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Current Position

Williams College, Associate Professor of Economics (2016-Present)

Past Positions

University of Hawaii, Visiting Professor (Spring 2018)
University of Pompeu Fabra, Visiting Professor (Summer 2017, Spring 2014)
University of California Santa Cruz, Visiting Professor (Fall 2013)
Williams College, Assistant Professor of Economics (2010-2016)
Carl McGuire Center for International Studies, Research Assistant (2008-2009)
Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Research Associate (2003-2005)
Mellon Financial Corporation, Analyst (2002-2003)

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Colorado (2010)
M.A. in Economics, University of Colorado (2007)
B.A. in Mathematics and Economics, Wesleyan University (2002)
Study Abroad, National University of Ireland, Galway (Fall 2000)

Fields

International Economics
Labor Economics
Applied Microeconomics

Publications

“Globalization and Human Capital Investment: Export Composition Drives Educational Attainment” (w/ Emily Blanchard) 2017, *Journal of International Economics*, 106: 165-183.

“English Proficiency and Labor Market Performance: Evidence from the Economics Profession” 2017, *Economic Inquiry*, 55(1): 202-222.

“Remittances and the Wage Impact of Immigration” 2015, *Journal of Human Resources*, 50(3): 694-727.

“Impact of Corruption on Firm-Level Export Decisions” 2015, *Economic Inquiry*, 54(2): 1105-1127.

“A Race to the Bottom? Employment Protection and Foreign Direct Investment” 2013, *Journal of International Economics*, 91(2): 191-203.

“Immigration and Firm Expansion” 2013, *Journal of Regional Science*, 53(1): 142-157, (Special Immigration Issue edited by Gianmarco Ottaviano and Giovanni Peri).

“Offshoring, Immigration, and the Native Wage Distribution” 2012, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 45(3): 830-856.

“Globalization and Investment in Human Capital” (w/ Dan Hickman) 2011, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 64(4): 652-670.

“Was Job Quality ‘Job One’ in the Tri-state Region’s Economic Recovery?” (w/ Loretta Mester) 2004, *Regional Highlights*, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Working Papers

“Impact of Immigration on Firm-Level Offshoring” (w/ Dario Pozzoli) 2018, IZA Discussion Paper No. 11480. *Revise and resubmit at The Review of Economics and Statistics*

“Globalization and Executive Compensation” (w/ Wolfgang Keller) 2018, *NBER Working Paper* No. 23384.

Work in Progress

“Cabotage Sabotage? The Curious Case of the Jones Act”

“Gender Gap Among Top Executives” (w/ Wolfgang Keller)

Policy Writing

“Globalization and Executive Compensation” By Wolfgang Keller and Will Olney, Harvard Law School - Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, December 31, 2017.

"Globalization and Executive Compensation" By Wolfgang Keller and Will Olney, VoxEU, June 9, 2017.

“How Donald Trump’s Squeeze on Immigrants Will Backfire” By Will Olney, Op-Ed, New York Times, April 6, 2016.

Select Media Coverage

Globalization and Executive Compensation

Covered by: Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Law School, Brookings, Bloomberg, VoxEU, US News, Public Affairs Council

Remittances and the Wage Impact of Immigration

Covered by: ABC News, Oregonian, New York Times

Immigration and Firm Expansion

Covered by: CNBC, Business Insider, New York Times

Globalization and Investment in Human Capital

Covered by: Business Insider

Seminars and Conferences

2018: CEPR-EBRD Globalisation and Labour Market Conference (London, UK), CEPPI-EPFL Migration, Globalization, and the Knowledge Economy Conference (Paris, France), University of California Santa Barbara, Claremont McKenna College, University of Hawaii, Grinnell College

2017: NBER ITI Meeting (Stanford University), West Coast Trade Workshop (University of British Columbia), University of Colorado, Institute for Employment Research IAB (Nuremberg, Germany), University of Albany, Williams College

2016: University of Colorado, University of Oregon, Midwest International Trade Meetings (University of Rochester), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Western Economic Association International Conference, Liberal Arts Macro Workshop (Discussant), Williams College

