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Education

University of British Columbia
PhD Economics

Vancouver, BC
2020-

Queen's University
MA Economics

Kingston, ON
2019-2020

Université du Québec à Montréal
BSc Economics

Montréal, QC
2016-2018

Research

Job Market Paper:

It's About Time: Social Housing, Parental Labour Supply, and Long-term Child Outcomes [\[Paper\]](#)

Abstract: I assess the effect of highly subsidized social housing on both medium-term parental labour market outcomes and long-term child earnings and educational attainment. Using linked Canadian administrative data, I exploit variation in the timing of entry into social housing to identify the effects of additional exposure during childhood and find that children who enter earlier achieve better adult outcomes. For parents, event-study estimates around entry reveal substantial reductions in labour supply and earnings, with nearly no effect on net-of-housing-cost income. A simple time-allocation model—where social housing receipt both relaxes the budget constraint and insures parents against earnings uncertainty—rationalizes these large labour supply responses. I show that parental time is a key causal factor behind improvements in child outcomes by isolating exogenous labour supply responses using features of the program. These results highlight a critical trade-off between maximizing the return for children and the labour market participation of parents.

Working papers:

Why Do Union Jobs Pay More? New Evidence from Matched Employer-Employee Data
with Thomas Lemieux, Derek Messacar, and Raffaele Saggio [\[Paper\]](#)
R&R at Quarterly Journal of Economics

A Welfare Analysis of Family Policies: Lessons From a Large Childcare Reform in Canada
with Sébastien Montpetit & Luisa Carrer [\[Paper\]](#)
Submitted

Gentrification, displacement, and income trajectory of incumbent workers [\[Paper\]](#)

Publications:

Primary School Reopenings and Parental Work
with Marie Connolly, Catherine Haec & Tímea Laura Molnár
Canadian Journal of Economics, 2022, vol. 55, p. 248-281. [\[Paper\]](#)

The Distribution of COVID-19 Related Risks

with Patrick Baylis, Marie Connolly, Nicole M. Fortin, David A. Green, Pablo Gutiérrez-Cubillos, Sam Gyetvay, Catherine Haec, Tímea Laura Molnár, Gaëlle Simard-Duplain, Henry E. Siu, Maria teNyenhuus & Casey Warman

Canadian Journal of Economics, 2022, vol. 55, p. 172-213.. [Paper]

Managing Immigration in the Canadian Federation: The Case of Quebec

with Alain-G. Gagnon & Jean-Denis Garon

International affairs and Canadian migration policy, 2021, p. 227-245. [Chapter]

Work In Progress:

Immigrant Neighborhood Formation: Evidence from Canadian Cities

with Vedran Juraj Razmilic and Pablo Valenzuela-Casasempere

Pathways Into and Out of Homelessness

with Victor Couture, Jeffrey Hicks, and David Green

Policy Writing:

Professions et industries: quels sont les risques de transmission de la COVID-19? Un outil pour faire face à la deuxième vague

Avec Marie Connolly & Catherine Haec

Perspectives CIRANO, 2020, 2020PE-40. [Paper].

Relevant Experience

UBC Research assistant

Professors: Thomas Lemieux & Raffaele Saggio

Vancouver, BC

2022-

Groupe de recherche sur le capital humain, UQAM

Graduate researcher

Montréal, QC

2020-2021

UQAM Research assistant

Professors: Marie Connolly, Jean-Denis Garon and Catherine Haec

Montréal, QC

2018-2020

Grants and Awards

Research Grant:

Center for Innovative Data in Economics, Research Grant (22,500\$) 2024

Center for Innovative Data in Economics, Research Grant (21,000\$) 2023

Awards:

Stone Centre Doctoral Fellowship 2024-2026

CRDCN Emerging Scholars Grant 2024

FRQSC Doctoral Fellowship 2021-2025

UBC Doctoral Fellowship 2020-2025

Queen's Graduate Award Scholarship 2019-2020

Senator Frank Carrel Fellowship 2019-2020

Syndicat des professeurs-es de l'UQAM scholarship 2018

Québec Economics Games, Winning Team 2018

Jean-Soucy Scholarship 2017

CIRANO Budgetary Policy Challenge, Winning Team 2017

Professional Activities:

Referee: *EconomiA*, Canadian Public Policy/*Analyse de politiques*, *Industrial Relations*, *Journal of Labor Research*

Service:

Student Labour Group (VSE-UBC, 2023-2025), Spatial brown bag (VSE/Sauder UBC, 2024), PhD Student Representative (VSE-UBC, 2023-2024), V-P Academic Affairs (Association Étudiantes de Sciences Économiques et Gestion Publique, 2018-2019), Program Committee Bachelor in Economics (UQAM, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019), Program Review Committee Bachelor in Economics (UQAM, 2018-2019), Student newspaper Editor (*Horizons Économiques*, 2017-2019), Organizing committee (Québec's Economics Games, 2019)

Invited Presentations:

2025: SCSE annual meeting (Orford), ASSA (San Francisco)[†]
2024: CEA Annual meeting (Toronto), NBER Labor Studies (Summer Institute)[†]
2023: CEA Annual meeting (Winnipeg), SCSE annual meeting (Québec City)
2021: CRDCN/CJE Webinar Series (online)

[†] Selected presentation by co-author

Media: Bilan Économique 2023 (Radio Canada, [2023-11-28](#)), Enoncé économique de la Ministre des Finances (Radio Canada, [2023-12-20](#)),

Teaching

Teaching Assistant:

Introduction to Econometrics I (UBC), Advanced Empirical Methods for International Economics (UBC), Seminar in Applied Economics (UBC), Economics of Renewable Resource (UBC), Introductory Statistics (Queen's), Microeconomics I (UQAM), Microeconomics Analysis (UQAM)

References

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