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Curriculum Vitae

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Married, two children, four grandchildren

Education:

1966-1969: undergraduate student at McGill University; B.A. (honours
mathematics and economics), 1969

1969-1970: doctoral student in economics, University of Wisconsin

1970-1974: doctoral student in economics, McGill University; Ph.D., 1974

1972-1973: research student, Cambridge University; member of King's College

Employment history:

1974-1979: assistant professor, McMaster University; tenure granted, 1 July 1977

1979-1985: associate professor, McMaster University

1985-2002: professor, McMaster University

2002-date: professor, University of Waterloo

1980-1981: visiting scholar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

1987-1988: honorary research fellow, University College London; visitor, Institute
for Fiscal Studies, London

1991: visiting scholar, University of Waterloo

1993-1994: faculty of social science chair in public policy, University of Western
Ontario

1999: visiting professor University of Western Ontario

Scholarly and professional activities:

I have acted as a referee for a number of journals, including the following: American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Financial Economics, International Economic Review, International Review of Economics and Finance, Journal of Public Economics, Canadian Public Policy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Economics, Economic Inquiry, Empirical Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Public Finance Quarterly, The Review of Economics and Statistics, Industrial Relations (UC, Berkeley), Bulletin of Economic Research, Empirical Economics, Journal of International Taxation and Public Finance.

I have refereed proposals and manuscripts for: the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Economic Council of Canada and the National Science Foundation.

I have acted as an external examiner for Ph.D. theses at Concordia, Queen's, Western, Toronto, Alberta, UBC, York, Ottawa and Quaid-i-Azam University.

I have refereed tenure and promotion cases at several universities in Canada and the U.S.

Current area of interest: public economics

Courses taught:

Undergraduate

Microeconomics, public economics, labour economics, honours essay, history of economic theory

Graduate

Microeconomics, public economics, labour economics

Doctoral supervision:

Principal Supervisor:	R. Ghaeli	1979-1982
	J. Smithin	1979-1981
	W. Locke	1983-1990
	X. Lin	1994-1998
	E. Tompa	1997-1999
	F. Franceschi	2008-2013

Member:	M. Abrar	1982-1985
	T. Moutos	1985-1986
	R. Kneebone	1984-1987
	E. Ahmad	1986-1987
	G. Myers	1987-1990
	L. Di Matteo	1988-1990
	M.A. Sillamaa	1995-1997
	S. Johnson	1997-2001
	M. Skuterud	1998-2002
	S. Legree	2013-2016

Scholarships, Fellowships, Honours:

1966-1969:	Canadian Pacific Railway Scholarship 1966-1967 and 1968-1969: McGill University Scholarship
1969-1970:	Woodrow Wilson Fellowship
1970-1971:	Canada Council Fellowship
1971-1974:	McConnell Memorial Fellowship
1975:	First Prize, doctoral dissertation competition of the National Tax Association – Tax Institute of America
1980-1981:	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada leave fellowship
1990:	(with A.L. Robb) Harry G. Johnson Prize for the best paper in the Canadian Journal of Economics during 1989
1998-2001:	Co-editor of the Canadian Journal of Economics

Research funding (since 2000)

2004-2008	SSHRC Standard Grant \$39,000
2003-2004	SSHRC 4A \$5,000
1999-2004	MCRI SSHRC \$385,000 Byron Spencer SEDAP PI
1996-2000	MCRI SSHRC \$248,000 Peter Kuhn CILN PI
1997-2000	SSHRC \$11,500 with L. Magee and A.L. Robb

