

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic History

Associate Professor, Simon Fraser University	Sept 2017 – Present
Associate Editor, Journal of Development Economics	Oct 2017 – Present
ThReD Research Associate	Jun 2011 – Present
Assistant Professor, Simon Fraser University	Jan 2014 – Aug 2017
Lecturer (Assistant Professor), University of New South Wales Continuing Appointment (Tenure) granted Oct 2012	Aug 2008 – Dec 2013
Visiting Scholar, Boston University	Nov 2008 – Dec 2008
Ph.D, University of British Columbia	Sept 2003 – Jan 2009
MA, University of British Columbia	Sept 2002 – Aug 2003
B.Ec (Hons 1), University of New South Wales	Mar 1998 – Dec 2001

Research

Publications and Forthcoming

- Anderson, S. & Bidner, C. (2022), "An Institutional Perspective on the Economics of the Family", forthcoming in the *Handbook of Family Economics* [[draft](#)]
- Bidner, C., Roger, G. & Moses, J. (2016), '[Investing in Skill and Searching for Coworkers: Endogenous Participation in a Matching Market](#)', *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* 8(1), 166-202. || Winner of the 2017 AEJ:Microeconomics Best Paper Award
- Anderson, S. & Bidner, C. (2015), '[Property Rights over Marital Transfers](#)', *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 130(3), 1421-1484.
- Bidner, C. & Eswaran, M. (2015), '[A gender-based theory of the origin of the caste system of India](#)', *Journal of Development Economics* 114, 142 - 158.
- Bidner, C. (2014), '[A Spillover-Based Theory of Credentialism](#)', *Canadian Journal of Economics* 47(4).
- Bidner, C. & Francois, P. (2013), '[The Emergence of Political Accountability](#)', *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 128(3), 1397-1448.
- Bidner, C. & Francois, P. (2011), '[Cultivating Trust: Norms, Institutions and the Implications of Scale](#)', *Economic Journal* 121(555), 1097--1129.
- Bidner, C. (2010), '[Pre-match Investment with Frictions](#)', *Games and Economic Behavior* 68(1), 23-34.

Working Papers

- "How Economics can Contribute to Evolutionary Perspectives on the Family", with Siwan Anderson. [[draft](#)] (R&R at *Human Evolutionary Sciences*)
- "Marital Matching and the Distribution of Innate Ability", with John Knowles [[draft](#)] (R&R at *International Economic Review*)
- "Marriage, Commitment and Unbundling Gendered Norms", with Siwan Anderson [[draft](#)]
- "Job Prospects and Pay Gaps: Theory and Evidence on the Gender Gap from U.S. Local Labour Markets", with Ben Sand [[draft](#)]
- "A Theory of Minimalist Democracy", with Patrick Francois and Francesco Trebbi [[draft](#)]

In Progress

- "Harm and Harmony", with Siwan Anderson [[slides](#)]
- "Nation State Building", with Esmail Izadi [[slides](#)]
- "A Theory of Democratic Erosion", with Shirleen Manzur [[slides](#)]
- "Executive Constraints and State Resilience", with Matheus Bandeira [[slides](#)]
- "The Allocation of Political Power when Power Corrupts" [[slides](#)]
- "Internal Political Institutions and the Quality of Governance in Democracies", with Patrick Francois [[slides](#)]
- "A Theory of Obedience", with Zhifeng Sun [coming soon]
- "Family Structure and Gender Norms: Evidence from China", with Boxi Yang [coming soon]

Other: Published Book Reviews

Bidner, C. (2011), 'The Entrepreneurial Group: Social Identities, Relations, and Collective Action, Martin Ruef. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ (2010). 306 and xvii pp., \$35.00, ISBN: 978-0-691-13809-1 (hbk.: alk. paper)', *Journal of Economic Psychology* **32**(3), 529-530.

Bidner, C. (2010), 'Identity Economics: How Our Identities Shape Our Work, Wages, and Well-being, George A. Akerlof, Rachel E. Kranton. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ (2010). 185 and vi pp., \$16.47 (hc), ISBN: 978-0-691-14648-5 (hc)', *Journal of Economic Psychology* **31**(6), 1061-1063.

