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Research interests

Public economics, labour economics, economics of education, political economy

Education

2006 PhD, Economics, University of Toronto
Higher Education Policy, Education Outcomes and Credit Constraints
1999 MA, Economics, University of Toronto
1995 P.G. Dip. International Law, Australian National University
1992 B.Econ. (Hons I), University of Queensland, Australia

Professional Experience

2005-present Lecturer/Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Wilfrid Laurier University
1998-2005 Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant, University of Toronto
1996-1998 Senior Research Officer/Acting Executive Officer, International Economic Policy Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
1993-1996 Graduate Economist/Senior Research Officer, Australian Treasury

Publications

Academic Papers

Weak Tests and Strong Conclusions: A Re-Analysis of Gun Deaths and the Australian Firearms Buyback. Australian National University Working Paper. Forthcoming in *Current Issues in Criminal Justice*, November 2008

Policy Papers

Canada's Tuition and Education Tax Credits. Millennium Research Paper No. 30. Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation: Montreal. May 2007.
Can we say whether the Canada Millennium Scholarship bursaries have affected post-secondary enrolments?
Report prepared for Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, March 2007

Working Papers

Tuition Fees and the Demand for University Places.
Revised and resubmitted, *Economics of Education Review*, May 2008
Working to Pay for School – the Effect of Tuition Fees on Students' Paid Work.

Revised, August 2007

The Effect of Student Loan Limits on Educational Outcomes. CLSRN Working Paper
September, 2007

Do Gun Buybacks Save Lives? Evidence from Panel Data. Joint with Andrew Leigh
(Australian National University). September, 2007 (in submission)

Remain, Retrain or Retire: Options for older workers following job loss
Joint with Tammy Schirle (WLU). Paper for the John Deutsche Institute
Conference on Retirement Issues, October 26-28, 2007

Switching in the choice of post-secondary courses.

Report prepared for Human Resources and Skills Development Canada,
April 2008

Presentations

American Education Finance Association Annual Meetings, April 2008: *Student Loan
Limits and Educational Attainment*

University of Calgary Economics Dept Seminar, September 2007: *Do Gun Buybacks
Save Lives? Evidence from Panel Data*

CLSRN Conference on Education and Training, September 2007: *The Effect of Student
Loan Limits on Educational Outcomes*

Canadian Economics Association Meetings, June 2007: *Australian Firearms Laws and
Suicide Rates*

Australian National University, October 2006: *Working to Pay for School – the Effect of
Tuition Fees on Students' Paid Work*

Canadian Economics Association Meetings, May 2006: *Student Loan Limits and
Educational Attainment*

Statistics Canada Socio economic Conference, May 2006: *Working to Pay for School –
the Effect of Tuition Fees on Students' Paid Work*

TARGET Conference on Education, Training and the Evolving Workplace, May 2006:
Student Loan Limits and Educational Attainment

York University, January 2006: *Working to Pay for School – the Effect of Tuition Fees
on Students' Paid Work*

University of Melbourne, May 2005: *Tuition Fees and the Demand for University Places*

Canadian Economics Association Meetings, June 2004: *Tuition Fees and the Post-
Secondary Education/Employment Decision in Canada*

Courses taught

EC140: Introductory Macroeconomics (Winter 2006; Winter 2007; Winter 2008)

EC228: Educational Economics (Fall 2005; Winter 2007)

EC246: Positive and Normative Aspects of Income Distribution (Winter 2006)

EC481: Honours Research Paper and Seminar (Fall 2005; Winter 2007; Winter 2008).

IP631: Economics of Human Security (Winter 2008)

IP634: Human Security Seminar (Winter 2008)

Masters' Research Papers Supervised

2008: Konrad Pasikowski: *Gender wage gaps in large urban areas*

- 2007: Michal Burdzy: *Impact of oil price increases on full-time high school and university enrolment rates in Alberta*
Mohan Wang: *Cross-country evidence on the effects of geographic distance from markets on investment in education*
2006: Ying Cui: *Tuition fees and students' work in the US*

Committees

- 2007: External consultant for review of the Canada Student Loan Program
2006 - 2008: SBE Petitions Committee, Wilfrid Laurier University (Chair in 2007/08)
2006 - : Canadian Women's Economics Network, executive member at large

Professional Affiliations

- Canadian Economics Association
Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network (CLSRN)
Canadian Women's Economics Network
American Educational Finance Association
Economics Society of Australia

Refereeing

- Canadian Journal of Economics; Canadian Public Policy; Economics of Education Review; International Tax and Public Finance; Statistics Canada; SSHRC; Journal of Public Economics

Awards and Grants

- 2008 WLU Internal Research Grant: Returns to Adult Education
2006 CLSRN Grant, "Student loans and university enrolments in Canada"
2004-05 CEPA Fellowship, University of Toronto
1999-2000 Ontario Government Scholarship
1998-2004 University of Toronto Open Fellowship
1992 University Medal, University of Queensland
1992 Honours Fellowship, Department of the Treasury, Australia

Media Interviews and Reports

- January 2008: CTV Kitchener-Waterloo: "The Economic Effects of Family Day"
July 2007: Radio Interview, Afternoon News on News 95.7: "Should Canada eliminate the penny?"
April 2007: Radio interview with ABC Radio, Sydney, Australia, April 23, 2007, "Did Australia's NFA reduce gun deaths?"
Extensive Australian newspaper and radio coverage
March 2006: CTV Kitchener-Waterloo "Ontario Public Sector Salaries"
May 2007: Globe and Mail report on *Canada's Tuition and Education Tax Credits*
October 2006: The Australian's Higher Education Supplement report on: *Working to Pay for School – the Effect of Tuition Fees on Students' Paid Work*