

# ALLAN DAVIDS

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Consumer and Household Finance · Urban Economics · Public Economics

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## APPOINTMENTS

2020/04 –            Lecturer, School of Economics, University of Cape Town

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## EDUCATION

2022 (submitted)      PhD in Economics, University of Cape Town

2017                    Visiting PhD student, Stern School of Business, New York University

2016                    MCom Economics *with distinction*, Stellenbosch University

2015                    BCom (Hons) Economics, Stellenbosch University

2013                    BA Value and Policy Studies, Stellenbosch University

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## VISITING POSITIONS

2019/01 – 2019/04 Visiting Researcher – Department of Finance, Imperial College Business School

2017/04 – 2017/04 Visiting Researcher – Institute for New Economic Thinking, University of Oxford

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## RESEARCH

### Working Papers

1. “[Diffuse Bunching with Lumpy Incomes: Theory and Estimation](#)” (with Santosh Anagol, Ben Lockwood and Tarun Ramadorai), July 2022
2. “[Social learning in a Covid-19 Network Model](#)” (with Gideon du Rand, Co-Pierre Georg, Tina Koziol, Joeri Schasfoort), April 2021 - *Revise & Resubmit, Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization*
3. “[The Cape of Good Homes: Exchange Rate Depreciations, Foreign Demand and House Prices](#)”, May 2020

### In Progress

- “Home foreclosure discounts and investment outcomes”

### Policy-related

1. “The consumer credit landscape in South Africa” (with Esti Kemp), *South African Reserve Bank Financial Stability Topical Briefing*, January 2017

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## TEACHING

2021 –	Econometrics (Postgraduate - ECO4016F), School of Economics, University of Cape Town
2020 –	Policy Analysis (Postgraduate - ECO4028S), School of Economics, University of Cape Town
2020 –	Quantitative Methods in Economics (Undergraduate - ECO3021S), School of Economics, University of Cape Town
2020 –	Public Sector Economics (Undergraduate - ECO3023S), School of Economics, University of Cape Town
2017	Risk Management Computing Skills (Postgraduate), AIFMRM, University of Cape Town

## As assistant

2018 – 2019	Financial Software Engineering (Postgraduate), AIFMRM, University of Cape Town
2017	Mathematical Computing Skills (Postgraduate pre-course), AIFMRM, University of Cape Town
2015	Economics 114, University of Stellenbosch

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## NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

2018 –	Co-founder, <a href="#">Registree</a>
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## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

2022	LMU Munich* · CREST* · Toulouse School of Economics*
2021	Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (LAGV) · University of Cape Town · South African Revenue Services · ERSAs Public Finance Seminar · ABM4Policy Seminar* · George Mason University* · European Bank for Reconstruction and Development*
2020	Imperial College Business School* · Stellenbosch University *
2019	VW & Goethe University: SAFE: Quantitative Easing and Financial (In)stability · Stellenbosch University · South African Reserve Bank Biennial Conference
2018	VW & Waseda University: Quantitative Easing and Financial (In)stability · University of Cape Town
2017	INET Oxford · South African Reserve Bank · National Treasury of South Africa · University of Cape Town · National Treasury Housing and Urban Development Winter School · University of Cape Town
2016	City of Cape Town · VW & University of Cape Town: Quantitative Easing and Financial (In)stability

(\*: presentation by co-author)

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## DISCUSSIONS

2022	American Finance Association (AFA) Annual Meeting: “How do Taxes Affect the Trading Behavior of Private Investors? Evidence from Individual Portfolio Data” - Buhlmann, Dörrenberg, Loos & Voget
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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Refereeing activities

Journal of Economics and Statistics · ERSA Working Paper Series

### Academic service

2023– Degree convener, MPhil in Financial Technology, University of Cape Town  
2022– External examiner, Econometrics, Cape Peninsula University of Technology  
07/2020 – 06/2024 Elected member of the University of Cape Town Senate

### Non-academic service

2021 Statistics South Africa - developing a residential property price index (RPPI) for South Africa  
2019 Insight2Impact DataHack4FinancialInclusion - Data Science Mentor  
2018 UCT GSB FinTech Startup Weekend - Coach  
2018 National Treasury of South Africa - geocoding tax administrative data  
2009 - 2011 City of Cape Town - Junior Mayor

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## AWARDS AND GRANTS

2020 South African Reserve Bank Financial Stability PhD Scholarship  
2018 South African Reserve Bank Financial Stability Research Grant  
2017 – 2019 Volkswagen Foundation & AIFMRM PhD Scholarship  
2016 Economic Society of South Africa – Nominee: best Masters dissertation in South Africa  
2014 National Research Foundation Research and Innovation Research Grant  
2013 Mayor's Award for Youth Leadership, City of Cape Town

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## MEDIA COVERAGE

1. [“Here’s what the many different models predict about Covid-19”](#), *The Citizen*, May 2020.
2. [“The blame game”](#), *Business Day Homefront*, June 2017.

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## LANGUAGES

Programming R, Python, JavaScript, HTML, Java  
Software Office, Stata, SQL, NetLogo, QGIS, Matlab, Eviews  
Natural English (native), Afrikaans (fluent)

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## REFERENCES

Available on request

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