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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.

Experience

Research Assistant to Matthew Jackson, Stanford University, 2021–present.

Research Analyst, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research, 2018–20.

Teaching Assistant for undergraduate microeconomic theory and financial economics, University of Canterbury, 2016–17.

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.

Working Papers

"Why Do Experts Give Simple Advice?," 2022.

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.

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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.

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