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## Education

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| 2006 | PhD, Economics, University of Toronto<br><i>Higher Education Policy, Education Outcomes and Credit Constraints</i> |
| 1999 | MA, Economics, University of Toronto   |
| 1996 | P.G. Dip. International Law, Australian National University  |
| 1992 | B.Econ. (Hons I, University Medal), University of Queensland, Australia  |

## Professional Experience

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| 2012-     | Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Wilfrid Laurier University   |
| 2006-2012 | Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Wilfrid Laurier University   |
| 2005/2006 | Lecturer, Department of Economics, Wilfrid Laurier University (LTA)  |
| 1998-2005 | Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant, University of Toronto   |
| 1996-1998 | Senior Research Officer/Acting Executive Officer, International Economic Policy Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia |
| 1993-1996 | Graduate Economist/Senior Research Officer, Australian Treasury  |

## Research

### Peer reviewed journal articles

- [Parental Employment Effects of Switching from Half-Day to Full-Day Kindergarten: Evidence from Ontario's French Schools](#). With Elizabeth Dhuey and Jean Eid. *Canadian Public Policy*, 46(1), 2020: 145-174
- [Rising Student Employment: the Role of Tuition Fees](#). *Education Economics*, 23(1), 2015: 101-121
- [Delivering Government Grants to Students through the RESP System: Distributional Implications](#). With Azim Essaji. *Canadian Tax Journal*, 60(3), 2012: 635-49
- [Can Infrastructure Spending Reduce Local Unemployment? Evidence from an Australian Roads Program](#). With Andrew Leigh. *Economics Letters*, 113(2), 2011: 150-153
- [Do Gun Buybacks Save Lives? Evidence from Panel Data](#). With Andrew Leigh. *American Law and Economics Review*, 12(2), 2010: 462-508
- [Tuition Fees and the Demand for University Places](#). *Economics of Education Review*, 28(5), 2009: 561-570
- [Do Gun Buy-backs Save Lives? Evidence from Time Series Data](#). with Andrew Leigh. *Current Issues in Criminal Justice*, 20(2), 2008: 145-162

### Book chapters (reviewed)

- Reducing the Burden of Student Loan Repayment: A Canada-US Comparison. In Schwartz, Saul (ed.) (2022), [Oppressed by Debt](#). Routledge: New York
- Natural Resource Shocks, Labour Market Conditions, and Post-Secondary Enrolment Rates. With Michal Burdzy, in Finnie, R., R. Mueller, M. Frenette and A. Sweetman (eds) (2010), [Pursuing Higher Education in Canada: Economic, Social and Policy Dimensions](#), Queen's University School of Policy Studies: Kingston

Remain, Retrain or Retire: Options for older workers following job loss. With Tammy Schirle, in Abbott, Michael G., Charles M. Beach, Robin W. Boadway and James G. MacKinnon (eds) (2009) [Retirement Policy Issues in Canada](#). Proceedings of the John Deutsche Institute Conference on Retirement Issues. John Deutsche Institute/Queens University Press: Kingston

### Policy papers (reviewed)

Education during a pandemic: a focus on girls and young women. With Catherine Haeck and Kelly Foley. In Jennifer Robson and Lindsay Tedds (ed.s), "Education during a pandemic: a focus on girls and young women." Royal Society of Canada policy brief. (Forthcoming, 2022)

High Quality Early Childhood Education: What Role in Waterloo Region? With Justin Smith. Paper prepared for Region of Waterloo Children's Services. (January 2015)

[What you Don't Know Can't Help You \(Much\), and Some Other Lessons of Behavioral Economics for Tax-Based Student Aid](#). CD Howe Institute Commentary No. 393 (November 2013)

The Generosity of Student Financial Aid Programs in Canada and their University Enrolment Effects. With Costa Kapsalis. Report prepared for Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (April 2010).

PSE Switchers and Stickers: an analysis using the Youth in Transition Survey. With Jean Eid (WLU). Report prepared for Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (April 2008).

[Can we say whether the Canada Millennium Scholarship bursaries have affected post-secondary enrolments?](#) Paper prepared for Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (March 2007)

[Canada's Tuition and Education Tax Credits](#). Millennium Research Paper No. 30. Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation: Montreal. (May 2007)

### Non-reviewed contributions / Op-Eds

With Catherine Haeck. [Students, economy pay a high price for at-home learning](#). The Toronto Star, January 4, 2022

With Saul Schwartz. [There are better ways to help student loan borrowers than zero-interest loans](#). Finances of the Nation Canada, September 2, 2021.

