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EMPLOYMENT

Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Assistant Professor of Economics. August 2023–present.
Adjunct lecturer, Trinity College Dublin. August 2018–July 2023.

Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin, Ireland

Research Affiliate. 2023–present
Research Officer. August 2018–July 2023 (with tenure from August 2022).

Institute for Fiscal Studies, London, UK

International Research Associate. 2018–present
Research Economist. September 2012–July 2018.

EDUCATION

University College London, UK (September 2018)

Ph.D., Economics. “Essays in Public Economics”.
Advisor: Prof. Richard Blundell. Examiners: Prof. Orazio Attanasio and Prof. James Ziliak

Trinity College Dublin, Ireland (August 2012)

MSc, Economics (Distinction).

Trinity College Dublin, Ireland (June 2011)

BA, Economics (First Class Honours).
Awarded Scholarship in 2009 for performance in Foundation Scholarship exams.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Sustainable Development: The Role of Taxation”, *Journal of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland*, Vol.52, 2022/23, pp.106-108 (2023).

“How has the gender earnings gap in Ireland changed in thirty years?”. *Social Sciences*, 11(8)1–21 (2022). With Michelle Barrett, Karina Doorley and Paul Redmond.

“Income Inequality and Living Standards”, *Journal of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland*, Vol.LI, 2021/22, pp.82-85 (2022).

“Mobility and the lifetime distributional impact of tax and transfer reforms”, *International Tax and Public Finance*, 28(4):751–793 (2021). With Peter Levell and Jonathan Shaw.

“Frictions and the elasticity of taxable income: evidence from bunching at tax thresholds”, *International Tax and Public Finance*, 28(3):612–653 (2021). With Stuart Adam, James Browne, and David Phillips.

“Understanding Income Inequality in Ireland”, *Journal of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland* (2020). 130th winner of the Barrington Medal.

“35 Years of Reforms: a panel analysis of the incidence of, and employee and employer responses to, social security contributions in the UK”, *Journal of Public Economics*, 171: 29–50 (2019). With Stuart Adam and David Phillips.

“What a difference a day makes: inequality and the tax and benefit system from a lifetime perspective”, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 16(1):23-40. (2018). With Jonathan Shaw.

“Contribution Ceilings and the Incidence of Payroll Taxes”, *De Economist*, 165(2):129–140. (2017). With Facundo Alvaredo, Thomas Breda and Emmanuel Saez.

“The Incidence of Social Security Contributions in the United Kingdom: Evidence from Discontinuities at Contribution Ceilings”, *De Economist*, 165(2):181–203. (2017). With Stuart Adam and David Phillips.

“UK Tax Policy 2010-15: An Assessment”, *Fiscal Studies*, 36(3):349–373 (2015). With Stuart Adam.

“Taxing an independent Scotland”, *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 30(2):325–345. (2014). With Stuart Adam and Paul Johnson.

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

“Equivalisation (once again)”. ESRI working paper. forthcoming. With Karina Doorley, Theano Kakoulidou and Luke Duggan.

“Earnings growth and inequality in Ireland: 1987-2017”. Latest version 2022 (presented at Central Bank of Ireland Labour Market Conference). With Paul Redmond and Michelle Barrett.

“Inclusive growth: the Irish exception?”. Latest version 2022 (presented at the 2023 ECINEQ biennial conference). With Brian Nolan.

“Income growth and inequality in Ireland”. Latest version 2022 (presented at Deaton Review conference). With Michelle Barrett.

“Income tax and the careers of women”. Latest version 2021 (presented at the 2022 Journees Louis-Andre Gerard-Varet, Marseilles).

“Born under a bad sign: the impact of finishing school when labour markets are weak”. *IFS Working Paper* W21/28. 2021. With Mark Regan

“Does Statutory Incidence Matter? Earnings Responses to Social Security Contributions. Latest version 2020 (presented at 2018 NBER Summer Institute). With Enda Hargaden.

Evaluation of NExTWORK active labour market programme in Denmark. Pre-analysis plan registered with the AEA RCT Registry (ID AEARCTR-0002752). With Sonya Krutikova.

SELECTED POLICY REPORTS

“Poverty, income inequality and living standards in Ireland: third annual report”, ESRI/Community Foundation for Ireland Joint Report. August 2023. With Karina Doorley.

