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Personal: Married, two daughters (born 2016 and 2020).

Research Interests

Labor Economics, Family Economics, Macroeconomics, Search and Matching, Inequality

Appointments and Affiliations

2023–	Associate Professor of Economics, Aarhus University
2017–2023	Assistant Professor of Economics (tenure-track), Aarhus University
2015–2017	Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, LMU Munich
2012–2017	Junior Economist and Doctoral Student, ifo Institute, Munich
2025–	Fellow, ROCKWOOL Foundation Berlin (RFBerlin)
2025–	Fellow, Global Labor Organization (GLO)
2025–	Fellow, Centre for Economic and Firm Research (CEFAU)
2023–	Affiliate, IZA Institute of Labor Economics
2016–	Affiliate, CESifo Research Network

Education

2018	Ph.D. in Economics (Dr. oec. publ.), <i>summa cum laude</i> , LMU Munich
2016	Visiting Graduate Student, University of Chicago
2012	MA in Development Economics (Magister), University of Warsaw
2010	MA in International Economics and Econometrics (Dipl.-Vw.), University of Kiel

Publications

- *Educational Ambition, Marital Sorting, and Inequality*, with Frederik Almar (Aarhus University), Benjamin Friedrich (Northwestern University), Ana Reynoso (University of Michigan), Rune Vejlin (Aarhus University)
Journal of Labor Economics, accepted.
- *Firm Productivity, Wages, and Sorting*, with Ben Lochner (IAB & FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg)
Journal of Labor Economics, Vol. 42(1), January 2024.
- *Labor Market Dynamics with Sorting*
Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Vol. 158, January 2024.
- *Optimal Weights for Marital Sorting Measures*, with Frederik Almar (Aarhus University)
Economics Letters, Vol. 234, January 2024.
- *Marriage and Divorce: The Role of Unemployment Insurance*, with Fabian Siuda (WU Vienna)
Journal of Population Economics, Vol. 36(4), October 2023.

Working Papers

- *Families' Career Investments and Firms' Promotion Decisions*, with Frederik Almar (Aarhus University), Benjamin Friedrich (Northwestern University), Ana Reynoso (University of Michigan), Rune Vejlin (Aarhus University)
- *Job Displacement, Remarriage, and Marital Sorting*, with Hanno Foerster (Boston College), Tim Obermeier (University of Leicester)

- [*Marriage and Divorce under Labor Market Uncertainty*](#), with Christian Holzner (Hochschule München)

Recent Media Coverage of Research

11/4/2025	The Golddigger Myth (Weekendavisen, in Danish)
7/2/2024	When It Comes to Dating, Ambition Might Matter More Than Politics (New York Times)
14/1/2024	Fewer divorces thanks to reforms (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, in German)
12/9/2023	How the job market influences partner choice (Der Standard, in German)
24/3/2023	Radio interview with DR P1 4. division (from 43:56, in Danish, with Miriam Wüst)
20/3/2023	Radio interview with DR P1 Morgen (from 41:25, in Danish, with Frederik Almar)
17/3/2023	Overachiever looks for a mate (Weekendavisen, in Danish)

Research Visits

November 2024, October 2025	Institute of Economics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw
October 2023	Department of Economics, University of Mannheim
October 2019	Center of Economic Studies (CES), Department of Economics, LMU Munich
Fall 2016	Department of Economics, University of Chicago
June 2016	Department of Economics and Business Economics, Aarhus University