Lifetime Publications

Peer reviewed

- 1974 (with A. Asimakopulos) "The Short-Period Incidence of Taxation," *Economic Journal*, 84, pp. 267-288.
- 1975 (with A. Asimakopulos) "Corporate Taxation and the Optimal Investment Decisions of Firms," *Journal of Public Economics*, 4, pp. 281-287.
- 1976 "The Incidence of Profits Taxes - A Summary," *Proceedings of the National Tax Association*, pp. 191-198.
- 1976 "Internally Inconsistent Mixtures of Micro and Macro Theory in Empirical Studies of Profits Tax Incidence," *Finanzarchiv*, pp. 218-234.
- 1979 (with A. Asimakopulos) "Harberger and Kalecki on the Incidence of Taxation: A Critical Comparison," *Greek Economic Review*, 1, pp. 70-81.
- 1980 (with W.M. Scarth) "A Macroeconomic Analysis of Sales and Payroll Tax Cuts," *Journal of Macroeconomics*, 2, pp. 63-84.
- 1980 (with A.L. Robb) "Pensions and Retirement Behaviour," *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 13, pp. 421-437.
- 1982 (with A.J. Harrison) "Oil Prices and the US Economy," *Economics Letters*, 10, pp. 179-184.
- 1983 "Government Debt in an Overlapping-Generations Model with Bequests and Gifts," *American Economic Review*, 73, pp. 222-227.

- 1983 “Social Security and Savings Plans in Overlapping-Generations Models,” *Journal of Public Economics*, 21, pp. 79-92.
- 1984 (with A.J. Harrison) “Testing for the Effects of Oil-Price Rises Using Vector Autoregressions,” *International Economic Review*, 25, pp. 451-476.
- 1984 “Government Debt in an Overlapping-Generations Model with Bequests and Gifts: Reply,” *American Economic Review*, 73, pp. 222-227.
- 1985 (with L. Magee and M.R. Veall) “On the Seasonality of Vector Autoregression Residuals,” *Economics Letters*, 18, pp. 137-141.
- 1985 (with A.J. Harrison) “A Historical Decomposition of the Great Depression to Determine the Role of Money,” *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 16, pp. 45-54.
- 1985 (with A.J. Harrison) “(Innovation) Accounting for the Impact of Fluctuations in US Variables on the Canadian Economy,” *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 18, pp. 784-798.
- 1985 (with A.L. Robb) “Evidence on Wealth-Age Profiles in Canadian Cross-Section Data,” *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 18, pp. 854-875.
- 1988 (with L. Magee and A.L. Robb) “Alternative Transformations to Handle Extreme Values of the Dependent Variable,” *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 83, pp. 123-127.
- 1989 (with A.L. Robb) “Consumption, Income and Retirement,” *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 22, pp. 522-542.
- 1990 (with M. Browning) “Consumption and Income Taxation,” *Oxford Economic Papers*, 41, pp. 281-292; reprinted in P.J.N. Sinclair and M.D.E. Slater, eds., 1991, *Taxation, Private Information and Capital* (Oxford: Clarendon Press).
- 1991 (with L. Magee and A.L. Robb) “Computing Kernel-Smoothed Conditional Quantiles from Many Observations,” *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 86, pp. 673-677.
- 1991 “The Allocative and Efficiency Effects of Wealth Taxes,” *Canadian Public Policy*, 17, pp. 264-278.
- 1992 (with Y. Alvarez, T. Farrell and L. Palmer) “Optimal Taxation in a Life-Cycle Model,” *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 25, pp. 111-122.
- 1992 (with L. Magee and A.L. Robb) “Kernel Smoothed Consumption-Age Quantiles,” *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 25, pp. 669-680.
- 1994 (with G.M. Myers) “Redistribution Within and Across the Regions of a Federation,” *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 27, pp. 620-636.
- 1994 (with G.M. Myers) “Population Mobility and Capital Tax Competition,” *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 24, pp. 441-459.
- 1994 (with W.M. Scarth and P.J. Stemp) “Saving, Investment and Current Account Dynamics,” *Economic Record*, 70, pp. 397-407.
- 1995 (with W.M. Scarth) “Eliminating Interest Taxation and Tariffs: The Underpinnings for Recent Canadian Policy,” *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 28, pp. 437-449.
- 1995 (with Y. Bar-Or, L. Magee and A.L. Robb) “The Wage Premium to a University