“Poverty, income inequality and living standards in Ireland: second annual report”, ESRI/Community Foundation for Ireland Joint Report. October 2022. With Michelle Barrett and Paul Redmond.

“Future trends in housing tenure and the adequacy of retirement income”, ESRI Research Series RS143. July 2022. With Rachel Slaymaker, Anne Nolan and Conor O’Toole

“Energy poverty and deprivation in Ireland”, ESRI Research Series 144. June 2022. With Michelle Barrett and Niall Farrell.

“Earnings-related benefits in Ireland: rationale, costs and work incentives”, ESRI Budget Perspectives Series 2023-02. June 2022. With Michael Doolan and Theano Kakoulidou.

“Low income renters and housing supports”, ESRI Research Series 141. May 2022. With Michael Doolan and Rachel Slaymaker.

“Budget 2022 analysis”, ESRI QEC Special Article. October 2021. With Barra Roantree, Karina Doorley, Theano Kakoulidou and Seamus O’Malley.

“Options for raising tax revenue in Ireland”, ESRI Budget Perspectives Series 2022-01. May 2021. With Theano Kakoulidou.

“Poverty, income inequality and living standards in Ireland”, ESRI/Community Foundation for

Ireland Joint Report. May 2021. With Bertrand MaÃtre, Alyvia McTague, Ivan Privalko.

“Budget 2021 analysis”, ESRI QEC Special Article, October 2020. With Claire Keane, Karina Doorley, Alyvia McTague, Seamus O’Malley, Dora Tuda and Mark Regan.

“Carbon taxes, poverty and compensation options”, ESRI Survey and Statistical Report Series 98. October 2020. With Seamus O’Malley and John Curtis.

“Income adequacy in retirement: Evidence from the Irish longitudinal study on ageing”, ESRI Research Series 107. July 2020. With Keelan Beirne and Anne Nolan.

“Differences in risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19 across occupations in Ireland”, ESRI Survey and Statistical Report Series 93, July 2020. With Brendan Walsh and Paul Redmond.

“The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on consumption and indirect tax in Ireland”, ESRI Budget Perspectives Series. May 2020. With Cathal Coffey, Karina Doorley and Conor O’Toole.

“The potential costs and distributional effect of COVID-19 related unemployment in Ireland, ESRI Budget Perspectives Series. April 2020. With Keelan Beirne, Karina Doorley, Mark Regan and Dora Tuda.

“The characteristics and incomes of the top 1% in the UK”, IFS BN 254. August 2019. With Robert Joyce and Thomas Pope.

“Carbon taxes and compensation options”, ESRI Budget Perspectives 2020. June 2019. With Maxime Bercholz.

“Housing Assistance Payment: Potential impacts on financial incentives to work”, ESRI Working Paper 610. January 2019. With Mark Regan, Tim Callan, Michael Savage, John R. Walsh.

“Budget 2019: tax and welfare changes”, ESRI QEC Special Article. December 2018. With Maxime Bercholz, Karina Doorley, Claire Keane and Mark Regan.

“The rise and rise of women’s employment in the UK”, IFS Briefing Note BN234. April 2018. With Kartik Vira.

“Tax revenues: where does the money come from and what are the next government’s challenges?”, IFS BN. May 2017. With Helen Miller.

“The goose’s golden egg: taxes, benefits and redistribution in the UK”, in *Plucking the Goose: a century of taxation from the Great War to the Digital Age*, London: LexisNexis, July 2016. With Paul Johnson.

“Financial Incentives to Work: Comparing Ireland and the UK”. ESRI Budget Perspectives Series. June 2016. With Tim Callan, Cormac O’Dea and Michael Savage.

“The coalition government’s record on tax”. IFS Briefing Note (BN167). March 2015. With Stuart Adam.

“Options for increasing tax”, IFS Green Budget 2015. February 2015. With Stuart Adam. In Emmerson, C., Johnson, P., and Joyce, R. (eds).

“Universal Credit in Northern Ireland: what will its impact be, and what are the challenges?”, IFS Report no. 77. March 2013. With James Browne.

