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Education

Ph.D.	Economics	University of Western Ontario	2011
M.A.	Economics	University of Western Ontario	2005
Honors B.A.	Economics & Computer Science	University of Western Ontario	2004

Employment History

July 2017 - Present	Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Prince Edward Island
July 2017- June 2018	<i>Visiting Scholar</i> , Department of Economics and Finance, University of Guelph (On sabbatical from UPEI)
July 2010 - June 2017	Assistance Professor, Department of Economics, University of Prince Edward Island
July 2009 - June 2010	<i>Lecturer</i> , Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario
2005 - June 2009	<i>Teaching assistant and Lecturer</i> , Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario

Publications

"Did the unemployment benefits extension between 2009-2013 deter entrepreneurship in the US? Some evidence and a model of unemployment benefits and entrepreneurship," *Economic Modelling* (forthcoming)

"The Impact of Personal Bankruptcy Law on Entrepreneurship," (2015) Canadian Journal of Economics, Volume 48, No. 2

"Financing High-tech Start-ups: Moral Hazard, Information Asymmetry and the Reallocation of Control Rights" (2015) *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Contribution, Volume 15, Issue 2*

"Small Business Loan Guarantees as Insurance Against Aggregate Risks" (2013) B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, Contribution, Volume 13, Issue 1

"Economic Growth Through Trade Liberalization for Small Island Developing States in the Pacific: Regionalism versus Globalization" with Cheryl Carmichael forthcoming in *Islands Economic Cooperation Forum: Annual Report On Global Islands 2021*

Work in Progress

"Optimal Product Variety and Interprovincial Barriers to Trade in Craft Beer" with Jim Sentance and Jason Stevens (Revise and resubmit *Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade*)

"Health Insurance Coverage and Self-Employment Among Young U.S. Adults" (Submitted)

"The Impact of Energy Price Changes on the Aggregate Economy: The role of factor reallocation" with Jason Stevens (Submitted)

"Business Dynamics During the COVID19 Pandemic in Canada"

"The Impact of Energy Prices on Unemployment in US States and Energy Intensity: a dynamic panel analysis" with Jason Stevens

"Energy Price Movements and Small Businesses Dynamics" with Jason Stevens

Teaching Experiences

University of Prince Edward Island

Econ 3910 Economics of Entrepreneurship (online), Econ 1010 Introductory Microeconomics (In-class and online), Econ 3060 Intermediate Macroeconomics II, Econ 4040 Advanced Macroeconomics, Econ 3030 Economics Methodology, Econ 3080 Econometrics I, Econ 4110 Econometrics II, Econ 3310 International Trade (In-class and Online, Undergraduate and MA), Econ 2040 Intermediate Macroeconomics I, Econ 1020 Introductory Macroeconomics (In-class and online)

Math 222, Introductory Statistics II, Asian Studies 202 Introduction to East Asia (Economics Portion)

MA Supervisor

Cheryl Carmichael, "Non Reciprocal Trade Agreement versus Reciprocal Trade Agreement Solely Among Developing Island States", Graduated Fall 2019

University of Western Ontario

International Trade (Honors), Intermediate Macroeconomics II (Honors), Intermediate Macroeconomics I (Honors), Intermediate Macroeconomics II (General)

Teaching Award

Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year, University of Western Ontario, 2006-2007

Conference Presentations

The Atlantic Canada Economics Association Annual Meetings, Halifax, Oct, 2022 presented "Business dynamics and public health restrictions during the Covid-19 Pandemic"

The Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, Ottawa, June 2022 Presented "Business Dynamics During the COVID19 Pandemic in Canada"

29th Annual Conference of the Canadian Environmental and Resource Economics Association, Charlottetown, Oct 2019

Presented " The Impact of Energy Price Changes on the Aggregate Economy: The role of factor reallocation"

The Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, Banff, May 2019. Presented "The Impact of Energy Price Changes on the Aggregate Economy: The role of factor reallocation"

The Atlantic Canada Economics Association Annual Meetings, Fredericton, Nov 2018. Presented "The Impact of Unemployment Benefits Extension on Entrepreneurship"

The Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, May 2018. Presented "The Impact of Unemployment Benefits Extension on Entrepreneurship"

The Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, Antiginish, May 2017. Presented "Entrepreneurship and its Dynamics in the US During and After the Great Recession" Atlantic Canada Economics Association Annual Meetings, Sakville, NB, October 2016. Presented "Financial Crisis and Business Dynamics in the US and Canada"

The Southern Economics Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, November 2015. Presented "Energy Prices Fluctuations and Small Business Turnover"

Atlantic Canada Economics Association Annual Meetings, Wolfville, NS, October 2015. Presented "Energy Prices and Canadian Business Dynamics"

The Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, Toronto, May 2015. Presented "Energy Prices Fluctuations and Small Business Turnover"

The Southern Economics Association Annual Meetings, Tampa, November 2013. Presented "Health Insurance Coverage and Self-Employment Among Young US Adults"

Atlantic Canada Economics Association Annual Meetings, St. Johns, October 2013. Presented "Health Insurance Coverage and Self-Employment Among Young US Adults"

The Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, June 2013. Presented "Health Insurance Coverage and Self-Employment"

2012 Atlantic Canada Economics Association Annual Meeting, SMU, Halifax, October 2012. Presented "Aggregate Risks, Collateral Value and the Role of Loan Guarantee in Small Business Financing"

The Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, Calgary, June 2012. Presented "Small Business Loan Guarantees as Insurance Against Aggregate Risks."

