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Education

- University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Ph.D. in Economics, October 2007
M.A. in Economics, August 2003
- State University of New York at Buffalo, Amherst, NY
B.A. in Economics, May 2001
B.S. in Applied Mathematics, May 2001

Positions Held

- Research Economist and Policy Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, September 2020–present.
- Visiting Scholar, Emory University, January 2015–present.
- Research Economist and Associate Policy Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, April 2015–August 2020.
- Research Economist and Assistant Policy Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, August 2010–March 2015.
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario, July 2010–July 2013.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario, July 2006–July 2010.
- Long-term Visitor, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, August 2009–November 2009.

Research Papers

- “Four Stylized Facts about COVID-19.” Joint with Andrew Atkeson and Tao Zha, 2020, Working Paper.
- “Estimating and Forecasting Disease Scenarios for COVID-19 with an SIR Model.” Joint with Andrew Atkeson and Tao Zha, 2020, Working Paper.

- “How Important is Health Inequality for Lifetime Earnings Inequality?” Joint with Roozbeh Hosseini and Kai Zhao, 2020, Working Paper.
- “The Wife’s Protector: A Quantitative Theory Linking Contraceptive Technology with the Decline in Marriage.” Joint with Jeremy Greenwood and Nezih Guner, 2019, prepared for the *Handbook of Historical Economics*, edited by Alberto Bisson and Federico Giovanni, (Amsterdam: Elsevier North-Holland).
- “The Evolution of Health over the Life Cycle.” Joint with Roozbeh Hosseini and Kai Zhao, 2019, revise and resubmit at *Review of Economic Dynamics*.
- “Old, Frail, and Uninsured: Accounting for Features of the U.S. Long-term Care Insurance Market.” Joint with R. Anton Braun and Tatyana Koreshkova. *Econometrica*, 87 (2019), pp. 981–1019.
- “Old, Sick, Alone and Poor: A Welfare Analysis of Old-Age Social Insurance Programs.” Joint with R. Anton Braun and Tatyana Koreshkova. *Review of Economic Studies* 84 (2017), pp. 580–612.
- “The Impact of Medical and Nursing Home Expenses on Savings.” Joint with Tatyana Koreshkova. *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 6 (2014), pp. 29–72.
- “Measuring the Welfare Gain from Personal Computers.” Joint with Jeremy Greenwood. *Economic Inquiry* 51 (2013), pp. 336–347.
- “The Trend in Retirement.” *International Economic Review* 52 (2011), pp. 287–316.
- “Finite State Markov-Chain Approximations to Highly Persistent Processes.” Joint with Richard M. H. Suen. *Review of Economic Dynamics* 13 (2010), pp. 701–714.
- “A Quantitative Analysis of Suburbanization and the Diffusion of the Automobile.” Joint with Richard M. H. Suen. *International Economic Review* 51 (2010), pp. 1003–1037.
- “A Situation in Which a Local Nontoxic Refuge Promotes Pest Resistance to Toxic Crops.” Joint with Jemal Mohammed-Awel and John Ringland. *Theoretical Population Biology* 71 (2007), 131–146.

Conference Presentations

- Barcelona GSE Research Webinar: Income Dynamics and the Family, June 2020.
- Micro-Macro Labor Economics Conference, November 2019, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.
- Conference on Inequality and the Insurance Value of Transfers Over the Life Cycle, Institute for Fiscal Studies, October 2019, London.
- Michigan Retirement Research Center Workshop, March 2019, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

- Michigan Retirement Research Center Workshop, March 2018, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- ASSA/AEA Annual meeting, January 2018, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- QSPS Summer Workshop, May 2017, Utah State University, Logan, Utah.
- Society for Economic Dynamics, July 2016, Annual Meetings, Toulouse.
- Aging and Adverse Selection Workshop, April 2016, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta.
- Econometric Society North American Summer Meeting, June 2014, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
- Michigan Retirement Research Center Workshop, April 2014, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Minnesota Workshop in Macroeconomic Theory, August 2013, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
- Society for Economic Dynamics, July 2013, Annual Meetings, Seoul.
- CIGS Conference on Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, June 2013, Tokyo, Japan.
- QSPS Summer Workshop, May 2013, Utah State University, Logan, Utah.
- Fall Midwest Macro Meetings, November 2012, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- Laboratory for Aggregate Economics and Finance, March 2012, Conference on Health and Mortality, University of California at Santa Barbara.
- University of Rochester, October 2010, Stockman Conference, Rochester.
- Midwest Economic Association Meetings, March 2010, Evanston.
- Laboratory for Aggregate Economics and Finance, October 2009, Conference on Health and the Macroeconomy, University of California at Santa Barbara.
- Society for Economic Dynamics, July 2009, Annual Meetings, Istanbul.
- Canadian Macro Study Group, November 2008, Annual Meetings, Toronto.
- University of Rochester, October 2008, Wegman's Conference, Rochester.
- University of Kiel, September 2008, Conference on Income Distribution and the Family, Kiel.
- National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, July 2008, Conference on Research in Income and Wealth, Cambridge.
- Society for Economic Dynamics, July 2008, Annual Meetings, Cambridge.
- Midwest Macro Meetings, May 2008, Philadelphia.
- University of Rochester, October 2007, Wegman's Conference, Rochester.
- Society for Economic Dynamics, July 2006, Annual Meetings, Vancouver.
- Laboratory for Aggregate Economics and Finance, June 2006, Housing Workshop, University of California at Santa Barbara.
- Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, May 2006, St. Louis.
- Bank of Canada, April 2006, Labour Supply and Productivity Life Cycle Workshop, Ottawa.
- Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics, August 2005, Summer Workshop on "The Nexus between Household Economics and the Macro Economy", Stanford.
- National Bureau of Economic Research, March 2005, Urban Economics Working Group Meeting, Cambridge.
- Society for Economic Dynamics, July 2004, Annual Meetings, Florence.