“Broad shoulders and tight belts: options for taxing the better-off”, IFS Green Budget 2013. February 2013. With Stuart Adam. In Emmerson, C., Johnson, P., and Miller, H. (eds).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>Programme Director, MSc in Economic Policy, Trinity College Dublin (2023)</p> <p>Lecturer, Economics of Policy Issues B, third year undergraduate course, Trinity College Dublin (2023)</p> <p>Lecturer, Econometrics, MSc in Economics course, Trinity College Dublin (2023)</p> <p>Lecturer, Econometrics, third year undergraduate course, Trinity College Dublin (2022-present)</p> <p>Lecturer, Taxation and welfare, MSc Economic Policy course, Trinity College Dublin (2023)</p> <p>Course lecturer, Evaluation methods, HMRC/HM Treasury training course (2018)</p> <p>Guest lecturer, IFS public economic lectures, University of Oxford and Cambridge (2014-2016)</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Economy of Ireland, second year undergraduate course, Trinity College Dublin (2011-12)</p>
RESEARCH GRANTS	<p>Principal investigator (2020-23): “Poverty, income inequality and living standards in Ireland” The Community Foundation for Ireland, €200,000</p> <p>Co-principal investigator (2022): “Energy poverty and deprivation in Ireland” The Community Foundation for Ireland, €50,000</p> <p>Co-investigator (2020-22): “Housing and pensions” Pensions Council, €120,000</p> <p>Principal investigator (2020-21): “Labour market scarring in Denmark” The Rockwool Foundation, €45,000</p>
REFEREEING	<p>European Economic Review; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Economic Journal; Journal of Macroeconomics; Labour Economics; Fiscal Studies; Economic and Social Review.</p>
INVITED SEMINARS, WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>2024:</p> <p>2023: Irish Economics Association (IEA) annual conference, Athlone; INEQ conference, Aix-en-Provence; University of Manchester, UK; Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland symposium, Dublin; Economic and Social Research Institute conference, Dublin; University College Dublin, Ireland; TU Dublin, Ireland.</p> <p>2022: Irish Quantitative History seminar, online; Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland symposium, Dublin; Irish Economics Association (IEA) annual conference, Limerick; Journees Louis-Andre Gerard-Varet (LAGV), Marseilles; Workshop of Labour and Family Economics (WOLFE), York; DEW economic policy conference, Wexford; Central Bank of Ireland labour market conference, Dublin.</p> <p>2021: Online Public Finance Seminar (OPFS); Citizens Information Board social policy seminar, online; NERI/UCD Geary annual economic policy conference, online; Department of Taoiseach Understanding Life in Ireland seminar, online; NERI seminar series, online.</p> <p>2020: Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland Barrington Lecture, Dublin/Cork; Geary Institute COVID-19 response seminar series, online; Focus Ireland/Threshold seminar, online; IIEA young professionals network, online; Department of Social Protection pre-Budget Forum, Dublin; Irish Association of Pension Funds annual conference, online.</p> <p>2019: International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) annual congress, Glasgow; European Economic Association (EEA) annual congress, Manchester; International Microsimulation Association (IMA) world congress, Galway.</p> <p>2018: Congressional Budget Office (CBO), Washington D.C.; DIW, Berlin; Trinity College, Dublin; National University of Ireland, Maynooth; Royal Economics Society, Brighton.</p> <p>2017: Understanding Society Scientific Conference, Essex; Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin; DEW economic policy conference, Wexford</p> <p>2016: University College London; Royal Economics Society, Brighton; IFS workshop on social security contributions, London; Nevin Economic Research Institute, Dublin; Economic and Social</p>

Research Institute, Dublin; Budget Perspectives, Dublin; Irish Economic Association, Galway;
2015: Institute for International and Public Finance, Dublin; Public Economics UK, Exeter; Royal
Economics Society annual conference, Manchester.
2014: Irish Society for New Economists, Galway

PROFESSIONAL AND
PUBLIC SERVICE

Executive Committee Member of Irish Society for Women in Economics. 2022-present.
External examiner NUI Maynooth
Member of Irish Commission on Taxation and Welfare. 2021-22.
Organisation of “Dublin Economics Workshop annual economic policy conference”. 2019-present
(online in 2020 and 2021).
Organisation of “Royal Economic Society Symposium of Junior Researchers”. Hosted by the
University of Bristol. 12th-13th April 2017.
Organisation of “The incidence and labour market effects of social security contributions”. 29th
February - 1st March 2016. Hosted by the Institute for Fiscal Studies. Organised with Professor
Richard Blundell, Stuart Adam, Nicole Bosch, Dr. Antoine Bozio and Dr. Peter Haan.