Seminar, Workshop, and Conference Presentations

2025	Workshop on Families in Macroeconomics (Edesheim/Mannheim), ES-WC (Seoul), SED (Copenhagen), European SaM Conference (Vilnius)
2024	LMU Munich, NBER Summer Institute, The Micro and Macro Perspectives of the Aggregate Labor Market (Cambridge, MA), Workshop on Labor Supply and Inequality within Families (University of Copenhagen), BSE Summer Forum (Income Dynamics and the Family)
2023	NBER Summer Institute, The Micro and Macro Perspectives of the Aggregate Labor Market (Cambridge, MA), Workshop on Families, Human Capital, and Inequality (Mannheim), ES-NASM (UCLA), Society of Economics of the Household (Copenhagen), IAB/FAU Nuremberg, London SaM workshop, Helsinki GSE
2022	Webinar in Gender and Family Economics, BSE Summer Forum (Income Dynamics and the Family), KU Leuven Summer Event (Labor/Family Economics), Nordic Conference on Register Data and Economic Modelling (Stockholm)
2021	The 4th Dale T. Mortensen Centre Conference (Aarhus/Sandbjerg), EALE (virtual), ESPE (virtual), ES-NASM (virtual), IAB/FAU Nuremberg (virtual)
2020	IZA Workshop on Labor Market Institutions (virtual), ES-WC (virtual), EALE/SOLE/AASLE World Conference (virtual)
2019	The 3rd Dale T. Mortensen Centre Conference (Molskroen), LMU Munich, University of Glasgow, EALE (Uppsala), Workshop on Gender and Family in the Labor Market (CERGE-EI, Prague), Nordic Conference on Register Data and Economic Modelling (Aarhus), T2M (Nuremberg)
2018	ES-EWM (Naples), Toulouse, ES-EM (Cologne), 12th Nordic Summer Symposium in Macroeconomics and Finance (Bjørnefjorden), Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Palma), European SaM Conference (Cambridge), Copenhagen Business School, Demographics, Immigration, and the Labor Market (Nuremberg)
2014–2017 (during PhD, selection)	University of Chicago, Northwestern University, University of Cambridge, University of Essex, University of Konstanz, LMU Munich, ifo Institute, IAB/FAU Nuremberg, Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH), Aarhus University, AEA/ASSA meetings (Boston, Chicago), SED (Toulouse), European SaM Conferences (Amsterdam, Aix-en-Provence), ES-WC (Montreal), BSE Summer Forum (Search, Matching and Sorting), ES-EWM (Madrid), 6th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences

Refereeing

- *Economic Journal*, *Empirical Economics*, *European Economic Review*, *Industrial & Labor Relations Review*, *Journal for Labour Market Research*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Political Economy* *Microeconomics*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Labour Economics*, *Machine Learning with Applications*, *Quantitative Economics*, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*
- National Science Foundation (U.S.), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada)

Academic Service

- *ECONAU*, Data Manager
- *The 1st Aarhus Workshop on Labor Markets*, Co-organizer, October 2025
- *Macro Seminar Series*, Aarhus University, Coordinator
- *The 5th Dale T. Mortensen Centre Conference*, Co-organizer, November 2023
- Vfs (German Economic Association) Jobmarket Preparation Seminar, Co-organizer, September 2023
- *DTMC Workshop on Marriage and Labor Market Interactions*, Organizer, April 2022
- *Global Economic Symposium*, Member of the Organizing Committee, 2008–2012

Teaching Experience

Since fall 2024	<i>International Economics</i> (graduate), AU
Since spring 2024	<i>Micro and Macro Models of the Labor Market</i> (graduate, course coordinator), AU
Since fall 2019	<i>Labour Economics</i> (graduate, course coordinator), AU
Fall 2024	BA, MA, and PhD Supervision Course for Associate Professors and Professors
Fall 2020	Teacher Training Programme for Assistant Professors, AU
Spring 2018–2020	<i>Monetary Economics</i> (graduate), AU
Fall 2018	<i>Economics</i> (undergrad, macro part), AU
Winter 2015/16	<i>Public Economics II</i> (undergrad), TA, LMU
Summer 2015	<i>Public Economics II</i> (undergrad), TA, LMU
Summer 2015	<i>Advanced Seminar on Labor Market Policy</i> (undergrad), TA, LMU
Winter 2013/14	<i>Public Economics I</i> (undergrad), TA, LMU Munich

Awards and Grants (PI)

2026–2029	Independent Research Fund Denmark (IRFD): “Disentangling the Interplay of Marriage, Divorce, Fertility, and Work: Evidence from Natural Experiments” (≈ € 425,000)
2026	Danish e-infrastructure Cooperation (DeiC), 2.6M CPU-hours (≈ € 300,000)
2025–2026	Aarhus University Research Foundation (AUFF) Nova Grant (≈ € 100,000)
2025	Danish e-infrastructure Cooperation (DeiC), 2.6M CPU-hours (≈ € 300,000)
2024	Platform for Inequality Research at Aarhus University (≈ € 10,000)
2023–2024	Danish e-infrastructure Cooperation (DeiC), 5.1M CPU-hours (≈ € 600,000)
2022	Danish e-infrastructure Cooperation (DeiC), 2.5M CPU-hours (≈ € 300,000)
2018–2023	Aarhus University Research Foundation (AUFF) Starting Grant (≈ € 214,000)
2015, 2016	Conference Grants of the German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik)
2016	Shortlisted for Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Award
2015	Travel Grant, Econometric Society

Computer Skills

Python, Matlab, Stata, R, SAS, EViews, Mathematica, C, L^AT_EX, git, Plone, html

Language Skills

German (native), English (C2), Polish (C1), Danish (B2)

References

References are available upon request.