With Blake Shaffer, Steven Gordon, Andrew Leach, Tammy Schirle, and Trevor Tombe. [If you got an AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, you made the right decision, according to economics](#), Globe and Mail, May 12, 2021

With Kelly Foley. [Economic Policy Trends: COVID-19 and Recent Post-Secondary Graduates](#). Calgary School of Public Policy Economic Policy Trends, April 2020.

With Kelly Foley. [Economic Policy Trends: Post-Secondary Financial Aid and the Pandemic](#). Calgary School of Public Policy Economic Policy Trends, April 2020.

With Tracy Snoddon. [Wealthier kids will benefit most from a tuition drop](#). IRPP Policy Options, June 2019.

With Alex Usher. [Ontario's simpler, cleaner way to help students pay for tuition](#). Globe and Mail, February 26, 2016.

CWEN/RFE Report on the Representation of Women Economists in Canada ([2015](#), [2017](#))

### Working Papers

Intergenerational transmission of education among Indigenous Canadians.

[Universally subsidized Day Care and its Effects on Youth Crime Rates: Evidence from Quebec](#).

With Kirsten Saguil. LCERPA Working Paper.  
[Student loan limits and educational outcomes](#). CLSRN Working Paper No. 4 (September, 2007)  
[Tax expenditures vs budgetary expenditures for Canadian post-secondary education](#). With Azim Essaji. LCERPA Working Paper 2010-3. (November 2010)

### **Work in Progress**

Trade shocks and education and employment of older workers, with Azim Essaji  
Returns to adult education  
Education and Incomes of First Nations Ontarians

### **Awards and Grants**

2020	Freure student scholarship award (internal to Economics department) for RA work on trade shocks and the education and employment of older workers, joint with Azim Essaji
2011-13	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Insight Development Grant: Learning and full day kindergarten (Principal Investigator; Jean Eid, co-applicant)
2010	SSHRC 4A Grant
2006	Canadian Labour and Skills Researcher Network Grant, "Student loans and university enrolments in Canada"
2006	Wilfrid Laurier University StartUp Grant

### **Presentations**

#### **Conferences**

Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, May 2018: Panelist on CWEC session on the status of women in economics (invited)  
Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, May 2015: Daycare and teen crime: evidence from Quebec. (Kirsten Saguil presented)  
Chinese Women's Economics Network, Beijing, June 2015: Full-day kindergarten and parental labour market attachment: evidence from Ontario.  
Guelph Conference on Gender and Pay Gaps, April 2015: Education and pay inequality  
Australian Conference of Economists, July 2014: Intergenerational transmission of education among Aboriginal Canadians  
Canadian Economics Association Meetings, May 2014: Full-day kindergarten: estimates of labour market effects from an Ontario experiment  
Inter-Universities Forum, April 2010: Labour market conditions and forecasts for students and graduates  
Tax Expenditures and Public Policy in Comparative Perspective, September 2009: "Tax expenditures vs budgetary expenditures for Canadian post-secondary education" (*Invited presentation*)  
Canadian Law and Economics Association Annual Meetings, September 2008: Do Gun Buybacks Save Lives? Evidence from Panel Data  
American Education Finance Association Annual Meetings, April 2008: Student Loan Limits and Educational Attainment  
CLSRN Conference on Education and Training, September 2007: The Effect of Student Loan Limits on Educational Outcomes  
Canadian Economics Association Meetings, June 2007: Australian Firearms Laws and Suicide

Rates

- CMSF Conference September 2006: Canada's Tuition and Education Tax Credits (*Invited presentation*)
- Canadian Economics Association Meetings, May 2006: Student Loan Limits and Educational Attainment
- Statistics Canada Socio economic Conference, May 2006: Working to Pay for School – the Effect of Tuition Fees on Students' Paid Work
- TARGET Conference on Education, Training and the Evolving Workplace, May 2006: Student Loan Limits and Educational Attainment
- Canadian Economics Association Meetings, June 2004: Tuition Fees and the Post-Secondary Education/Employment Decision in Canada

