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Education

Stanford University

PhD in Economics 2020–

University of Canterbury

BSc(Hons, 1st class) in Economics and Mathematics 2014–17

Experience

Stanford University

Teaching Assistant for BUSGEN 143 (Finance, Corporations, and Society) 2025

Teaching Assistant for ECON 43 (Personal Finance) 2023–24

Teaching Assistant for ECON 135 (Foundations of Finance) 2022–24

Research Assistant to Matthew Jackson 2021–22

Motu Economic and Public Policy Research

Research Analyst 2018–20

University of Canterbury

Teaching Assistant for FINC 331 (Financial Economics) 2017

Teaching Assistant for ECON 208 (Intermediate Microeconomics) 2016–17

Teaching Assistant for ECON 321 (Microeconomic Theory) 2016–17

PwC

Actuarial Consulting Intern 2015–16

Awards

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, <i>Economics Letters</i>	2022
COVID-19, lockdown and two-sided uncertainty (with Arthur Grimes), <i>New Zealand Economic Papers</i>	2022
Research funding and collaboration (with Jason Gush, Shaun C. Hendy, and Adam B. Jaffe), <i>Research Policy</i>	2022
Relatedness, complexity and local growth (with David C. Maré), <i>Regional Studies</i>	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

Conference Presentations

NBER Summer Institute (Science of Science Funding)	2021
American Economic Association Annual Meeting	2021
New Zealand Association of Economists Conference, Wellington	2019
New Zealand Association of Economists Conference, Auckland	2018
European Group of Risk and Insurance Economists Annual Seminar, London	2017