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Faculty of Economics
University of Cambridge
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University Lecturer (Assistant Professor), University of Cambridge, Faculty of Economics, September 2015–

Research Fellow, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), 2014–

Assistant Professor, Norwegian School of Economics (NHH), Department of Economics, 2011–2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Johns Hopkins University, 2011

Primary advisor: Robert Moffitt

Dissertation: *Essays on Wage Risk, Job Mobility and Income Uncertainty*

M.A. in Economics, Johns Hopkins University, 2008

B.S. in Actuarial Science (First Class Honors), University of Hong Kong, 2006

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Applied Microeconometrics, Economics of China

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“Wage Risk and the Value of Job Mobility in Early Employment Careers.” *Journal of Labor Economics*, 37, no.1 (2019): 139-185

“Life-Cycle and Intergenerational Effects of Child Care Reforms.” *Quantitative Economics*, 9 (2018): 659-706. (with Marc Chan).

“Political Uncertainty and Household Savings.” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 45 (2017): 154–170. (with Rolf Aaberge and Yu Zhu).

“Insuring against Health Shocks: Health Insurance and Household Choices.” *Journal of Health Economics*, 46 (2016): 16–32.

“Explaining the Gender Wage Gap: Estimates from a Dynamic Model of Job Changes and Hours Changes.” *Quantitative Economics*, 7.2 (2016): 411–447.

“Good Skills in Bad Times: Cyclical Skill Mismatch and the Long-term Effects of Graduating in a Recession.” *European Economic Review*, 84 (2016): 3–17. (with Kjell Salvanes and Erik Sørensen).

“Bad Times at a Tender Age – How Education Dampens the Impact of Graduating in a Recession.” *Nordic Economic Policy Review* (2014): 51–73. (with Kjell Salvanes and Erik Sørensen).

“Income Uncertainty and Household Savings in China.” *Journal of Development Economics*, 105 (2013): 164–177. (with Marcos Chamon and Eswar Prasad).

WORKING PAPERS

“The Supply of Skills and Endogenous Technical Change: Evidence From a College Expansion Reform.” 2019. (with Pedro Carneiro and Kjell Salvanes).

“Education, Earnings Dynamics, and Life-Cycle Inequality.” 2018. (with Magne Mogstad and Kjell Salvanes).

“Understanding Program Complementarities: Estimating the Dynamic Effects of a Training Program with Multiple Alternatives.” 2019. (with Antonio Dalla-Zuanna).

TEACHING

At Cambridge:

Labor Economics (Undergraduate), Policy Evaluation (Undergraduate), Applied Econometrics (M.Phil), Microeconomics (Diploma), Methods in Empirical Micro (Ph.D).

At NHH:

Advanced Econometrics (Ph.D), Labor Economics (Master).

At Johns Hopkins:

Math Camp for First-Year Ph.D Students

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Recent Referee for:

China Economic Review, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, European Economic Review, Global Health Research and Policy, Health Economics, Industrial Labor Relations Review, International Journal of Health Economics and Management, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Economic Policy Reform, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Quantitative Economics, World Development, British Academy, National Science Foundation, ESRC.

Departmental Service:

Co-organizer, Empirical Micro Seminar, 2016–2018

Coordinator, Empirical Micro Group, 2016–

Faculty Board, 2017–2019

Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2016–

Graduate Studies/Degree Committee, 2016–

M.Phil Program Admission Officer, 2018-19
Junior Faculty Recruitment, 2017-18
Tripos Dissertation Validation Committee, 2016-17, 18-19
Ph.D Placement Officer, 2015-17
Co-organizer, Applied Micro Seminar (NHH), 2012–2015

Ph.D Students (* indicates primary advisor):

Taehee Oh*, Salvatore Lattanzio*, Benjamin Prommawin*, Shengjuan He*, Liming Li (Sociology), Antonio Dalla-Zuanna (NHH. First Placement: Postdoc at IFS)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Principal Investigator, British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grants, 2019–2021
Principal Investigator, Keynes Fund, University of Cambridge grant, “Wage Dynamics and Post-Schooling Human Capital Accumulation”, 2019–2021
Partner Investigator, Australian Research Council Linkage Project, 2020-2022 (PI is Deborah Cobb-Clark)
Associate Investigator, The 2020 ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course
Upjohn Institute Early Career Research Award, 2018
Principal Investigator, Cambridge-INET seed grant, 2018
Principal Investigator, Keynes Fund, University of Cambridge grant, “Risk and Return in Human Capital Investments”, 2017–2019
Department Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, 2006–2011
Hong Kong Government Fellowship *for Outstanding Mainland Chinese Students*, 2003-2006

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant to Prof. Robert Moffitt, 2008-2011
Summer Intern, International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C., 2010
Research Assistant to Prof. Douglas Hough, Johns Hopkins Carey Business School, 2008
Summer Intern, World Bank, Development Research Group, Washington D.C., 2007
Intern (Part-time), UBS Wealth Management, Hong Kong, 2005-2006

PERSONAL INFO.

Languages: Fluent in Cantonese, English and Mandarin
Citizenship: China
Born in 1984; married; two children (b.2012, 2015)

Updated: November 15, 2019