2015: NBER ITI Meeting (Cambridge, MA), Georgetown University, University of Colorado, Western Economic Association International Conference, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Williams College

2014: Boston University, University of Pompeu Fabra, European Society for Population Economics (University of Minho, Braga, Portugal), Brandeis University, Williams College, Wellesley College, Amherst College, Colby College

2013: University of California Berkeley, University of California Santa Barbara, NBER ITI Meeting (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, invited participant), West Coast Trade Workshop (University of Oregon), University of California Santa Cruz, Wesleyan University, Canadian Economics Association Conference (HEC Montreal), Pomona College, Santa Clara University, California Polytechnic State University

2012: Colgate University, Economic Development International Conference (University of Bordeaux), Williams College

2011: Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Midwest International Trade Meetings (Vanderbilt University), Williams College, Midwest International Trade Meetings (University of Notre Dame)

2010: FREIT Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference (University of Calgary), University of Oregon, Williams College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, International Trade Administration, Federal Trade Commission, Middlebury College, Whitman College

2009: FREIT Empirical Investigations in Trade and Geography (University of Melbourne), NBER ITI Summer Institute (Cambridge, invited participant), University of Colorado International Trade Seminar Series, Midwest International Trade Meetings (University of Iowa), University of Colorado International Trade Seminar Series

2008: University of Colorado International Trade Seminar Series

2005: Pennsylvania Economics Association Conference

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Class of 1945 World Fellowship, Williams College (2017-2018)

Class of 1958 Research Grant, Williams College (2016)

Research Roundtable Grant, Williams College (2015)

Class of 1945 World Fellowship, Williams College (2013-2014)

Adsit Fellow, Wilcox B. and Harriet M. Adsit Professorship, Williams College (2013-2014)

Project for Effective Teaching, Williams College (2010-2013)

Best Grad Student Paper, Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference, Banff, Can. (2010)

Graduate Teacher Certification, University of Colorado (2009)

Best Grad Student Paper, Empirical Trade and Geography Conference, Melbourne, Aus. (2009)

Graduate Award for Public Policy Research, University of Colorado (2008)

Morris E. Garnsey Fellowship, University of Colorado (2007)

Graduate Fellowship, University of Colorado (fall 2006, fall 2008, spring 2009, fall 2009)

Professional Service

Referee:

American Economic Review, Applied Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics (4x), China Economic Review, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry (10x), Economic Journal, Economics Bulletin, European Economic Review (2x), European Journal of Political Economy, International Economic Review, International Economics and Economic Policy, International Migration Review (2x), International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economic Education, Journal of Economics & Management Strategy, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of International Economics (8x), Journal of International Trade & Economic Development, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Regional Science (2x), Oxford Economic Papers, Regional Science and Urban Economics (7x), Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of World Economics (3x), Scottish Journal of Political Economy, World Bank Economic Review, World Development (3x)

Reviewer:

National Science Foundation (2x)

Teaching Experience

Williams College

- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Globalization
- International Trade and Economic Policy
- International Trade and Development
- Sports Economics

University of Colorado

- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics

Professional Affiliations

American Economic Association, European Economic Association, Canadian Economics Association, Royal Economic Society, Western Economics Association International, European Association of Labour Economists

Williams Department and College Service

Retirement Governance Committee 2016-2018
Econ Department Hiring Committee 2016-2017
New Faculty Mentor 2016-2017
Windows on Williams 2015-2017
Schapiro-Hollander Users Committee 2015-2017
Williams College Athletics Committee 2011-2013
Economics Department Library Faculty Liaison 2011-2013, 2015-2016
Faculty Advisor to the Williams College Men's Lacrosse Team 2012-2015

Research Supervision

Alice Rossignol, Thesis Adviser (2016) – London School of Economics
Michael Navarrete, Thesis Adviser (2016) – Federal Reserve Bank, Board
Sichao Liu, Thesis Adviser (2017)

Personal Information

Born in 1980 in NH (U.S. Citizen)
Married with three kids