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Academic History

Education

- 2008 Ph.D. in Economics, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
Thesis: "Essays on Simultaneous Search Equilibrium." Advisers: Pieter Gautier and Gerard van den Berg.
- 2004 M.Sc. in Econometrics (with distinction), University of Amsterdam.
- 2004 M.Sc. in Actuarial Science (with distinction), University of Amsterdam.
- 2003 B.Sc. in Econometrics and Operations Research (with distinction), University of Amsterdam.
- 2003 B.Sc. in Actuarial Science, University of Amsterdam.

Academic Employment

- 2010– Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Toronto.
- 2008–2010 Instructor and Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, University of Chicago.

Short-Term Visiting Positions

- 2017 Fernand Braudel Fellow, European University Institute.
- 2016 Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.
- 2008 Visiting Graduate Student, University of Pennsylvania.

Affiliations

- 2013– Cross-Appointed Faculty Member, Institute for Management & Innovation, University of Toronto.
- 2012– Research Fellow, IZA Institute of Labor Economics.
- 2011–2014 International Scholar, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI).
- 2008–2011 Research Affiliate, IZA Institute of Labor Economics.

Honors and Awards

- 2015 Dean's Excellence Award, University of Toronto.
- 2011 FEEM (Young Economist) Award, European Economic Association.
- 2003 Excellence Scholarship, University of Amsterdam.

Research and Travel Grants

- 2017 Research and Scholarly Activity Fund, University of Toronto Mississauga.
- 2014–2016 Connaught Fund, University of Toronto.
- 2011 Summer Research, Creative Activity, and Scholarship Grant, IUPUI.
- 2008 Ph.D. Travel Grant, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Research

Refereed Publications

- forthcoming “Applications and Interviews: Firms’ Recruiting Decisions in a Frictional Labor Market”
The Review of Economic Studies.
- 2017 “Competing with Asking Prices”
with Benjamin Lester and Ludo Visschers,
Theoretical Economics, vol. 12 (2), pp. 731–770.
- 2017 “Search Frictions, Competing Mechanisms and Optimal Market Segmentation”
with Xiaoming Cai and Pieter Gautier,
Journal of Economic Theory, vol. 169, pp. 453–473.
- 2016 “Search Costs and Efficiency: Do Unemployed Workers Search Enough?”
with Pieter Gautier and Jose Luis Moraga-Gonzalez,
European Economic Review, vol. 84, pp. 123–139.
- 2015 “Becker Meets Ricardo: Multisector Matching with Communication and Cognitive Skills”
with Robert McCann, Xianwen Shi and Aloysius Siow,
Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, vol. 31 (4), pp. 690–720.
- 2015 “Academic Wages and Pyramid Schemes: A Mathematical Model”
with Alice Erlinger, Robert McCann, Xianwen Shi and Aloysius Siow,
Journal of Functional Analysis, vol. 269 (9), pp. 2709–2746.
- 2015 “Meeting Technologies and Optimal Trading Mechanisms in Competitive Search Markets”
with Benjamin Lester and Ludo Visschers,
Journal of Economic Theory, vol. 155, pp. 1–15.
- 2014 “It’s About Time: Implications of the Period Length in an Equilibrium Search Model”
International Economic Review, vol. 55 (3), pp. 839–867.
- 2010 “Early Retirement Behaviour in the Netherlands: Evidence from a Policy Reform”
with Rob Euwals and Daniel van Vuuren,
De Economist, vol. 158 (3), pp. 209–236.
- 2009 “Simultaneous Search with Heterogeneous Firms and Ex Post Competition”
with Pieter Gautier,
Labour Economics, vol. 16 (3), pp. 311–319.

Working Papers

- 2016 “Opening the Black Box of the Matching Function: The Power of Words”
with Ioana Marinescu,
revise and resubmit at *Journal of Labor Economics*.

Work in Progress

- “Meetings and Mechanisms”
with Xiaoming Cai and Pieter Gautier.
- “Interviews and the Assignment of Workers to Jobs”
with Benjamin Lester.

Conference and Seminar Presentations

- scheduled Shanghai Macroeconomics Workshop • Tongji University • National University of Singapore • University of Waterloo.
- 2017 Montreal Workshop on Markets with Frictions • European University Institute.
- 2016 Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam • Empirical Microeconomics Workshop, University of Calgary • Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia • UC3M & CEMFI Macroeconomics Workshop, Madrid.
- 2015 World Congress of the Econometric Society, Montreal • Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics, Warsaw • University of British Columbia.
- 2014 Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics, Toronto • Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

