions on Nonunion Wage Setting: Threats and Bargaining (with Ben Sand, Iain Snoddy and Jeanne Tschopp), Journal of Political Economy, Vol. 134, No. 10, pp. 3090-3137.

The Minimum Wage, Turnover, and the Shape of the Wage Distribution (with Pierre Brochu, Thomas Lemieux, and James Townsend), Forthcoming, Journal of Labor Economics.

The Effect of Reducing Welfare Access on Employment, Health, and Children's Long Run Outcomes (with Jeffrey Hicks, Gaelle Simard-Duplain, and William Warburton). Forthcoming, Economic Journal

Are Immigrants Particularly Entrepreneurial? Firm Ownership as a Key Element in Immigrant Income Assimilation (with Huju Liu, Yuri Ostrovsky, Garnett Picot, and Ratzanyel Rincon). forthcoming, Journal of Labor Economics.

Unpacking Trans-Atlantic Income Inequality (with James P. Ziliak[a,b], Jonathan Cribb[a], Richard Blundell[a,c], James Banks[a,d], Antoine Bozio[f,g,h], Malka Guillot[i], Barra Roantree,[a,j] Maxime To[a,f], Brindusa Anghel[k], Cristina Barceló[k], Jim Been[l], Patrick Bennett[a,m], Maximilian Blömer[n], Olympia Bover[o], Koen Caminada[l,p], Bart Capéau[q,r], Daniele Checchi[s], Svetoslav Danchev[t], André Decoster[r], Bram De Rock[q,r], Kelly Foley[u], Giorgos Gatopoulos[t], Martin Halla[v], Bradley Hardy[w], Elena Herold[n], Laura Hospido[k,o], Tullio Jappelli[x], Egbert Jongen[a,l], Niki Kalavrezou[y], Arizo Karimi[z], Elizabeth Krause[b], Max Lay[n], Soren Leth-Petersen[l], Charlotte

Lucke[2], Immacolata Marino[x], Antonis Mavropoulos[t], Carlos Oliveira[g], Mårten Palme[a,2], Tuuli Paukkeri[3], Grigoris Pavlou[t], Andreas Peichl[n,4], Pedro Portugal[5,6], Lukas Puschnig[f], Pedro Raposo[7], Ann-Christin Rathje[n], Terhi Ravaska[3,8], Craig Riddell[e], Marja Riihelä[3], Johan Saeverud[1], Kjell G. Salvanes[9], Annalisa Scognamiglio[x], Anne Steuernagel[n,10], Jonas Vanderkelen[r], Heike Vethaak[l], Nikos Vettas[t,11], Andrea Weber[12], Thomas Wernham) Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, forthcoming.

Book Chapters

"Economic Statistics and Social Welfare Comparisons: A Review," (with J.B. Davies and H.J. Paarsch). Handbook of Applied Economic Statistics, A. Ullah and D.E.A. Giles, eds.. New York: Marcel Dekker, Inc.. pp. 1-39.

"Bridging the Gap: Labour Economists and Economic History," in The Evolution of Labour Markets, eds., G. Grantham and M. Mackinnon. Routledge Press, 1994 pp27-38.

"Intended and Actual Occupations of Immigrants," Diminishing Returns: The Economics of Canada's Immigration Policy D.J.DeVoretz, ed.. C.D. Howe Institute, 1995, pp.331-78.

"Job Durations in Canada: Is Long Term Employment Declining?" (with W.C.

Riddell) in Transitional and Structural Change in the North American Labour Market, eds., M. Abbott, C. Beach and R. Chaykowski. Industrial Relations Centre Press, 1997, pp.8-40.

"Employment Outcomes in Canada: A Cohort Analysis," (with Paul Beaudry), in Adapting Public Policy to a Labour Market in Transition, F. St-Hilaire and W.C. Riddell, eds.. Montreal: IRPP Press, 2000, pp.39-84.

"Literacy Skills, Non-Cognitive Skills and Earnings: An Economist's Perspective" (with W. Craig Riddell) in Towards Evidence-Based Policy for Canadian

Education, edited by Patrice de Broucker and Arthur Sweetman. Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press and John Deutsch Institute for the Study of Economic Policy, pp.123-53

"Canada-U.S. Integration and Labour Market Outcomes: A Perspective Within the General Context of Globalization," (with Paul Beaudry) in North American

Linkages: Opportunities and Challenges for Canada, R. Harris, ed.. Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2003.

