

# OLIVER LOERTSCHER

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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| PhD Economics, McMaster University   | 2025 |
| MA Economics, University of Waterloo   | 2019 |
| Honours BSc. w/ High Distinction, Economics & Mathematics, University of Toronto | 2016 |

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Macroeconomics, International Economics, Labour Economics, Environmental Economics

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| Senior Economist   | Signal49 Research<br><i>(formerly operating as the Conference Board of Canada)</i> | 2025-Present |
| Research Assistant | McMaster University  | 2020-2025    |
| Instructor         | McMaster University  | 2022         |
| Teaching Assistant | McMaster University  | 2019-2022    |
| Teaching Assistant | University of Waterloo   | 2018-2019    |
| OliverDL           | Web Developer, Founder   | 2016-2018    |
| Quill + Oak        | Co-Founder, Business Manager   | 2016-2017    |

## PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

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Canadian Productivity Growth: Stuck in the Oil Sands (with P. Pujolas), *Canadian Journal of Economics*, vol. 57(2), May 2024, 478-501

Exploring the Results of the Ontario Home Care Minimum Wage Change (with A. Olaizola and A. Sweetman), *Healthcare Policy*, vol. 16(1), August 2020, 95-110

## WORKING PAPERS

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Small Resource-Rich Economies and the Green Transition  
What are we deflating for? (with P. Pujolas)  
Non-Homothetic Ricardo (with P. Pujolas and W. Steingress)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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|---------------------------|--|------------------------|-----------|
| <i>Instructor</i>         | ECON 3HH3 - International Trade              | McMaster University    | 2022      |
| <i>Teaching Assistant</i> | ECON 723 - Graduate Macroeconomics           | McMaster University    | 2021-2022 |
| <i>Teaching Assistant</i> | ECON 3H03 - International Monetary Economics | McMaster University    | 2019      |
| <i>Teaching Assistant</i> | ECON 3K03 - Monetary Economics               | McMaster University    | 2019      |
| <i>Teaching Assistant</i> | ECON 393 - Market Failures                   | University of Waterloo | 2019      |
| <i>Teaching Assistant</i> | ECON 221 - Statistics for Economists         | University of Waterloo | 2018      |

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Professor Pau Pujolas          | McMaster University   | 2020-Present |
| Professor Arthur Sweetman      | McMaster University   | 2020         |
| Professor Michelle Alexopoulos | University of Toronto | 2013-2015    |
| Professor Ismael Mourifie      | University of Toronto | 2014         |

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

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| CGS, Doctoral Scholarship           | Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council | 2021-2024 |
| Graduate Scholarship                | McMaster University                             | 2019      |
| Econometrics Award                  | University of Waterloo                          | 2019      |
| Economics Graduate Scholarship      | University of Waterloo                          | 2018-2019 |
| Graduate Scholarship                | University of Waterloo                          | 2018-2019 |
| Arts Domestic Scholarship           | University of Waterloo                          | 2018-2019 |
| St. Michael's College Silver Medal  | University of Toronto                           | 2016      |
| Mary Keenan Award                   | University of Toronto                           | 2014      |
| St. Michael's In-Course Scholarship | University of Toronto                           | 2014      |

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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| 2026 | Service Canada ( <i>virtual</i> ) |
| 2025 | Bank of Canada, Colby College     |
| 2024 | CEA, CITSG                        |

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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Grad Curriculum and Policy Committee    McMaster University

2020-2021

## SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

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*Programming:* Python, Fortran, Julia, Matlab, EViews, R, Stata, JavaScript, PHP

*Markdown:* Latex, Markdown, HTML, CSS

*Languages:* English, French, Swiss German (spoken)

## REFERENCES

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Pau S. Pujolas (Co-Advisor)  
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McMaster University  
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