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EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

Professor, Vancouver School of Economics, UBC, Canada

- Associate Professor, 2014-20
- Assistant Professor, 2007-14

Ph.D. (Economics) University College London, UK, 2007

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Affiliations, memberships and visiting positions

Research Fellow, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)

Member, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group (HCEO, Center for the Economics of Human Development, Chicago, USA)

Faculty Affiliate, Institute of Applied Mathematics, UBC

Senior Fellow and Trustee, RCEA

Visiting Scholar, Centre for Human Capital and Productivity, UWO (Canada, December 2019)

Weatherhall Fellow, Queen's University (Canada, November 2016 and June 2017)

Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (September 2008), New York (March 2019), Richmond (August 2022)

Visiting Scholar, INET Centre, University of Cambridge (UK, October 2015 and October 2016)

Research Scholar, Institute for Fiscal Studies (London, UK, 2001-06)

JP Morgan-Chase, Equities, (London, UK, 2001)

Allievo Ordinario (Scholar), Scuola Superiore Universitaria Sant'Anna (Pisa, Italy, 1993-97)

Honors and awards

Killam Research Prize (Canada, 2020)

Keynote speaker, GRIPS-KEIO Macroeconomics Workshop, (Japan, 2018)

Excellence in Refereeing Award, Journal of the European Economic Association (2018)

FEEM Award (co-author), European Economic Association (Spain, 2009)

Best paper prize (co-author), XIV Workshop on Dynamic Macroeconomics (Spain, 2009)

Young Economist Award, European Economic Association (Sweden, 2003)

ESRC, Ph.D. Research Scholarship (UK, 2001-04)

Fulbright Scholar (USA, 1998-2000)

RESEARCH

Publications

“Comment on Unequal Growth”, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, forthcoming, *Carnegie-Rochester-NYU Series on Public Policy*, 2022.

“Permanent-Income Inequality,” with Brant Abbott, *Quantitative Economics*, Vol.13, 1023-1060, July 2022

“Sectoral digital intensity and GDP growth after a large employment shock: A simple extrapolation exercise,” with Christos Makridis, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, Vol.55, Issue S1, Special Issue on Covid Economics, 446-479, February 2022.

“Match Quality and Contractual Sorting,” with Joao Galindo da Fonseca and Yaniv Yedid-Levi, *Labour Economics*, Vol. 66, October 2020.

“Human Capital Inequality: Empirical Evidence,” with Brant Abbott, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance*, Oxford University Press, 1-24, January 2020.

“Education Policy and Intergenerational Transfers in Equilibrium,” with Brant Abbott, Costas Meghir and Gianluca Violante, *Journal of Political Economy*, Vol.127, Issue 6, 2569-2624, 2019. (*Lead article*).

“Markov-Chain Approximations in Life-Cycle Models,” with Giulio Fella and Jutong Pan, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, Vol.34, 183-201, 2019.

“Structural Transformation and the Rise of Information Technology”, with Christos Makridis, *Journal of Monetary Economics* Vol.97, 91-110, *Carnegie-Rochester-NYU Series on Public Policy*, 2018.

“The Costs of Occupational Mobility: An Aggregate Analysis,” with Matias Cortes, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 16(2), 275-315, 2018. (*Lead article*).

“Skill Complementarity and the Geography of Intergenerational Mobility,” with Brant Abbott, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, Vol.25, *Special Issue on Human Capital*, 208-233, 2017.

“Distortions, Efficiency and the Size Distribution of Firms,” with Jonathan Goyette, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, 45, 202-221, 2015.

“Education and Crime over the Life Cycle,” with Giulio Fella, *Review of Economic Studies*, 81 (4), 1484-1517, 2014.

“Ability, Parental Valuation of Education and the High-School Drop Out Decision,” with Kelly Foley and David Green, *Journal of Human Resources*, 49 (4), 906-944, 2014.

“Unobservable Skill Dispersion and Comparative Advantage,” with Matilde Bombardini and German Pupato, *Journal of International Economics*, 92 (2), 317-329, 2014.

“Macroeconomic Effects of Job Reallocations: A Survey,” with Gianluigi Pelloni, *Review of Economic Analysis*, 5 (2), 127-176, 2013.

“Skill Dispersion and Trade Flows,” with Matilde Bombardini and German Pupato, *American Economic Review*, 102 (5), 2327-2348, 2012.

Working papers and work in progress

“Consumption and Income Inequality across Generations,” with Hamish Low and Aruni Mitra, (August 2020), *R&R, the Journal of Political Economy*

“Firm Heterogeneity in Skill Returns,” with Michael J. Boehm and Khalil Esmkhani, (October 2021)

“The Distribution of Labour Market Surplus,” with D. Alonzo, (April 2021)

“Piercing the ‘Payoff Function’ Veil: Tracing Beliefs and Motives,” with G. Fenig and Y. Halevy, (June 2021)

“The Production of Financial Literacy,” with Sebastian Gomez Cardona (June 2022)

“The Race to the Bottom in the Voluntary Contribution Mechanism with Complementarity,” with G. Fenig and Y. Halevy, (June 2019).

