

# Sara Mitchell

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Applied microeconomics, urban economics, economic history, labour economics, creative production, migration, agglomeration of creative and cultural activity, peer effects

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Postdoctoral Researcher** June 2018 - present  
Chair of Urban, Regional, and International Economics  
Department of Economics, Technische Universität Dortmund

**Research Economist** Jan. 2017 - June 2018  
Indecon Economic Consultants, Dublin

**Research Associate** Aug. 2016 - Dec. 2016  
Independent Secretariat for the Expert Commission on the Domestic Public Water Services  
UCD Institute of Public Administration

**Lecturer** Sep. 2013 - Aug. 2016  
Mathematics and Statistics  
Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin

**Lecturer** Jan. 2015 - Aug. 2015  
Economic and Policy Analysis II  
Masters in Development Practice, Trinity College Dublin

## EDUCATION

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**PhD in Economics** 2012 - 2016  
Department of Economics, Trinity College, Dublin  
Thesis Title: *Essays on Agglomeration Economies in Literature*  
Committee: Prof. John O'Hagan (Supervisor); Dr. Martina Kirchberger (Internal Examiner);  
Prof. John McHale (External Examiner, NUI Galway)

**MSc in Economics** 2011 - 2012  
Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin

**MPhil in International Peace Studies** 2010 - 2011  
Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin

**BA in Economics** 2006 - 2010  
Department of Economics and Business, *Hendrix College* (USA)  
ISEP Semester Exchange Programme 2009, *Växjö University* (Sweden)  
Summer Exchange Programme 2008, *Akita International University* (Japan)

## PUBLICATIONS

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Mitchell, S. (2019). London calling? Agglomeration economies in literature since 1700. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 112, 16-32. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jue.2019.05.002>

## FURTHER RESEARCH

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Localisation effects in literature: Peer quantity, quality, or productivity? *Working paper*.

The origins of urban clusters in German literature (with Lukas Kuld). *In progress*.

Making the list: Gender representation in literature (with Lukas Kuld). *In progress*.

Toni Morrison and American literature: Determinants of female literary creativity (with Christiane Hellmanzik and Lukas Kuld). *In progress*.

## TEACHING

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**A-Project** (Supervisor) Academic Year 2020-21

Theme: *Reclaiming the city: Moving from over-tourism to sustainable tourism in a post-COVID world*

School of Spatial Planning, TU Dortmund

**Economics of Brexit** (Lecturer)

Summer 2020

Department of Economics and School of Spatial Planning, TU Dortmund

**Academic Writing** (Lecturer)

Summer 2019, 2020

Department of Economics and School of Spatial Planning, TU Dortmund

**Human Capital and the Knowledge Economy** (Teaching Assistant)

Summer 2019, 2020

Department of Economics, TU Dortmund

**Economics of Migration** (Lecturer)

Winter 2018, 2019

Department of Economics and School of Spatial Planning, TU Dortmund

**Advanced Urban Economics** (Lecturer)

Spring 2019

School of Spatial Planning, TU Dortmund

**Intermediate Microeconomics** (Teaching Assistant)

Autumn 2015

Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin

**Economic and Policy Analysis II** (Lecturer)

Spring 2015

Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin (MDP joint masters programme)

**Economic and Policy Analysis II** (Teaching Assistant)

Spring 2014

Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin (MDP joint masters programme)

**Mathematics and Statistics** (Lecturer)

Autumn 2013, 2014; Spring 2016

Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin

**Mathematics and Statistics** (Teaching Assistant)

Autumn 2012; Spring 2013

Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin

## SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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TU Dortmund QVM *Quality Improvement Fund* 2019 (funding for 0.5 FTE position for 3 years)

Grattan Scholar 2012-2016 (€ 20,000 p.a. stipend + tuition and research expenses)

Irish Research Council Fellow at the 5<sup>th</sup> *Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting on Economic Sciences*, 2015

Nominee for Trinity Teaching Award for Postgraduate Students, 2012-2013

Nominee for Dermot McAleese Teaching award, 2012-2013

Hendrix College Dean's List, 2010

Hendrix Miller Center Service Scholarship, 2006-2010

## PRESENTATIONS

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University of Hohenheim Department of Economics Seminar, TBD 2020 (*invited talk postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19*).

Southern Economic Association Meeting. Ft. Lauderdale, November 2019.

European Workshop on Applied Cultural Economics. Copenhagen, September 2019.

CFE-CM Statistics Annual Conference. Pisa, December 2018.

Irish Quantitative History Annual Meeting. Dublin, January 2016.

European Workshop on Applied Cultural Economics. Vienna, September 2015.

World Economic History Congress. Kyoto, August 2015.

Creative Networks and Cultural Output workshop (co-organised with TCD School of English). Dublin, June 2015.

Irish Economic Association Annual Conference. Dublin, May 2015.

PUCK Project (Participation University City Kulture) workshop. Bilbao, January 2014.

European Workshop on Applied Cultural Economics. Ljubljana, September 2013.

TCD Microeconomics Working Group Seminars. Dublin, 2012-2016.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**Pedagogical training:** Introduction to Teaching and Supporting Learning, CAPSL (Academic Practice and eLearning), Trinity College Dublin, 2012

**Thesis supervision:** MSc Economics (4); MSc Business Mathematics (1); BSc Economics (4)

**Referee service:** Homo Oeconomicus

**Other service:**

Member of TU Dortmund Berufungskommission ( <i>Hiring Committee</i> )	2018
PhD Class Representative	2013-2015
Captain of TCD team Econometric Game ( <i>finalists</i> )	2013
MSc Class Representative	2011-2012
Member of TCD team at Econometric Game	2012

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Affiliations:** European Economic Association, Urban Economics Association, Economic History Association, Economic History Society, Association for Cultural Economics International

**Software skills:** STATA, R, LaTeX, Markdown, HTML, CSS

**Languages:** English (native), Portuguese (upper intermediate), German (basic), Spanish (basic)

**Citizenship:** USA (EU spouse)

## REFERENCES

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**Prof. Dr. John O'Hagan**  
Professor of Economics, Emeritus  
Trinity College Dublin  
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**Prof. Dr. Douglas Hodgson**  
Professor of Economics  
Université du Québec à Montréal  
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**Prof. Dr. Christiane Hellmanzik**  
Professor of Urban, Regional, and International Economics  
Technische Universität Dortmund  
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