BRENDON McCONNELL

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Date of Birth: 10 November 1980 **Nationality:** British/South African

EDUCATION

2006-present University College London, MPhil/PhD

2004-2005 University of Warwick

MSc Economics – 75.2% (Distinction) Exam average - 77.6% (Ranked first in year)

Dissertation - The Impact Of Alcohol Consumption On Wages - Evidence From

The NCDS - 68%. Supervisor: Professor Ian Walker.

1999-2002 University of Bristol

BSc Economics – Attained First

Special options include advanced econometrics

1997-1999 A Levels: Maths – A, Physics – A, Economics – A, German - C

WORK EXPERIENCE

2007-present University College London: Research assistant for Steffen Huck and Imran Rasul.

The Centre for Economic Performance, LSE: Research assistant for Victor Lavy,

Steve Machin, and Olmo Silva

2005-2006

2002-2004 The Centre for Market and Public Organisation (CMPO), University of Bristol:

Research Assistant.

•Worked with large datasets related to various areas of the economics of education in England. The main dataset used was the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC).

•Gained extensive knowledge of the econometric package STATA and a working knowledge of the GIS package ArcView.

•Involved with the development of the PLASC User Group (PLUG) that provides information on, and support documentation for, the PLASC dataset.

•Responsibilities included data cleaning and manipulation, econometric analysis on a variety of different education-based research projects and producing reports for my superiors. I also presented several papers at the CMPO internal seminar series

•Provided data analysis to the Cabinet Office that formed part of the recent White Paper "Higher Standards, Better Schools for All - More Choice for Parents and Pupils".

PUBLICATIONS & AWARDS

Awards ESRC 1+3 Studentship (2004)

Published Work Burgess, Simon, Brendon McConnell, Carol Propper and Deborah Wilson (2004),

"Girls Rock, Boys Roll: An Analysis of the Age 14-16 Gender Gap in English

Schools" Scottish Journal of Political Economy, vol. 51, issue 2, 209-229.

Burgess, Simon, Brendon McConnell, Carol Propper and Deborah Wilson (2007) "The Impact of School Choice on Sorting by Ability and Socio-economic Factors in English Secondary Education" chapter in Schools and the Equal Opportunity Problem, MIT Press, June 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-262-23257-9

Goldstein, Harvey, Simon Burgess and Brendon McConnell (2007) "Modelling the effect of pupil mobility on school differences in educational achievement", Journal Of The Royal Statistical Society Series A, Royal Statistical Society, vol. 127(4), pages 941-954.

Discussion Papers

Burgess, Simon, Brendon McConnell, Carol Propper and Deborah Wilson (2004), "Sorting and Choice in English Secondary Schools", CMPO Discussion Paper 111.

Atkinson, Adele, Paul Gregg and Brendon McConnell (2006), "The result of 11 plus selection; An Investigation into Equity and Efficiency of Outcomes for Pupils in Selective LEAs", CMPO Discussion Paper 150.

This paper featured heavily in the news for several weeks. See http://www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/CMPO/press/inthenews.htm for details.

Burgess, Simon, Adam Briggs, Brendon McConnell and Helen Slater (2006), "School Choice in England: Background Facts", CMPO Discussion Paper 159

RECENT CONFERENCES & COURSES

Presentations The Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, 11-13 April 2007, Warwick.

Paper Presented: The result of 11 plus selection

CMPO seminar, 9th February 2006.

Paper Presented: The result of 11 plus selection

The Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, 21-23 March 2005,

Nottingham.

Paper Presented: Sorting and Choice in English Secondary Schools

CMPO seminar, 9 June 2004.

Paper Presented: The Impact of Competition on Educational Outcomes

CMPO seminar, 9 October 2003.

Paper Presented: Girls Rock, Boys Roll.

Attendance CESifo/PEPG Conference on Schooling and Human Capital Formation in the

Global Economy: Revisiting the Equity-Efficiency Quandary, Munich, 3-4

September 2004.

Performance and Choice in Education, Bristol, 19 April 2004

CEMMAP course on "Panel/Longitudinal Data Analysis" by Professor Frank

Windmeijer, IFS/UCL: London, June 2003

CEMMAP course on "Discrete Choice Modelling" by Professor William Greene,

IFS/UCL: London, February 2003

OTHER SKILLS

Computing High proficiency in STATA, working experience with PcGive and ArcView. Word

processing programs, Excel and other spreadsheets.

Languages Good conversational and reasonable written German, Basic French, Basic

Spanish, Basic Afrikaans.

Driving Clean current driving licence

REFEREES

Professor Simon Burgess CMPO 2 Priory Road Bristol BS8 1TX

Professor Steve Machin Department of Economics University College London Gower Street London WC1E 6BT. Professor Ian Walker Department of Economics University of Warwick Coventry CV4 7AL