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Education

PhD in Economics, Stanford University, 2020–present.
BSc(Hons, 1st class) in Economics and Mathematics, University of Canterbury, 2014–17.

Employment

Research Assistant to Matthew Jackson, Stanford University, 2021–22.
Research Analyst, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research, 2018–20.
Actuarial Consulting Intern, PwC, 2015–16.

Honours

William Georgetti Scholarship, 2020.
University of Canterbury Senior Scholarship, 2017.
Sir Frank Holmes Prize (top undergraduate economics student in New Zealand), 2016.

Publications

“Gender sorting among economists: Evidence from the NBER,” *Economics Letters*, 2022.
“COVID-19, lockdown and two-sided uncertainty” (with Arthur Grimes), *New Zealand Economic Papers*, 2022.
“Research funding and collaboration” (with Jason Gush, Shaun C. Hendy, and Adam B. Jaffe), *Research Policy*, 2022.
“Relatedness, complexity and local growth” (with David C. Maré), *Regional Studies*, 2021.

Working Papers

“Learning about a changing state,” 2024.
“Why do experts give simple advice?,” 2022.
“Contracting with persuasive agents,” 2022.
“Bundling and insurance of independent risks” (with Richard Watt), 2017.

Policy and Technical Notes

“Estimating sample paths of Gauss-Markov processes from noisy data,” 2024.

“Delineating functional labour market areas with estimable classification stabilities” (with David C. Maré), 2020.

“Climate change adaptation within New Zealand’s transport system” (with Anthony Byett and others), 2019.

Seminars and Conference Presentations

2021: AEA Annual Meeting; NBER Summer Institute (Science of Science Funding).

2019: University of Canterbury; New Zealand Association of Economists Conference, Wellington; Knowledge and Institutions in Complex Systems Workshop, Wellington.

2018: New Zealand Association of Economists Conference, Auckland.

2017: European Group of Risk and Insurance Economists Annual Seminar, London.

Teaching

Teaching Assistant for BUSGEN 143 (Finance, Corporations, and Society), Stanford University, 2025–present.

TA for ECON 43 (Introduction to Financial Decision-Making), Stanford University, 2023–24.

TA for ECON 135 (Foundations of Finance), Stanford University, 2022–24.

TA for FINC 331 (Financial Economics), University of Canterbury, 2017.

TA for ECON 208 (Intermediate Microeconomics), University of Canterbury, 2016–17.

TA for ECON 321 (Microeconomic Analysis), University of Canterbury, 2016–17.

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