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## Education

BSc(Hons, 1st class) in Economics and Mathematics, University of Canterbury, 2014–2017.

## Experience

Research Analyst, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research, Wellington, New Zealand,  
January 2018–present.

Teaching Assistant for undergraduate microeconomic theory and financial economics,  
Department of Economics and Finance, University of Canterbury, New Zealand,  
February 2016–November 2017.

Summer Intern, Actuarial Consulting Team, PwC, Wellington, New Zealand, November  
2015–February 2016.

## Scholarships and Awards

Jan Whitwell Prize for the best paper presented by a recent honours or master's student, New  
Zealand Association of Economists, 2018.

Cook Memorial Prize for the top honours student in mathematics, University of Canterbury,  
2017.

Seamus Hogan Memorial Prize for the best honours or master's thesis in economics,  
University of Canterbury, 2017.

F A Hayek Scholarship in Economics or Political Science, University of Canterbury, 2017.

Senior Scholarship, University of Canterbury, 2017.

Page Memorial Prize for excellence in mathematics, University of Canterbury, 2016.

Economic Society Prize, University of Canterbury, 2016.

Sir Frank Holmes Prize for the top undergraduate economics student in New Zealand, Motu  
Research and Education Foundation, 2016.

Archibald Charles Callaway Prize in Economics, University of Canterbury, 2015.

Emerging Leaders' Scholarship, University of Canterbury, 2014.

Outstanding Scholar Award, New Zealand Qualifications Authority, 2014–2016.

## **Publications**

Davies, B. and D. C. Maré (2019). "Relatedness, Complexity and Local Growth." Motu Working Paper 19-01 and IZA Discussion Paper 12223.

Davies, B. (2017). "Insurance Demand with Endogenous Saving." Honours thesis, University of Canterbury.

Davies, B. and R. Watt (2017). "Bundling and Insurance of Independent Risks." Working Papers in Economics 17/05, University of Canterbury.

## **Conference Presentations**

Davies, B. and D. C. Maré (2018, June). "Local Growth — It's Complex!" Poster session presented at the New Zealand Association of Economists Conference, Auckland.

Davies, B. (2018, June). "Insurance Demand with Endogenous Saving." Paper presented at the New Zealand Association of Economists Conference, Auckland.

Davies, B. and R. Watt (2017, September). "Bundling and Insurance of Independent Risks." Paper presented at the European Group of Risk and Insurance Economists Annual Seminar, London.