Seminar Presentations

- University of California at Santa Barbara, October 2020.
- Vanderbilt University, September 2020.
- Bank of Canada, September 2020.
- Purdue University, September 2020.
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, June 2020.
- Marshall School, University of Southern California, November 2019.
- William & Mary, October 2019.
- University of Mannheim, October 2018.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, February 2018.
- Virginia Commonwealth University, November 2017.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, April 2017.
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, March 2017.
- McGill University, February 2017.
- Indiana University, September 2014.
- University of Pennsylvania, December 2013.
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, September 2013.
- University of California at San Diego, May 2012.
- University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, March 2010.
- Queen's University, March 2010.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, January 2010.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, August 2009.
- University of Wisconsin - Madison, March 2009.
- Wharton, December 2008.
- Concordia University, May 2007 and April 2008.
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, March 2007.
- University of Guelph, December 2006.
- York University, November 2006.
- University of Texas at San Antonio, April 2006.
- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, April 2006.
- Cornell University, March 2006.
- University of Western Ontario, March 2006.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, March 2006.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, March 2006.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, February 2006.
- University of California at Santa Barbara, January 2006.
- Purdue University, January 2006.
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, January 2006.
- Stanford University, January 2006.
- University of Rochester, October 2005.

Discussions

- “Health, Consumption, and Inequality,” by Jay Hong, Josep Pijoan-Mas, and Jose Victor Rios-Rull. Philadelphia Workshop on Macroeconomics and Public Policy, April 2019.
- “Save, Spend, or Give? The Role of Housing and Family Insurance in Old Age,” by Daniel Barczyk, Sean Fahle, And Matthias Kredler. Canadian Macro Study Group, November 2018.
- “The Effect of the Affordable Care Act on the Labor Supply, Savings, and Social Security of Older Americans,” by Eric French, Hans-Martin von Gaudecker and John Bailey Jones. Atlanta Fed Employment Conference, September 2017.
- “Work Incentives of Medicaid Beneficiaries and the role of Asset Testing,” by Svetlana Pashchenko and Ponpoje Porapakkarm. Philadelphia Macro Workshop, April 2015.
- “Is There ‘Too Much’ Inequality in Health Spending Across Income Groups?,” by Laurence Ales, Roozbeh Hosseini, and Larry Jones. Canadian Macro Study Group, November 2013.
- “It’s Not Me, It’s You: Social Skills and Human Capital in the Labor and Marriage Market,” by Gueorgui Kambourov, Aloysius Siow and Laura Turner. CIREQ Macroeconomics Conference, April 2013.
- “Incidental Bequests: Bequest motives and the Choice to Self-Insure Late-Life Risks,” by Lee Lockwood. AEA Annual Meetings, January 2013.
- “The Role of Automatic Stabilizers in the U.S. Business Cycle,” by Alisdair McKay and Ricardo Reis. NBER workshop on Methods and Applications for DSGE Models, October 2012.
- “The Young, the Old, and the Restless: Demographics and Business Cycle Volatility,” by Henry Siu and Nir Jaimovich. Canadian Macro Study Group, November 2006.

Professional Affiliations

- First vice-president, Midwest Economics Association, March 2020-21.

Review and Editorial Work

- Referee: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *American Economic Review*, *AER Insights*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Journal*, *Economic Theory*, *European Economic Review*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *Quantitative Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *The B.E. Journals of Macroeconomics*.

Teaching Experience

- Visiting Scholar, Economics Department, Emory University, 2015 - present.
Courses:
 - PhD Macroeconomics Reading Group (Graduate), Fall 2019, Spring 2020 and Fall 2020.
- Assistant Professor, Economics Department, University of Western Ontario, 2006 - 2010.
Courses:
 - Advanced Macroeconomics (Undergraduate Honours), Winter 2010, Winter 2009, Winter 2008 and Winter 2007.
 - Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergraduate Honours), Winter 2010 and Fall 2008.
 - Computational Methods for Macroeconomics (Graduate), Fall 2007 and Fall 2006.
 - Economic Statistics (Undergraduate), Fall 2007.
- Lecturer, Economics Department, University of Rochester, 2004 and 2005.
Courses:
 - Econometrics (Undergraduate), Summer 2004 and Summer 2005.
 - Programming in C++, Fall 2004 and Fall 2005.
- Teaching Assistant, Economics Department, University of Rochester, 2002 - 2006.
Courses:
 - Macroeconomics II (Graduate), Spring 2005 and Spring 2006.
 - Econometrics, Fall 2003 and Spring 2004.
 - Economic Statistics, Spring 2003.
 - Intermediate Microeconomics, Fall 2002.

Doctoral Student Supervision

- Supervision of Carla Moreno, ongoing, Emory.
- Supervision of Anne Hannusch, Phd: May 2018, Emory.
- Co-supervision of Kai (Jackie) Zhao, Phd: May 2010, Western Ontario.
- Co-supervision and thesis examination of Yufei Yuan, Phd: May 2009, Western Ontario.
- Co-supervision of Evan Davies, Phd: May 2009, Western Ontario (Engineering).