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EDUCATION

PhD, University College London, UK, 2015- Present

• Dissertation Title: "Essays on Saving and Intergenerational Transfers over the Life-cycle"

MRes (Economics), University College London, 2015, Distinction MSc (Economics), University College London, 2014, Distinction

BA (Philosophy, Politics & Economics), The Queen's College, University of Oxford, 2012

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TEACHING AND Research Fields Primary fields: Applied Microeconomics

Secondary fields: Public Finance, Household Finance, Health

Job Market Paper

Savings after Retirement: Homeownership, Preferences or Risks? See here https://sites.google.com/view/rorymcgee/research/jmp

Awarded the CEPR-TFI Household Finance Award for Best Student Paper at the CEPR 2019

European Conference on Household Finance

Abstract: Elderly households maintain high levels of wealth throughout retirement and many leave bequests. Understanding why requires separating precautionary savings, bequest motives, and the desire to remain in one's home. I develop and estimate a structural model of retirement savings decisions with realistic risks, housing, and heterogeneity in bequest preferences. I combine data on wealth composition, exogenous policy changes, and subjective bequest probabilities in order to separately identify the different motives for holding wealth. The role of housing explains

a large fraction of asset holdings in retirement and estimated parameters reveal substantial heterogeneity in bequest preferences. This has important implications for portfolio allocation and the responses to unanticipated wealth shocks. I use the estimated model to understand the benefits of means tested long term care coverage like Medicaid. Households place substantial value on these policies and, in particular, from features that exempt their liquid assets from means testing.

Work in progress

Couples and Singles' Savings after Retirement (with Mariacristina De Nardi, Eric French and John Bailey Jones)

Implicit Exchange, Intergenerational Transfers and Insurance within the Family

FEDERAL RESERVE PUBLICATIONS The Lifetime Medical Spending of Retirees (with John Bailey Jones, Mariacristina De Nardi, Eric French and Justin Kirchner) Third Quarter 2018, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Economic Quarterly.

Abstract: Using dynamic models of health, mortality, and out-of-pocket medical spending (both inclusive and net of Medicaid payments), we estimate the distribution of lifetime medical spending that retired US households face over the remainder of their lives. We find that households who turned 70 in 1992 will, on average, incur \$122,000 in medical spending, including Medicaid payments, over their remaining lives. At the top tail, 5 percent of households will incur more than \$300,000 and 1 percent of households will incur over \$600,000 in medical spending inclusive of Medicaid. The level and the dispersion of this spending diminish only slowly with age. Although permanent income, initial health, and initial marital status have large effects on this spending, much of the dispersion in lifetime spending is due to events realized later in life. Medicaid covers the majority of the lifetime costs of the poorest households and significantly reduces their risk.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE Advanced Microeconomics (MSc), Teaching Assistant for Rani Spiegler and Terri Kneeland, UCL Spring 2016 and 2017

Economics of Competition Policy (UG Year 3), Teaching Assistant for Cloda Jenkins, UCL Autumn 2016 and 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE Research Assistant to Mariacristina De Nardi, Summer 2015, Spring 2016, Autumn 2016-2019 Research Assistant to Jan Eeckhout, Spring 2017

Honors and Awards CEPR-TFI Household Finance Award for Best Student Paper at the CEPR 2019 European Conference on Household Finance

SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate Scholarship, Institute for Fiscal Studies 2015-18 $\,$

WM Gorman Scholarship, UCL 2014-15

SERVICE

Student Organiser - UCL Structural Estimation Breakfast 2018/19

Refereeing Activities Fiscal Studies, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economics of the Household

Scientific Committee - RES Symposium of Young Researchers 2018

EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

2019: Royal Economic Society (Warwick), International Association for Applied Econometrics (Cyprus), European Economic Association (Manchester), CEPR European Conference on Household Finance (Rhodes), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

2018: Midwest Macro (Nashville)

SOFTWARE PACKAGES

Stata, R, Matlab, C, Fortran, GAUSS