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Consumer and Household Finance · Urban Economics · Public Economics

APPOINTMENTS

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

EDUCATION

2017–2022 (expected) 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

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

RESEARCH

Working Papers

1. [“Social learning in a Covid-19 Network Model”](#) (with Gideon du Rand, Co-Pierre Georg, Tina Koziol, Joeri Schasfoort), April 2021
2. [“Do Firms Have a Preference for Paying Exactly Zero Tax?”](#) (with Santosh Anagol, Ben Lockwood and Tarun Ramadorai), February 2021
3. [“The Cape of Good Homes: Exchange Rate Depreciations, Foreign Demand and House Prices \(New version soon\)”](#), 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

TEACHING

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| 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

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| 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 |

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

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| 2018 – | Co-founder, Registree |
| 01/2016–09/2016 | Data scientist, Eighty20 |

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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| 2021 | Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (LAGV) · University of Cape Town · South African Revenue Services · ERS 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)

DISCUSSIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

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| 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

07/2020 – 06/2024 Elected member of the University of Cape Town Senate

Non-academic service

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| 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 |

AWARDS AND GRANTS

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| 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 |

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.

LANGUAGES

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

REFERENCES

Available on request

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