- Education in Canada: 1971-1991," *Journal of Labor Economics*, 13, pp. 762-794.
- 1996 (with L. Magee and A.L. Robb) "Canadian Wage Inequality Over the Last Two Decades," *Empirical Economics*, 22, pp. 181-203.
- 1997 (with J. de Pater, G.M. Myers and A. Sengupta) "A Coalition-Formation Approach to Equilibrium Federations and Trading Blocs," *The American Economic Review*, 87, pp. 940-956.
- 1998 (with L. Magee and A.L. Robb) "On the Use of Sampling Weights When Estimating Regression Models with Survey Data," *The Journal of Econometrics*, 84(2), June, pp. 251-271.
- 1998 (with D. Fretz and M.R. Veall) "Canadian and U.S. Saving Rates and the Role of RRSPs," *Canadian Public Policy*, vol. 24, no. 2, pages 259-263.
- 2001 (with R. Finnie) "The Inter-Provincial Mobility of Baccalaureate Graduates: Who Moves and When," *Canadian Journal of Regional Science*, 23, pp. 377-401.
- 2002 (with L. Magee and A.L. Robb) "The Education Premium in Canada and the United States," *Canadian Public Policy*, 28, pp. 203-214.
- 2004 (with G.M. Myers) "Tariff Wars and Trade Deals with Costly Government," *Review of International Economics*, 12, pp. 543-549.
- 2004 "Tax Deferred Savings Plans and Interest Deductibility," *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 37, pp. 757-767.
- 2005 (with K. Cuff) "Capital Tax Competition and Returns to Scale," *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 35, pp. 353-373.
- 2006 (with K. Cuff and J. Leach) "Tax Competition with Heterogeneous Firms," *Journal of Public Economics*, 90, pp. 533-549.
Special issue published in cooperation with the National Bureau of Economic Research: Proceedings of the Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar on Fiscal Federalism 20–22 May 2004.
- 2011 (with Kirk A. Collins, James B. Davies and Lonnie Magee) "Effective Tax and Subsidy Rates on Human Capital in Canada," *The Canadian Journal of Economics*, 45, pp. 189-219.
- 2015 "Using distance functions to understand interest taxation," *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 48, pp. 903-923.

Invited papers and comments (not peer reviewed)

- 1976 A review of Adrian Wood's "A Theory of Profits" (Cambridge, 1975): *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 9, pp. 755-758.
- 1977 (with W.M. Scarth) "Comments on the 1977 Federal Government Budget," *Canadian Public Policy*, 3, pp. 372-377.
- 1978 "Post-Keynesian Theory: The International Dimension," *Challenge*, pp. 40-45; reprinted in A.S. Eichner, ed., *A Guide to Post-Keynesian Economics* (Sharpe, 1979).
- 1980 (with A.L. Robb) "Public Pension Plans and the Incentive to Work," *Economic Council of Canada*, paper no. 160.