Grants and Awards

SSHRC Insight Grant, (with Siwan Anderson). (\$251 000); "Unbundling Female Empowerment"	2020-2025
SSHRC Insight Grant, PI. (\$73 052); "Economic Foundations of Poor Government"	2016-2019
Presidents Research Start-Up Grant (\$17 500)	2014
Australian School of Business Research Grant (\$16 000); "A Gender-Based Theory of the Origins of the Caste System in India"	2013
Australian School of Business Research Grant (\$10 000); "Marriage Market Transfers of Resources and Property Rights"	2011
Australian School of Business Research Grant (\$10 000); "Understanding Wage Differentials: The Role of Industrial Composition"	2010
Australian School of Business Research Grant (\$15 000); "Explaining Wage Differentials in Imperfectly Competitive Labour Markets"	2009

Non-Professorial Research Achievement Award	2011
Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Pre-Doctoral Fellowship	2005-2007
Bank of Montreal Graduate Fellowship	2004
Dal Grauer Memorial Scholarship	2003
Jamieson-Rosenbluth Prize in Economics	2003
First Class Honours, UNSW	2002

Seminar and Conference Presentations

2022

Northwest Development Economics Workshop (Oregon State U), ThReD (U of Bologna)

2021

ASSA (virtual), UC Riverside

2020

Brock U

2019

ASSA (Atlanta), Dev/PE Brownbag (UBC), CEA (Banff)

2018

Binghamton University, University of Oregon, NBER Summer Institute, ThReD (Bocconi), CEA (McGill), Culture and Institutions Conference (PSE; discussant)

2016

CEA (Ottawa), Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia

2015

CEA (Ryerson), Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics), ThReD (Brussels), Econometric Society World Congress (Montreal), Berkeley Haas (Oliver Williamson Seminar), Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference (U Chicago, BFI), York University, University of Waterloo

2014

Singapore Search and Matching Workshop, Canadian Development Economics Study Group

2013

Asian Econometric Society Meetings, Australasian Econometric Society Meetings, Simon Fraser University

2012

University of Queensland, Simon Fraser University, ThReD (CEU, Budapest), SAET (Brisbane)

2011

Wilfred Laurier University, UBC Okanagan, University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, Australasian Economic Theory Workshop

2010

University of Tasmania, University of Queensland, University of Adelaide, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics, Australasian Economic Theory Workshop, Canadian Economics Association Meetings, Australasian Development Economics Workshop

2009

University of Melbourne, Canadian Economics Association Meetings, Association for Public Economic Theory Meetings, Galway

2008

Boston University, University of Alberta, University of New South Wales, University of Adelaide, University of Queensland, Canadian Economics Association Meetings

2007

Canadian Economics Association Meetings

2006

NEUDC Conference (Cornell) Canadian Economics Association Meetings

Teaching

PhD Students

Shirleen Manzur	Main advisor	In progress. (SRDC)
Boxi Yang	Main advisor	In progress
Zhifeng Sun	Main advisor	In progress
Matheus Bandeira	Main advisor	In progress
Esmacil Izadi	Main advisor	In progress
Azraf Ahmad	Main advisor	In progress

Courses

	SFU	
ECON 855 Theories of Economic Development		2016-2018, 2020, 2022-present
ECON 804 Advanced Topics in Microeconomic Theory		2018-2019
ECON 355W Development Economics		2014-present
ECON 455W Development Economics Seminar		2014, 2017-present
ECON 921 Directed Reading (in Development/PE)		2015, 2017-2021
	UNSW	
ECON 4129 Honours Research Course		S1 2013 & S2 2013
ECON 3121 Managerial Economics		S1 2013 & S1 2012
ECON 1203 Business and Economic Statistics		S1 2013, S1 2012 & S1 2011
ECON 2103 Business and Government		S2 2012
ECON 6001 Microeconomic Analysis		S1 2011, S1 2010 & S1 2009
ECON 1202 Quantitative Analysis		S2 2010, S2 2009, S2 2008

Professional Development

Canvas Now! Workshop	SFU, Mar 2015
CELLTR Workshop: 10 Tips for Effective Feedbacking of EAL	SFU, Jan 2015
Student Writing	
Foundations of University Learning & Teaching Certificate	UNSW, 2013

Service

Committees

Appointments Committee	SFU, 2018/19, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23
Tenure and Promotions Committee	SFU, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2021/22
Brownbag Seminar Coordinator	SFU, 2016/17 2017/18 2019
Graduate Curriculum Committee	SFU, 2017/18

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Organizer: Weekly Micro Theory Workshop
Recruiting Committee
Learning and Teaching Committee
Academic Liaison, to Econ. Student Society

SFU, Jan-Apr 2014
UNSW, 2009-2011
UNSW, 2011
UNSW, 2012 – 2013
UNSW, 2010 - 2013

Refereeing

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, American Journal of Political Science; Australian Economic Review, Australian Economic Papers, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Cambridge University Press, Canadian Journal of Economics, Canadian Journal of Higher Education, Cross-Cultural Research, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Economics and Politics, Economica, Economic Record, European Economic Review, European Journal of Law and Economics, European Journal of Political Economy, Health Economics, International Economic Review, International Journal of Manpower, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Southern Economic Journal, SSHRC Insight Grants, Quarterly Journal of Economics.

Personal Details

Australian Citizen, Canadian Citizen
Children: 3—born April 2011 and July 2014 (twins), parental leave July 2011 and Spring 2015