**Invited Seminars**

- Royal Society of Canada, November 2021: [Panel on women and learning during COVID](#), with Elizabeth Dhuey, Kelly Foley, and Catherine Haeck
- CRDCN Webinar, February 2016: Tuition fees and students' employment
- McMaster University, October 2012: Working to pay for school
- McMaster University, Education Workshop, June 2011: Learning and full day kindergarten
- University of Guelph, November 2009: Student loans and post-secondary education.
- University of Winnipeg, April 2009: Costs of post-secondary education in Canada and Educational Attainment
- University of Western Ontario, March 2009: Student Loan Limits and Educational Attainment
- University of Calgary Economics Dept Seminar, September 2007: Do Gun Buybacks Save Lives? Evidence from Panel Data
- Australian National University, October 2006: Working to Pay for School – the Effect of Tuition Fees on Students' Paid Work
- York University, January 2006: Working to Pay for School – the Effect of Tuition Fees on Students' Paid Work
- University of Melbourne, May 2005: Tuition Fees and the Demand for University Places

**Refereeing**

AEJ– Applied Economics; AEJ– Policy; Canadian Journal of Economics; Canadian Journal of Higher Education; Canadian Public Policy; Contemporary Readings in Law and Social Justice; Economic Inquiry; Economics Bulletin; Economics of Education Review; Education Economics; Health Policy; Higher Education; Higher Education Policy; Institute for Research on Public Policy; International Tax and Public Finance; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Research on Youth Crime and Delinquency; Journal of Experimental Criminology; Journal of Law, Economics and Organization; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Quantitative Criminology; Max Bell Foundation; Review of the Economics of the Household; Review of Law and Economics; SSHRC; Statistics Canada; CD Howe Institute

## Teaching

### Undergraduate Courses

EC140: Introductory Macroeconomics; EC228: Educational Economics; EC246: Positive and Normative Aspects of Income Distribution/Economics of Inequality; EC247: Historical Development of the International Economy; EC285: Introductory Statistics; EC313: Public Economics: Taxation; EC328: Education Economics; EC480S Mathematical Economics – Directed Studies; EC481: Honours Research Paper and Seminar

### Graduate Courses

IP601: Public Economics for International Policy; IP631: Economics of Human Security; IP634: Human Security Seminar; EC681: Masters Research Paper and Seminar

### MABE student supervision

2020 Sara Zeljkovic: *Student loans, benefit clawbacks and students' work.*  
 2019 Jarrett Carter: *Fisheries and Employment Insurance in Canada.*  
 2017 Chidinma Mbanefo: *The distribution of immigrants earnings in Canada*  
 2016 Anchith Balakrishnan: *Corporate income taxes and profit shifting among OECD countries*  
 2013 Kirsten Saguil: *Subsidised day care and subsequent youth criminal activity*  
 2012 Grace Kahara: *Aboriginal income gaps in Canada*  
 Ting Cao: *Canada's student loans and student behaviour*  
 2010 Ronald Jaikaran: *Net taxes and subsidies on the acquisition of a college diploma in Canada*  
 2009 Jennifer Matthews: *US imports and 9/11*  
 2008 Konrad Pasikowski: *Gender wage gaps in large Canadian cities*  
 2007 Michal Burdzy: *Impact of oil price increases on full-time high school and university enrolment rates in Alberta*  
 Mohan Wang: *Cross-country evidence on the effects of geographic distance from markets on investment in education*  
 2006 Ying Cui: *Tuition fees and students' work in the US*  
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### PhD External Evaluator/Defence Chair

2019 University of Calgary  
 2018 McMaster University  
 Queen's University  
 2017 University of Toronto  
 University of Waterloo

## Other

### Positions

2020-21 Economics Department Indigenous Liaison  
 2019-21 Women's Faculty Colleague, Wilfrid Laurier University  
 2018-19 CWEC Service Award Nominations Committee member (inaugural)  
 Joint WLU-WLUFA Committee on Student Evaluation of Teaching  
 2018 Equity Reviewer for Canada Research Excellence Chair  
 2017-19 Associate Chair, Department of Economics  
 2015-18 COU Academic Colleague (WLU representative)  
 2015-18 SSHRC PhD Review Committee (member)  
 2016-17 President, Canadian Women Economists Network  
 2013-18 WLU Senate

2009/2010 & 2014/15 Vice President, Canadian Women's Economics Network

**Policy involvement**

October 2019 – Invited panelist at the Fall Strategic Planning Session of the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on Student Financial Assistance (ICCSFA), on the future of financial aid for post-secondary education in Canada

April 2016 - Invited member, Ontario Working Group on Early Outreach for post-secondary education (joint MTCU/MEd advisory group)