"Races to the Bottom Versus Races to the Middle: Minimum Wage Setting in Canada," (with Kathryn Harrison), in Racing to the Bottom? Provincial

Interdependence in the Canadian Federation, Kathryn Harrison, ed.. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2006, pp. 193-228.

"Rising income inequality in the 1990s: An exploration of three data sources," (with Marc Frenette and Garnett Picot), , in, Dimensions of Inequality in Canada, David A. Green and Jon Kesselman, eds.. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2006, pp. 65-100.

"Dimensions of Inequality in a Just Society," (with Jonathan R. Kesselman), , in, Dimensions of Inequality in Canada, David A. Green and Jon Kesselman, eds.. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2006, pp. 1-32.

"An Alternative Proposal on Income Security," in A Canadian Priorities Agenda: Policy Choices to Improve Economic and Social Well-Being, Jeremy Leonard, Christopher Ragan and France St-Hilaire, eds.. Montreal: IRPP, 2007, p 267-276.

"Entry Earnings of Immigrant Men in Canada: The Roles of Labour Market Entry Effects and Returns to Foreign Experience,"(with Christopher Worswick) in Canadian Immigration: Economic Evidence for a Dynamic Policy Environment.

Ted McDonald, Elizabeth Ruddick, Arthur Sweetman and Christopher Worswick, eds. Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2010, pp. 77-110.

"Forces Underlying the Increase in Market Income Inequality: Policy and Structural Change," (with James Townsend) in The New Politics of Redistribution in Canada. Keith Banting and John Myles, eds. Vancouver:UBC Press, forthcoming.

"Income Inequality in Canada: Driving Forces, Outcomes and Policy," (with W. Craig Riddell and France St. Hilaire) in Income Inequality: The Canadian Story. David A. Green, W. Craig Riddell, and France St. Hilaire, eds. Montreal: IRPP, 2016, pp. 1-74.

"Why More Education Will Not Solve Rising Inequality (And May Make it Worse)," (with Kelly Foley) in in Income Inequality: The Canadian Story. David A. Green, W. Craig Riddell, and France St. Hilaire, eds. Montreal: IRPP, 2016.

"Is There a Trade-off Between Ethnic Diversity and Redistribution? The Case of Income Assistance in Canada," (with W. Craig Riddell) in New Frontiers in Public Policy: Federalism and the Welfare State in a Multicultural World, Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant, Richard Johnston, Will Kymlicka and John Myles (editors). McGill-Queen's University Press, forthcoming.

Books and Reports

Dimensions of Inequality in Canada**, (**co-edited with Jonathan R. Kessleman), Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2006. (Winner of the Doug Purvis Memorial Prize for work on Canadian economic policy.)

Income Inequality: The Canadian Story, (co-edited with W. Craig Riddell and France St. Hilaire). Montreal: IRPP, 2016. (Winner of the Doug Purvis Memorial Prize for work on Canadian economic policy.)

BC Basic Income Panel Final Report, (with J. Rhys Kesselman, Lindsay Tedds, and Daniel Perrin). 2020 https://bcbasicincomepanel.ca/

Basic Income and a Just Society: Policy Choices for Canada's Social Safety Net (with J. Rhys Kesselman, Daniel Perrin, Gillian Petit, and Lindsay Tedds (with France St.-Hilaire). Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2023. 480 pages.

Working Papers

Immigrant Impact on Local Labour Markets: Evidence from the Canadian International Student Expansion (with Mikal Skuterud and Stephen Tino)

The UK Graduate Premium in the Last Quarter Century: Patterns and Driving Forces (with Richard Blundell and Wenchao Jin)

Resting Papers

"Taking Selection to Task: Bonds on Trends in Occupational Task Prices for the U.S., 1984-2013" (with Peter Gottschalk and Ben Sand), January 2015.

Professional:

Memberships:

Canadian Economics Association, American Economics Association

Referee for:

Econometrica, American Economic Review, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, International Economic Review, Canadian Public Policy, Economic Inquiry, Canadian Journal of Economics, The Economic

Journal, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Econometrics, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, European Economic Review, Explorations in Economic History, Labour, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Population Economics.