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Appointments

- Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University, Since August, 2014
- Professor, Department of Economics, University of Southampton. Since July, 2008.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 1998-2008.

Education

- **Ph.D.** (Economics), University of Rochester, NY , 1999.
- Economics PhD Program, University of Western Ontario, Canada, 1991-92
- **B.A.** (Economics), Simon Fraser University, BC, Canada May 1983

Graduate Work

- Dissertation title: *Parental Decisions and the Distribution of Income: a Macroeconomic Approach*
- Fields of Specialization: Macroeconomics and Industrial Organization
- Advisor: Per Krusell, Department of Economics, University of Rochester.

Publications

- [Why are Married Men Working So Much?](#) 2012. *Review of Economic Studies* (2013) 0, 1–31s.
- [Why is the Rate of Single Parenthood Lower in Canada than in the U.S.? A Dynamic Equilibrium Analysis of Welfare Policies.](#) (Joint with Nezhir Guner). *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 42 (1), 56-89, February 2009. *Awarded Harry Johnson prize for best paper in CJE for 2009.*
- [Why is Child Labor Illegal?](#) 2008. (Joint with Sylvain Dessy), *European Economic Review*, Elsevier, vol. 52(7), pages 1275-1311 .
- [Crime Minimization and Racial Bias: What Can We Learn From Police Search Data?](#), 2006 (joint with Jeff Dominitz), *Economic Journal*, vol. 116, no. 515, pp. F368-84.

- [Love and Money: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of Household Sorting and Inequality](#), 2005. (Joint with Raquel Fernández and Nezhir Guner) . *Quarterly Journal of Economics* Vol. 120, Issue 1 - February 2005. pp. 273 - 344
- [Racial Profiling or Racist Policing? Testing in Aggregated Data](#), 2004 (joint with R. Hernandez). *International Economic Review*, Vol. 45 (3) pp 959-989
- [More on Marriage, Fertility and the Distribution of Income](#), 2003 (joint with J. Greenwood and N. Guner). *International Economic Review*, Vol. 44(3) pp 827-862.
- [Why do Women Wait? Matching, Wage Inequality and Incentives for Fertility Delay](#), (joint with E. Caucutt and N. Guner). *Review of Economic Dynamics*, Vol. 5 (4). p 815-55. October 2002.
- [Racial Bias in Motor Vehicle Searches: Theory and Evidence](#), 2001 (joint with N. Persico and P. Todd). *Journal of Political Economy*, February.
- [Women on Welfare: A Macroeconomic Analysis](#), 2000 (joint with J. Greenwood and N. Guner). *American Economic Review*, Papers and Proceedings.

Manuscripts

- [Fertility Shocks and Equilibrium Marriage-Rate Dynamics](#) (2014, joint with Guillaume Vandenbroucke)
- [Liberalization of Birth Control and the Unmarried Share of Births: Evidence from Single Mothers in the Marriage Market](#) (2012, joint with John Kennes)
- [The Decline of Shotgun Weddings: an equilibrium analysis](#) (2010, joint with John Kennes)
- [Birth Control and the Rise in Female LFP: What Can We Learn from Women's Occupational Choices?](#) (2009)
- [Wealth Inequality and Parental Transmission of Savings Behavior](#), 2003 (joint with A. Postlewaite);

Funding & Awards

- 2010 [*Harry Johnson Prize*](#) (Canadian Economics Association) for best article in Canadian Journal of Economics in 2009.
- 2006 Penn *University Research Fund Award*. “Can Household Bargaining Explain Trends in Divorce and Household Labor Supply?”
- 2004 TIAA-CREF Institute Grant Program Award: “What Explains Parental Influences on Savings?”
- 2003-2004 *PARC/Boettner Pilot Award*: “Savings and Health Behavior over the Lifecycle and across Generations 1998-1999 *PARC Pilot Award*: “Aging and the Financial Security of Women”.
- 2000-2001. NSF grant #SES-0079327. Project title: “Understanding Child Labor Laws”.
- 1999-2000. Research support from "NIA/NIH grant no. AG12836", Beth Soldo, Principal Investigator.

Teaching Experience

Simon Fraser University

- *Courses Taught*:
 - Undergraduate:
 - Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, 2014-2015
 - Advanced Macroeconomic Theory, 2016
 - Graduate:
 - PhD Topics in Macroeconomics, 2015-2016
 - PhD Macroeconomic Theory, 2015

University of Southampton:

- *Courses Taught:*
 - MSc Macroeconomic Theory, 2009-2011
 - MSc Macroeconomic Topics, 2009-2014
 - BSc International Finance, 2009
- *Supervisor:*
 - 4 PhD Students, 2009-2012
 - Luis Pinedo Caro:
 - Affirmative-action and job-market discrimination
 - Orphe Divonguay
 - Search models of marriage and education.
 - Marcos Gomez Mella
 - Search models of youth unemployment
 - Panagiotis Giannarakis
 - Productivity and worker flows
 - MSc Student Dissertations, 2009-2014
 - BSc Student Dissertations, 2009-2014

University of Pennsylvania :

- *Courses Taught:*
 - Topics in Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), 1998-2006
 - Intermediate Macroeconomics, 1999, 2004-2006
 - Topics in Graduate Macroeconomics, 1999, 2000, 2003.
 - Introductory Macroeconomics, 2000-2002, 2006

Committee Work

- Simon Fraser University
 - Tenure and Promotions 2015
 - Appointments 2015-2016
 - Graduate Curriculum 2015-2016
- University of Southampton 2009-2011
 - Chair of Economics Division senior search committee,
 - Division Executive Group
- University of Pennsylvania
 - Junior recruiting, 2005
 - Admissions, 1999-2004, 2004-2008

Professional Duties

- Program Committees: European Econometrics Society, 2010, Royal Economic Society, 2009-2011
- Referee: Econometrica, JPE, QJE, AER, AEJ Macro, EER, RED, IER, etc.

Conferences Attended

- North America:
 - Society of Economic Dynamics, NBER summer institute, Latin-American Econometric Society, American Economic Association, SITE(Stanford), LAEF(UCSB), Canadian Macro Study Group, NBER Macro Time and Space.
- Europe
 - Royal Economic Society, Vienna Macro Workshop, REDg (Madrid, Barcelona), CAP(Aarhus,Denmark), European Summer Symposium in International Macroeconomics (CEPR) ,Labour Market Dynamics And Growth (Aarhus,Denmark), Barcelona Summer School.