Other manuscripts:

“Households’ Responses to Idiosyncratic Shocks: Disability and Labor Supply,” with Laura Turner, (June 2016)

“Revisiting the Relationship Between Unemployment and Wages,” with Joao Galindo da Fonseca and Yaniv Yedid Levi, (October 2016)

“How Robust is the Skill-Dispersion-Complementarity Hypothesis?,” with Matilde Bombardini and G3erman Pupato, (March 2014)

“Social Security, Endogenous Retirement and Intra-Household Cooperation,” with Laura Turner, (September 2013)

“Non-Convexities in Dynamic Programming Problems,” with Lars Nesheim, (September 2013)

Ph.D. ADVISING

Advisor or Ph.D. committee member (year of graduation and first placement in parenthesis)

Giulia Lo Forte (expected, 2025); Jan Rosa (expected, 2025); Mila Markevych (expected, 2024); Sebastian Gomez Cardona (expected, 2024); Marcelo Sacchi (expected 2023); Khalil Esmkhani (2022, Columbia University in NY City, USA, Post-Doc); Dongxiao Zhang (Veeva Systems, USA, 2022); Nadhanael Gemaliel Vimala (Reserve Bank of India, 2022); Davide Alonzo (2021, Assistant Professor, Universit3 de Montreal, Canada); Anand Chopra (2021, Assistant Professor, IIT Kanpur, India); Aruni Mitra (2020, Max Weber Fellow, EUI Florence, Italy; Lecturer, University of Manchester, UK); Jose’ Pizarro-Zuniga (2019, SFU Finance); Gaelle Simard-Duplain (2019, Post Doc, HEC Montreal, Canada); Joao Alfredo Galindo da Fonseca (2018, Assistant Professor, Universit3 de Montreal, Canada); Jutong Pan (2017, Analysis Group Consulting, Montreal, Canada); Guidon Fenig (2016, Assistant Professor, University of Saskatchewan, Canada); Wendy Kei (2016, Statistics Canada); Brant Abbott (2013, Yale University, USA, Post-Doc); Matias Cortes (2012, Lecturer, University of Manchester, UK); Jonathan Goyette (2011, Assistant Professor, Universit3 de Sherbrooke, Canada); G3erman Pupato (2011, Assistant Professor, Getulio Vargas Foundation, Brazil); Kelly Foley (2008, Assistant Professor, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark); Laura Turner (2008, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, Canada).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate courses

PhD Research Seminar (PhD)

Macroeconomics (PhD)

Topics in Macroeconomics (PhD)

Topics in Macroeconomics (Master)

Mathematical Methods (Master)

Undergraduate courses

Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis I

Intermediate Open Economy Macroeconomics

Honours - Macroeconomic Theory I

Honours - Intermediate Macroeconomics II

Honours - Topics in Macroeconomics

GRANTS

- Work Learn Research Awards, "Heterogeneity and Consumption Behaviour", 2022
- Work Learn Research Awards, "Measuring dimensions of cross-sectional inequality", 2022
- Work Learn Research Awards, "Heterogeneity and Firms", 2021
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC Insight Grant), "Investigating the mechanics of inequality: employment, wealth and consumption", 2021-2024
- Work Learn Research Awards, "Inequality Measurement", 2021
- CIDER small grant, "Who is Binging on Cognitive and Non-Routine Tasks?" 2020
- Work Learn International Research Award, "Firms, workers and earnings inequality", 2020/21
- SSHRC Explore (UBC grant), "Do Identical Skills Command Different Returns across Firms?", 2020
- Work Learn International Research Award, "The role of firm heterogeneity for earnings inequality", 2020
- AURA award, UBC, "Heterogeneity in the Labor Market: Worker Sorting and the Value of Jobs", 2020
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Insight Development Grant), "Technology, Productivity and Skills in the Labor Market: the Role of Firms", 2019-2020
- Arts Work Learn Research Award, "Firm Heterogeneity", 2019
- CIDE Grant in Innovative Data, "Nutrition over the Business Cycle: the Effects of Recessions on the Distribution of Nutritional Intake", 2019
- Arts Work Learn Research Award, "Permanent Income: Measurement and Theory", 2018
- CIDE Grant in Innovative Data, "Wealth Inequality in Canada 1982-2014: Newly Combined Data on Assets and Liabilities", 2018
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Insight Grant), "Inequality, Wealth and Intergenerational Mobility: Measurement and Policy", 2017-2020
- Faculty of Arts Research Grant, "Information Technology Jobs, Aggregate Employment and Earnings Inequality", 2017
- Hampton Small Research Grant, "Skills and Intergenerational Persistence", 2016
- Russell Sage Foundation, Presidential Authority Award, (New York, USA), "Human Capital Spillovers and the Geography of Intergenerational Mobility", 2015
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Insight Grant), "Individual Heterogeneity and Aggregate Outcomes: Measurement and Policy", 2012-2015
- Hampton Fund Research Grant, "Understanding the Determinants of Retirement Decisions of Individuals and Couples", 2012
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Standard Research Grant), "Aggregation and Policy Analysis in Heterogeneous Agents Economies", 2009-2011
- Mitacs Globalink grant, "Measuring Inter Vivos Transfers", 2009.
- Hampton Fund Research Grant, "Relationship between Health Risk, Life-Cycle Economic Outcomes and Income Inequality", 2009.
- Arts Undergraduate Research Award (UBC), 2008, 2009, 2010.

- Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network, "Disability Policies for an Aging Workforce: a Household Level Analysis", 2008.
- Statistics Canada, "Explaining Differences in High-School Dropout Rates Across Gender and Parental Income", (co-investigator with David Green), 2007.
- Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant (UBC), "Education, Inequality, Taxation", 2007.
- Institute for Fiscal Studies, London (UK), "Modeling Binary Decisions in Computational Choice Models", 2006.