- 2013 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Macroeconomics Study Group, Toronto • Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory, Paris • Workshop on the Microstructure of Real Estate Markets, Rotman School of Management • University of Guelph.
- 2012 University of Waterloo • Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam • Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam • Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics, Limassol • Annual Meeting of the Search and Matching Research Group, Nicosia • Workshop on Matching Problems, Becker Friedman Institute • McMaster University • Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis.
- 2011 European Meeting of the Econometric Society, Oslo • Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, Oslo • Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association, Ottawa • University of Rochester.
- 2010 University of Western Ontario • Queen’s University • Macro Perspectives (Rogerson, Shimer and Wright), NBER Summer Institute • Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics, Montreal • Workshop on Labour Market Search and Policy Applications, University of Konstanz • Midwest Economic Theory Meeting, Evanston • University of Melbourne • Australian National University • University of Toronto • University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign • Stockholm School of Economics • Purdue University.
- 2009 University of Chicago • Chicago Booth • Conference on Labor Market Policy Evaluation, IZA Institute of Labor Economics, Washington DC • Search and Matching Workshop, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia • Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam • European Meeting of the Econometric Society, Barcelona • Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics, Istanbul • University of Iowa.
- 2008 La Pietra–Mondragone Workshop, Florence • Search and Matching Workshop, University of Pennsylvania • Tilburg University • IZA Institute of Labor Economics • University of Aarhus.
- 2007 Workshop on Labor Market Dynamic Growth, University of Aarhus • Workshop on Labor Market Flows, Collegio Carlo Alberto • European Meeting of the Econometric Society, Budapest • Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics, Prague • Workshop on Economic Theory, Erasmus University Rotterdam • Workshop on Heterogeneity in Micro Econometric Models, IZA Institute of Labor Economics, Bonn.
- 2006 Third Meeting of the Microdata RTN, Madrid • Helsinki Center of Economic Research • Annual Meeting of the Netherlands Network of Economics, Amsterdam • Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists, Prague.
- 2005 IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics, Buch am Ammersee.
- 2004 CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis.

Teaching and Supervision

Instructor

- Toronto ECO2021H1F, Macroeconomic Theory I (Ph.D.).
2016/2017.
- ECO352H5F, Special Topics, Macroeconomics and the Labor Market (undergraduate).
2016/2017.
- ECO2031H1S, Macroeconomic Theory II (Ph.D.).
2010/2011–2015/2016.
- ECO209Y5Y, Macroeconomic Theory and Policy (undergraduate).
2014/2015–2015/2016
- ECO208Y5Y, Macroeconomic Theory (undergraduate).
2010/2011–2013/2014.
- Chicago ECON20000, Elements of Economic Analysis I (undergraduate).
2008/2009–2009/2010.
- ECON20100, Elements of Economic Analysis II (undergraduate).
2008/2009–2009/2010.

Thesis Committee Member

- in progress Kevin Devereux, “Dynamic Heterogeneous Matching.”
Kevin Fawcett, “Imperfect Information, Directed Search and the Macroeconomy.”
Ashique Habib, “Three Essays on Information Frictions, Financial Markets, and Macroeconomics.”
- 2016 H el ene Desgagn es, “Financial Intermediaries, Regulation, and Macroeconomic Stability.”
Initial placement: Senior Economist, Bank of Canada.

- 2015 Brian Tavares, "Three Essays on Macroeconomic Labour Search."
Initial placement: Assistant Professor, Universidad Diego Portales.

Second-Year Paper Supervisor

in progress Frank Leenders.

- 2013 Kevin Devereux, "Risk Sharing and On-the-Marriage Search."
2013 Ashique Habib, "Adverse Selection, Directed Search and Credit Ratings."

Service and Professional Activities

Departmental and University Service

Toronto Ph.D. Macro Comprehensive Exam Committee.
2010/2011–2016/2017.

Organizer of the Macro Graduate Lunch Seminar.
2013/2014–2016/2017.

SSHRC Doctoral Award Committee.
2014/2015–2016/2017.

Social Science Curriculum Committee.
2012/2013–2015/2016.

Ontario Graduate Scholarship Committee.
2015/2016.

Macro Recruiting.
2011/2012–2015/2016.

Ph.D. Defence Committee Member.
2015: Jie Cao, "Three Essays in Macroeconomics."
2014: Li Li, "Three Essays on Sovereign Default, Self-Control and Policy Implications."

M.A. Admissions Committee.
2014/2015.

Junior Recruiting Committee.
2012/2013.

Referee Activities

American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics • B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics • Canadian Journal of Economics • Econometrica • Economic Development and Cultural Change • Economic Journal • Economic Theory • Economics Letters • European Economic Review • International Economic Review • International Tax and Public Finance • Journal of the European Economic Association • Journal of Economic Theory • Journal of Labor Economics • Journal of Money, Credit and Banking • Journal of Political Economy • Labour • Labour Economics • Macroeconomic Dynamics • Review of Economic Dynamics • Review of Economic Studies • Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council: Insight Grants • Scandinavian Journal of Economics • Southern Economic Journal • TPEdigitaal.

Conference Discussions

- 2016 "Rational Inattention in Hiring Decisions" by Sushant Acharya and Shu Lin Wee,
Tepper-LAEF Advances in Macro-Finance Conference, Pittsburgh.
- 2015 "Born Under a Bad Sign: The Cost of Entering the Job Market During a Recession" by Shu Lin Wee,
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Macroeconomics Study Group, Montreal.
- 2014 "Optimal Employment Contracts with Hidden Search" by Rasmus Lentz,
Search and Matching Workshop, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.
- 2014 "Unemployment Risk and the Distribution of Assets" by Jan Eeckhout and Alireza Sepahsalari,
Workshop on Unemployment, Wage Inequality and Labor Market Policy, University of Konstanz.

Professional Activities

- 2017 External Referee, Ph.D. Cum Laude Conferral, University of Amsterdam.
2016 Academic Reviewer, Employment and Social Development Canada.

- 2005–2008 Editorial Board Member, Tinbergen Magazine, Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam.
- 2006–2007 Editorial Board Member, KVS Jaarboek, Royal Netherlands Economic Association.
- 2003–2005 Research Assistant, Amsterdam Institute for International Development.
- 2003–2004 Research Assistant, CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis.
- 2003–2004 Research Assistant, SEO Amsterdam Economics.