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Employment

Professor, University of Waterloo, July 2013 – present

Associate Professor, University of Calgary, July 2005 – June 2013

Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia, July 1997 – June 2005

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Boston University, 1997 (supervisor: Douglas Gale)

B.A. Economics, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 1990

Grants and awards

Insight Development Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), co-investigator: 2019–2023

Insight Grants and Standard Research Grants, SSHRC, principal investigator: 2015–2023, 2010–2014, 2006–2009

2007 Faculty of Social Sciences Distinguished Teacher Award, University of Calgary

Fundación Ramón Areces Graduate Scholarship, 1992–1995

Publications

- “Intergenerational altruism with future bias” (with Itziar Lazkano and Sjak Smulders), *Journal of Economic Theory*, November 2018, pages 436–454.
- “A theory of top income taxation and social insurance” (with Jean-François Wen), *Economic Journal*, September 2015, pages 1474–1500.
- “The use of coercion in society: insecure property rights, conflict and economic backwardness,” in Michelle Garfinkel and Stergios Skaperdas (editors), *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Peace and Conflict*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2012, chapter 26, pages 633–675.
- “An equilibrium theory of learning, search, and wages” (with Shouyong Shi), *Econometrica*, March 2010, pages 509–537.
- “Prosperity without conflict” (with Hugh M. Neary), *Journal of Public Economics*, October 2008, pages 2170–2181.
- “Effective property rights, conflict and growth,” *Journal of Economic Theory*, November 2007, pages 127–139.
- “Insecure property and technological backwardness,” *Economic Journal*, July 2005, pages 703–721.
Reprinted in Magnus Henrekson and Robin Douhan (editors), *The Political Economy of Entrepreneurship*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd., 2008, volume I, chapter 11, pages 199–217.
- “Informational spillovers and the coordination of speculative investments,” *Canadian Journal of Economics*, February 2004, pages 140–148.
- “An equilibrium analysis of information aggregation and fluctuations in markets with discrete decisions” (with Paul Beaudry), *Journal of Economic Theory*, November 2003, pages 76–103.

Working papers

- “Wages as signals of worker mobility” (with Sonja Chen and Matt Doyle), earlier version under the title “Bad jobs” posted as University of Waterloo working paper # 19-002.

Some presentations at workshops and conferences

“Wages as signals of worker mobility” (with Sonja Chen and Matt Doyle), earlier versions circulated as “Skill mismatch” and “Bad jobs”, presented at University of Ottawa (2018), 7th European Search and Matching Network (Barcelona, 2017), Annual Workshop of Southern Ontario Macro Economists (Hamilton, 2017), Workshop on Skills and Human capital (Guelph, 2016), Ryerson University (2016), Canadian Macro Study Group (Kingston, 2016), Spanish Economic Association meeting (Bilbao, 2016)

“Intergenerational altruism with future bias” (with Itziar Lazkano and Sjak Smulders), presented at Queen’s University (2014), University of Guelph (2013), University of Waterloo (2012), IIES, Stockholm University (2011), University of Edinburgh (2011), Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (2011), Universidad de Alicante (2011), University of Bristol (2011), European University Institute (2011), Universitat Pompeu Fabra (2011), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (2011), Toulouse School of Economics (2011)

“A theory of top income taxation and social insurance” (with Jean-François Wen), presented at Spanish Economic Association meeting (Santander, 2013), Toulouse School of Economics (2010), University of Melbourne (2009), University of Adelaide (2009), University of New South Wales (2009), Tilburg University (2009), University of Waterloo (2008), Wilfrid Laurier University Conference on the Political Economy of Bargaining (Waterloo, 2008), University of Cambridge Conference on Institutions, Public Policy and Economic Outcomes (Cambridge, 2007), McGill University (2007), QED Public Economics Workshop (Kingston, 2006), University of Victoria (2006)

“An equilibrium theory of learning, search, and wages” (with Shouyong Shi), presented at Econometric Society Winter meeting (Atlanta, 2010), NBER Conference on Macro Perspectives of the Labor Market (FED Minneapolis, 2009), University of Wisconsin-Madison (2009), University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign (2009), Society for Economic Dynamics meeting (Istanbul, 2009), University of Pennsylvania (2008), Canadian Macro Study Group meeting (Vancouver, 2005), NBER Summer Institute (Cambridge, 2005)

Teaching and advising

Faculty of Social Sciences Distinguished Teacher Award, 2007, University of Calgary

Department of Economics Superior Teaching Award, University of Calgary, 2006–2007, 2007–2009

Nominated for the 2006–2007 Instructor Excellence Award of the Graduate Students' Association at the University of Calgary

Nominated for the 2005–2006 Teaching Excellence Award of the Students' Union at the University of Calgary

Courses recently taught:

Undergraduate courses: workers, jobs and wages; economic growth and development; economics of the welfare state; advanced macroeconomics

Graduate courses: macroeconomic theory; search frictions in labor markets and product markets; conflict and development

Supervision of Ph.D. dissertations:

Aidi Yu (University of Waterloo, in progress)

Iuliia Nesterova (University of Waterloo, in progress)

Yu Chen (University of Waterloo, 2016, first position at University of Calgary)

Irving Rosales (University of Calgary, 2013, first position at Universidad Iberoamericana)

Itziar Lazkano (University of Calgary, 2011, first position at University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, job market paper won the 2012 FEEM Award)

Ivan Alves (University of British Columbia, 2001, first position at European Central Bank)

Committee member, Ph.D. dissertations:

Yixuan Li (University of Waterloo, in progress)

Hongxiu Li (University of Waterloo, 2017, first position at PricewaterhouseCoopers)

Kendra McLeish (University of Calgary, 2009, first position at Howard Research & Management Consulting)

Guohua Feng (University of Calgary, 2008, first position at Monash University)

Jacob Wong (University of British Columbia, 2006, first position at University of Adelaide)

Juanyi Xu (University of British Columbia, 2004, first position at Simon Fraser University)

Matthew Doyle (University of British Columbia, 2002, first position at Iowa State University)

Federico Biagi (University of British Columbia, 2001, first position at University of Ferrara)

Administration (University of Waterloo, 2013 – present)

University:

Dean of Arts Nominating Committee, 2015

Department of Economics:

Graduate Committee, 2019 – present

Seminars Committee, 2013 – 2017

Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2013 – 2015, 2016 – 2020

Chair Nominating Committee, 2014, 2019

Recruiting Committee, 2015 – 2019

Distinguished Lecture Committee, 2013 –2017, 2020- present

Other contributions to the profession

Referee for academic journals: American Economic Review, Canadian Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economics and Politics, International Economic Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Resource and Energy Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics

Member of adjudication committee, SSHRC Insight Grant competition: 2015 and 2016

Member of scientific program committees: Spanish Economic Association meetings (Vigo 2012, Santander 2013, Palma de Mallorca 2014)

Reviewer: SSHRC Insight Grant, Israel Science Foundation: Personal Research Grants, Fellowship Program of La Caixa Foundation.

Discussant in conferences: Canadian Economic Association meetings, Canadian Macro Study Group meetings