- 1982 "Public Pension Plans in Canada: Alternative Views," in W.R. Thirsk and J. Whalley, editors, *Tax Policy Options in the 1980s*, Canadian Tax Foundation, tax paper no. 66, pp. 298-327.
- 1984 Comments on "Who Will Pay for Proposed Public Pension Reforms?" by C.M. Beach, in D. Conklin, J. Bennett and T.J. Courchene, eds., *Pensions Today and Tomorrow: background studies*, Ontario Economic Council, pp. 264-265.
- 1987 *Social Security in Canada: An Economic Appraisal*, Canadian Tax Foundation, tax paper no. 79.
- 1990 "Pension Reform and Elderly Women: Some Evidence for Ontario Urban Centres," in A. Asimakopulos, R. Cairns and C. Green, eds., *Economic Theory, Welfare and the State* (Macmillan: London), chapter 14, pp. 238-259.
- 1991 "Social Security and Public Debt in Historical Perspective," in L. Eden, editor, *Retrospectives on Public Finance; Fiscal Reform in the Developing World Series* (Duke University Press: Durham, N.C.), pp.323-337.
- 1994 (with J.B. Davies) "Government Incentives and Household Saving in Canada," in J.M. Poterba, editor, *Public Policies and Household Saving*, University of Chicago Press for the NBER, pp. 19-56.
- 1994 (with J.B. Davies) "Household Data on Saving Behavior in Canada," in J.M. Poterba, editor, *International Comparisons of Household Saving*, University of Chicago Press for the NBER, pp. 11-56.
- 1996 Comment on "Local Systems of Innovation: In Search of an Enabling Strategy" by Zoltan Acs, John de la Mothe and Gilles Paquet in Peter Howitt, editor, *The Implications of Knowledge-Based Growth for Micro-Economic Policies*, University of Calgary Press for Industry Canada, pp. 359-360.
- 1996 "Public Pensions in Canada," in John Richards and William G. Watson, editors, *When We're 65: Reforming Canada's Retirement Income System*, C.D. Howe Institute, Social Challenge Series No. 13, Toronto, pp. 93-128.
- 1997 Review of "Can We Afford to Grow Older? A Perspective on the Economics of Aging," by Richard Disney, published in the *Journal of Economics*, 66, pp. 219-221.
- 1997 Review of "Taxing Ourselves: A Citizen's Guide to the Great Debate Over Tax Reform," by Joel Slemrod and Jon Bakija for *The Southern Economic Journal*.
- 2000 (with L. Magee and A.L. Robb) "Cohort, Year and Age Effects in Canadian Wage Data," in F.T. Denton, D. Fretz and B.G. Spencer, editors, *The Independence and Economic Security of the Older Population*, Chapter 9, pp.183-214.
- 2000 (with R. Smith, L. Magee and A.L. Robb) "The Independence and Economic Security of Older Women Living Alone," in F.T. Denton, D. Fretz and B.G. Spencer, editors, *The Independence and Economic Security of the Older Population*, Chapter 13, pp. 293-327.
- 2000 J.B. Burbidge "Awkward Moments in Teaching Public Economics," *The Atlantic Canada Economics Association Papers and Proceedings*, Volume 29, pp. 1-19.

2004 Comments on “Recent Changes in Effective Tax Rates on PSE Level Human Capital in Canada” by Kirk Collins and James Davies, in C.M. Beach, R.W. Boadway and R.M. McInnis, eds., *Higher Education in Canada*, John Deutsch Institute for the Study of Public Policy (McGill-Queen’s University Press, Montreal and Kingston), pp. 453 – 466.

2009 John Burbidge and Katherine Cuff “Mandatory Retirement and Incentives in University Defined-Benefit Pension Plans,” in M. Abbott, C. Beach, R. Boadway, and J. MacKinnon (eds.) *Retirement Policy Issues in Canada* (McGill-Queen's University Press: Kingston, 2009), 353-374.

Unpublished documents

- 1988 “Asset Holding and Consumption,” University College London, discussion paper no. 88-18.
- 1990 (with W.M. Scarth) “The Uneasy Case for the Elimination of Interest Taxation,” McMaster W.P. No. 90-12.
- 2000 (with R. Finnie) “Employment Outcomes and the Interprovincial Mobility of Baccalaureate Graduates,” HRDC Applied Research Branch, R-00-2-2E.
- 2000 L. Magee, J.B. Burbidge and A.L. Robb “The Correlation Between Husband’s and Wife’s Education: Canada, 1971-1996, SEDAP Research Paper No. 24.
- 2000 J.B. Burbidge, L. Magee and A.L. Robb “Married-Couple Family Earnings Inequality in Canada and the U.S.,” CILN Conference Paper, September.
- 2003 A.L. Robb, L. Magee and J.B. Burbidge “Wages in Canada: SCF, SLID, LFS and the Skill Premium,” SEDAP Research Paper No. 106, August.
- 2007 J.B. Burbidge and Lonnie Magee “Earnings Profiles for Computing Effective Tax Rates,” working paper produced for the Department of Finance, Ottawa.
- 2018 Using distance functions to derive optimal progressive earnings tax and commodity tax structures, Waterloo Econ Dept WP, 18-008.

Administrative roles

I have served in a variety of admin jobs in the last 45 years. These include being the department chair at Waterloo, 2005-2011, being an associate chair at McMaster and Waterloo, chairing the SSHRC grants panel, organizing conferences at McMaster and Waterloo, and chairing university senate committees.