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Professional Experience

- Assistant Professor of Economics, The University of Western Ontario, July 2002–Present.
- Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Summer 2006.
- Assistant Professor of Economics, Queen's University, July 2001–December 2002.
- Research Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, June 1999–June 2002.

Education

- Ph.D. in Economics, The University of Western Ontario, May 1999.
  Thesis: "Housing and Optimal Taxation in Life-Cycle Economies."
  Co-Supervisors: Andrés Erosa and Ignatius Horstmann.
- M.A. in Economics, The University of Western Ontario, May 1995.
- M.B.A., Université Laval, August 1993.
- B.A. in Accounting, Université Laval, May 1991.

Academic Honors and Fellowships

- T.M. Brown Thesis Prize for best dissertation, The University of Western Ontario, 1999.
- Bradley Fellowship, 1996–1998.
- Special University Fellowship, The University of Western Ontario, 1993–1996.

Teaching Experience

- Macroeconomic Theory II (Ph.D.), The University of Western Ontario, 2003–2006.
- Intermediate Macroeconomics I, The University of Western Ontario, Fall 2005.
- Macroeconomic Theory II (Ph.D.), Queen's University, Winter 2002.
- Advanced Topics in Macroeconomics (Ph.D.), Queen's University, Winter 2002.

- Intermediate Macroeconomics I and II, The University of Western Ontario, 1995–1998.
- Introductory Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, Université Laval, 1992–1993.

Refereeing

- *American Economic Review*; *Canadian Journal of Economics*; *Canadian Public Policy*; *Economic Theory*; *European Economic Review*; *International Economic Review*; *International Tax and Public Finance*; *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*; *Journal of Economic Theory*; *Journal of Macroeconomics*; *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*; *Journal of Public Economics*; *Journal of Public Economic Theory*; *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance Review of Economic Studies.*

Research Grants

- "Theoretical and empirical aspects of consumption smoothing," Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, with Paul Klein, $63,515, 2006–2009.
- "Risk Sharing: Theory and Evidence," Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, $51,500, 2005–2008.
- "The Role of Education Policy for the Accumulation of Human Capital in the Presence of Borrowing Constraints," Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, $152,400, 2002–2005.

Published Work

- "Human Capital Accumulation and Debt Constraints," with David Andolfatto. *Review of Economic Dynamics*, Vol. 9 (1), pp. 52–67, January 2006.
- "Housing Taxation and Capital Accumulation." *Journal of Monetary Economics*, Vol. 49 (7), pp. 1461–1489, October 2002.
- "Optimal Taxation in Life-Cycle Economies," with Andrés Erosa. *Journal of Economic Theory*, Vol. 105 (2), pp. 338–369, August 2002.
- "Optimal Taxation in Infinitely-Lived Agent and Overlapping Generations Models: A Review," with Andrés Erosa. *Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Economic Quarterly*, Volume 87 (2), pp. 23–44, Spring 2001.

Papers Under Review and Current Research

- "On the Optimality of Age-Dependent Taxes and the Progressive U.S. Tax System." Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Public Economics.*
- "Uncertainty and the Specificity of Human Capital," with Igor Livshits and Césaire Meh. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Economic Theory.*
- "A simple Life-cycle Model with Endogenous Debt Constraints with an Application to Social Security," with David Andolfatto.

- “Measuring Consumption Smoothing in CEX Data,” with Paul Klein.
- “Who Cares about Mortgage Interest Deductibility?” with Manish Pandey.
- “First-Time Home Buyers and the Decline in Volatility of Residential Investment,” with Jonas Fisher.

Published Comments

- “Discussion of ‘What Happens After A Technology Shock?’ by Lawrrence J. Christiano, Martin Eichenbaum and Robert Vigfusson.” in *Price Adjustment and Monetary Policy*, Proceedings of a conference held by the Bank of Canada, November 2002.

Invited Seminars (since 2003)

- McMaster University, March 17, 2006: presented “Measuring Consumption Smoothing in CEX Data.”
- University of British Columbia, November 7, 2005: presented “Measuring Consumption Smoothing in CEX Data.”
- Simon Fraser University, November 8, 2005: presented “Measuring Consumption Smoothing in CEX Data.”
- Victoria University, November 10, 2005: presented “Measuring Consumption Smoothing in CEX Data.”
- Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, February 22, 2005: presented “Measuring Consumption Smoothing in CEX Data.”
- Guelph University, December 17, 2004: presented “Measuring Consumption Smoothing in CEX Data.”
- University of Copenhagen, November 24, 2004: presented “Measuring Consumption Smoothing in CEX Data.”
- Regensburg University, July 14, 2004: presented “On the Optimality of Age-Dependent Taxes and the Progressive U.S. Tax System.”
- Arizona State University, April 27, 2004: presented “On the Optimality of Age-Dependent Taxes and the Progressive U.S. Tax System.”
- Indiana University, Bloomington, April 22, 2004: presented “On the Optimality of Age-Dependent Taxes and the Progressive U.S. Tax System.”
- Université de Montréal, May 1, 2003: presented “On the Optimality of Age-Dependent Taxes and the Progressive U.S. Tax System.”

Presentations at Conferences (since 2003)

- Econometric Society Meeting in Vienna, Annual Meeting, August 27, 2006: presented "Uncertainty and the Specificity of Human Capital."
- Society for Economic Dynamics, Annual Meeting, July 8, 2006: presented "First-Time Home Buyers and the Decline in Volatility of Residential Investment."
- World Congress of the Econometric Society Meeting in London, August 23, 2005: presented "Measuring Consumption Smoothing in CEX Data."
- NBER Summer Institute, July 18, 2005: presented "Measuring Consumption Smoothing in CEX Data."
- Canadian Economics Association, Annual Meeting, Hamilton, May 28, 2005: presented "First-Time Home Buyers."
- Canadian Public Economics Study Group, Annual Meeting, Hamilton, May 26, 2005: presented "Who Cares about Mortgage Interest Deductibility?"
- Midwest Macroeconomics Conference, May 21, 2005: presented "Measuring Consumption Smoothing in CEX Data."
- Bank of Canada Conference on Housing and the Macroeconomy, December 13, 2004: presented "Who Cares about Mortgage Interest Deductibility?"
- Society for Economic Dynamics, Annual Meeting, July 3, 2004: presented "Uncertainty and the Specificity of Human Capital."
- Canadian Public Economics Study Group, Annual Meeting, Toronto, June 4, 2004: presented "Human Capital Accumulation and Debt Constraints."
- 56th International Atlantic Economic Conference, October 18, 2003: discussant for "Human Capital Theory and the Life-Cycle Pattern of Learning and Earning, Income and Wealth" by David Andolfatto (Simon Fraser University), Christopher Ferrall (Queen's University) and Paul Gomme (Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland).
- Society for Economic Dynamics, Annual Meeting, June 28, 2003: presented "Human Capital Accumulation and Debt Constraints."
- Canadian Public Economics Study Group, Annual Meeting, Ottawa, June 1, 2003: presented "On the Optimality of Age-Dependent Taxes and the Progressive U.S. Tax System."
- 11th Midwest Macroeconomics Conference, May 17, 2003: presented "Human Capital Accumulation and Debt Constraints."