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Employment

Assistant Professor, University of Calgary, Department of Economics, 2022-present

Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, Department of Economics, 2021-2023 (on leave July '22-'23)

Education

Ph.D. Economics, 2021, Columbia University

Dissertation Committee: Simon Lee (co-sponsor), Suresh Naidu (co-sponsor), Bernard Salanié, Daniel Hamermesh, Jonas Hjort

M.A. Economics, 2012, University of British Columbia

M.Sc Physics, 2011, University of British Columbia

B.S. Physics and B.A. Philosophy, 2008, University of Maryland, College Park (summa cum laude)

Research Fields

Primary: Econometrics, Labor Economics

Secondary: Environmental Economics, Public Finance

Working Papers

“When Does IV Identification Not Restrict Outcomes?”

“Identifying Causal Effects with Subjective Ordinal Outcomes”

“Testing Identifying Assumptions in Parametric Separable Models: a Conditional Moment Inequality Approach” (with Désiré Kédagni and Huan Wu)

“Treatment Effects in Bunching Designs: The Impact of Mandatory Overtime Pay on Hours”

Publications

“Interactions between Family and School Environments: Access to Abortion and Selective Schools” with Ofer Malamud, Cristian Pop-Eleches and Miguel Urquiola. Forthcoming at *Journal of Human Resources*, 2025, Vol 60, No. 3.

“A Vector Monotonicity Assumption for Multiple Instruments”. *Journal of Econometrics*, 2024, Vol 241.

“Pure-Chance Jobs vs. a Labor Market: The Impact on Careers of a Random Serial Dictatorship for First Job Seekers” (with Ashna Arora and Jonas Hjort). *American Economic Association Papers & Proceedings*, 2021, Vol 111, pp. 470-475.

“Does Forest Certification Stem Tropical Deforestation? Forest Stewardship Council Certification in Mexico” (with Allen Blackman and Marisol Rivera Planter). *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 2018, Vol. 89, pp. 306-333.

“Should We Treat Data as Labor? Moving Beyond ‘Free’ ” (with Imanol Arrieta Ibarra, Diego Jiménez Hernández, Jaron Lanier and Glen Weyl). *American Economic Association Papers & Proceedings*, 2018, Vol. 108, pp. 38-42.

“Inequality of Subjective Well-Being as a Comprehensive Measure of Inequality” (with John Helliwell and Guy Mayraz). *Economic Inquiry*, 2018, Vol. 56, No. 4, pp. 2177-2194.

Other publications:

“World Happiness, Trust and Social Connections in Times of Crisis” (with John Helliwell, Haifang Huang, Max Norton and Shun Wang). In *World Happiness Report 2023* (11th ed., Chapter 2). Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

“The Forest Conservation Targeting Tool: Accessible Spatial Prioritization for Latin America and the Dominican Republic”(with Allen Blackman, Jessica Chu, and Juha Siikamäki). *SoftwareX*, 2019, Vol. 10.

“Classical Simulation of Measurement Based Quantum Computation on Higher Genus Surface Code States” (with Robert Raussendorf). *Physical Review A*, 2012, Vol. 86, 042301.

“Correlation Between Particle Motion and Voronoi-Cell-Shape Fluctuations During the Compaction of Granular Matter” (with Stevie Slotterback, Masahiro Toiya, Jack F. Douglas, and Wolfgang Losert). *Physical Review Letters*, 2008, Vol. 101, 258001.

Previous Employment

Intern, Microsoft Research, Cambridge, MA. Summer 2017

Research Assistant, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC. 2013-2015

Nonresident Research Intern, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC. 2014-2015

Funding and Awards

Alberta Centre for Labour Market Research Knowledge Creation Grant (with Andrew McGee): \$20,808 CAD, 2025

WorkRise Network Research Grant (with Matthew Knepper and Ian Schmutte): \$179,996 USD, 2023

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Development Grant (with Eric Mbakop): \$48,971 CAD, 2023

Russell Sage Foundation Research Grant (with Matthew Knepper and Ian Schmutte): \$46,732 USD, 2023

American Statistical Association Zellner Thesis Award in Econometrics and Statistics: co-winner, 2022

UGA Terry College Business, Systems, and Technology Innovation Initiative Seed Grant (with Matthew Knepper and Ian Schmutte): \$15,000 USD, 2022

McMaster University Productivity Partnership Data Grant (with Matthew Mazewski): \$10,000 CAD, 2020

Columbia University Program for Economic Research Data Grant (with Matthew Mazewski): \$3,750 USD, 2020

Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Economics, Columbia University, 2019-2020

Columbia University Program for Economic Research Summer Fellow, 2019

The Dhrymes Econometrics Award, 2018

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship, 2010-2011

Banneker/Key full academic scholarship to University of Maryland, College Park, 2004-2008

Other Contributions

Referee service: *Journal of Econometrics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Journal of Happiness Studies*, *Empirical Economics*, *Journal of Business Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Econometric Reviews*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*

Conference and seminar presentations:

2025: UC Davis, University of Victoria (planned), University of Washington (planned), University of Toronto (planned)

2024: UC Berkeley, Society of Labor Economists Meeting, Southern Denmark University, CEME Conference for Young Econometricians (Duke University), UC Davis, University of British Columbia, Canadian Econometrics Study Group, Brown University, Southern Economic Association Meeting, Australasian Meeting of the Econometric Society

2023: Oxford University, Society of Labor Economists Meeting, Canadian Economics Association, Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop, Econometric Society North America Summer Meeting, Duke Microeconometrics Class of 2020-2021 Conference, Simon Fraser University, Southern Economic Association Meeting, Society for Causal Inference Meeting, Alberta Centre for Labour Market Research Meeting (University of Alberta)

2022: University of Calgary, Georgia Econometrics Workshop (UGA), Econometric Society Africa Meeting, Econometric Society North America Summer Meeting

2021: Canadian Economics Association, Duke University, Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, Lehigh University, Microsoft, Southern Economics Association, University of Georgia, University of North Carolina Greensboro, US Census Bureau, Washington State University

2020 and before: Young Economists Symposium (2019), Empirics and Methods in Economics Conference (2019); Joint Statistical Meetings (2015); Southern Economics Association (2014)

Software projects:

`ivcombine` function in Stata for combining multiple instrumental variables for a binary treatment: <https://github.com/leonardgoft/ivcombine>

`rdbounds` function in Stata and R for manipulation-robust bounds in regression discontinuity designs: <https://github.com/leonardgoft/rdbounds>

Coding for SERVIR (NASA/USAID) Forest Conservation Targeting Tool: <http://fctt.servirglobal.net>

Github account: <https://github.com/leonardgoft>

Courses taught as instructor of record:

UCalgary: ECON715 (Winter 2023, Winter 2024, Winter 2025), ECON497 (Winter 2023, Winter 2025), ECON495 (Fall 2023)

UGA: ECON8070 (Fall 2021), ECON4750 (Spring 2022)

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Department committee service at UCalgary:

Department of economics Research Committee (2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025)

Department of economics EDIA Committee (2024-2025)

Advising:

Thesis committee member (PhD): Zahra Espanani (2024), Tong Liu

Second year paper advisor (PhD): Zhihao Wang (2024)

Thesis proposal examination committee member (PhD): Ipek Tastan (2022)

Personal

Pronouns: he/him, happy with they/them

Citizenship: U.S. and Canada

Languages: English, Spanish (basic)