2011 Atlantic Canada Economics Association Annual Meeting University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown PE, October 2011 *Organizer*, presented "Small Business Loan Guarantees as Insurance Against Aggregate Risks."

2011 International Institute of Public Finance Congress University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, August 2011. Presented "Small Business Loan Guarantees as Insurance Against Aggregate Risks."

International Economic Association 16th World Congress Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, July 2011. Presented "Small Business Loan Guarantees as Insurance Against Aggregate Risks."

Darden Entrepreneurship and Innovation Research Conference Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, May 2011. Presented "Small Business Loan Guarantees as Insurance Against Aggregate Risks."

Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Economic Recovery: A Focus on Job Creation and Stabilization conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta, October 2010. Presented "The Impact of Personal Bankruptcy Law on Entrepreneurship."

Second Annual Research Symposium on The Economics and Law of the Entrepreneur, Northwestern Law School, Chicago, June 2009. Presented "The Impact of Personal Bankruptcy Law on Entrepreneurship."

The Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, Toronto, May 2009. Presented "The Impact of Personal Bankruptcy Law on Entrepreneurship."

The Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, Vancouver, June 2008. Presented "Financing High-Tech Start-Ups: Venture Capital vs. Bank."

University of Western Ontario, Macro/Money Workshop, London, May 2007. Presented "Financing High-Tech Start-Ups: Venture Capital vs. Bank."

Fourth Annual Society for Entrepreneurship Scholars (SES) Conference & Manuscript Bootcamp, Washington DC. October 2009.

Got feedback for "The Impact of Personal Bankruptcy Law on Entrepreneurship."

5th Insolvency Research Symposium, Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Ottawa, November 2009. Invited Presenter

Invited Seminar Presentations

Western University, Department of Economics, Macro Workshop, 2018

Brock University, Department of Economics, Research Seminar, 2018

University of Guelph, Department of Economics and Finance, External Seminar, 2018

University of Guelph, Department of Economics and Finance, Internal Seminar, 2017

King's College at Western University, 2017

St. Francis Xavier University, Department of Economics Seminar, 2014.

Ryerson University, Department of Economics Seminar, 2014.

University of Waterloo, Department of Economics Seminar, 2014.

Mount Allison University, Economics Seminar, 2012.

University of Guelph, Visiting Speaker Series , 2010.

Honors and Awards

Start-up Grant, UPEI, 2010 Western Graduate Research Scholarship, UWO, 2005-2009 Graduate Thesis Research Award, UWO, 2007-2008 International Graduate Student Scholarship, UWO, 2004, 2005 Special University Scholarship, UWO, 2004, 2005 UWO Gold Medal (Graduated top of the class), UWO, 2004 UWO In-Course Scholarships Year IV, UWO, 2003 Barry Connell Steers Scholarship, UWO, 2003 Deans honor list, Social Science, UWO, 2002, 2003, 2004

Referee

Economic Inquiry, Small Business Economics, Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice, Journal of Business Venturing, Journal of Public Economics Theory, Journal of Entrepreneurship Research, Journal of Small Business Management, Canadian Journal of Education.

Media

CBC various discussions on Economic issues: inflation, property taxes, minimal wages, 2020-2023

CBC PEI, monthly comments on unemployment CBC Radio, Episode five of *"The Invisible Hand"*

Service

Atlantic Canada Economic Association Annual Meeting Organizing Committee, 2023 Economics Department Seminar Series, UPEI, co-organizer Faculty of Arts Task Force, UPEI, 2020 Economics department hiring committee, UPEI, 2011-2012, 2015-2016, 2018-2019 Island Study hiring committee, UPEI, 2019-2020 School of Business hiring committee, UPEI, 2014-2015 Faculty of Arts Communication Committee, UPEI, Chair since 2014 Research Advisory Committee, UPEI, 2011-2015 Faculty Association Equity Committee, UPEI, 2012-2017 Atlantic Canada Economics Association, Executive, 2011-2016 Faculty Mentorship and Development Committee, UPEI, 2012-2013 Student as Scholar Initiative Committee, UPEI, 2012-2015 Organizing Committee of the Atlantic Canada Economics Association's Annual Conference, UPEI, 2011 Economics Department Committee on Academic Policy (CAP) UWO, 2005-2006 Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Economics, UWO, 2008-2009

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, Canadian Economic Association, Atlantic Canada Economic Association.