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Appointments:

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Wilfrid Laurier University	2015-
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Wilfrid Laurier University	2011-2015
Visiting Scholar, SESP, Northwestern University	Fall 2011
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Manitoba	2008-2011

Education:

PhD, Economics, McMaster University	2008
MA, Economics, Simon Fraser University	2004
BA, Economics/French, McMaster University	2003

Research Fields:

Primary: Economics of Education, Labour Economics, Applied Econometrics
Secondary: Public Economics, Health Economics

Publications:

- “How School Principals Influence Student Learning” with Elizabeth Dhuey. *Empirical Economics*, 54 (2), 2018.
- “Diversity and Donations: The Effect of Religious and Ethnic Diversity on Charitable Giving” with James Andreoni, David Karp, and Abigail Payne. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 128, 2016.
- “Does Income Inequality Increase Charitable Giving?” with A. Abigail Payne. *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 48 (2), 2015.
- “How Important are School Principals in the Production of Student Achievement?” with Elizabeth Dhuey. *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 47 (2), 2014.
- “The Long-Run Impacts of Early Childhood Education: Evidence from a Failed Policy Experiment” with Phil DeCicca. *Economics of Education Review* 36, 2013.
- “How Do School ‘Report Cards’ Affect School Choice Decisions?” with Jane Friesen, Mohsen Javdani, and Simon Woodcock. *Canadian Journal of Economics* 45 (2), 2012.
- “How Valuable Is The Gift of Time? The Factors That Drive The Birth Date Effect.” *Education Finance and Policy* 5 (3), 2010.
- “Can Regression Discontinuity Help Answer an Age-Old Question in Education? The Effect of Age on Elementary and Secondary School Achievement.” *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy* (Topics) 9 (1), 2009.

Working Papers:

- “The Effect of Tax Price on Donations: Evidence from Canada”, May 2019, with Ross Hickey, Bradley Minaker, Joanne Roberts, A. Abigail Payne (in preparation for submission)
- “Big Fish, Small Pond: The Effect of Rank at Entry on Post-Secondary Outcomes”, January 2019, with A. Abigail Payne (Revise and Resubmit, *Southern Economic Journal*)
- “The Impact of Scholarships and Bursaries on Persistence and Academic Success in University” with Martin Dooley, A. Abigail Payne, A. Leslie Robb, April 2015 (on hold)
- “Can Higher Cigarette Taxes Still Improve Birth Outcomes?” with Phil DeCicca, March 2012 (on hold)

Works in Progress:

- “The Effect of High School Rank on University Applications and Outcomes” with Elizabeth Dhuey, A. Abigail Payne
- “Differences in Giving Between Immigrants and Native Born Canadians: Evidence from Canadian Taxfiles” with Ross Hickey, A. Abigail Payne
- “Understanding the Decision to Give with the Household: Evidence from Canadian Taxfiles” with Ross Hickey, A. Abigail Payne
- “Trends in Charitable Giving in Canada 1983-2016” with Ross Hickey, A. Abigail Payne
- “School Fundraising and Student Outcomes”, with Elizabeth Dhuey
- “The Effect of Neighbourhood Demographic Diversity on Giving” with Ross Hickey, A. Abigail Payne

Research Grants:

SSHRC Insight Grant (PI), \$86,990	2018-2021
SSHRC Insight Development Grant (PI), \$49,220	2013-2015
SSHRC Standard Research Grant (PI) \$19,439	2011-2012
University of Manitoba Research Grant (PI) \$6,122	2011

Fellowships and Awards:

Merit Award, Wilfrid Laurier University	2015
AEFP New Scholars Award (with E. Dhuey)	2011
AEFA Jean Flannigan Outstanding Dissertation Award	2009
Ontario Graduate Scholarship	2006 - 2007
McMaster University Graduate Scholarship	2004 - 2007
Roe L. Johns Travel Grant	2006 - 2007
SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship	2003
Simon Fraser University Graduate Fellowship	2003
The Ralph Weekes Scholarship	2002
The University Scholarship	1999 - 2000

Conference and Seminar Presentations:

2019: Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting

2017: Melbourne Insitute, International Institute of Public Finance Annual Meeting, Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting

2016: Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Meeting
Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, Workshop on Skills and Human Capital (U of Guelph)

2015: Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Meeting

2014: International Institute of Public Finance, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Annual Meeting

2013: UBC Okanagan, Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, Wilfrid Laurier University

2012: Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, Wilfrid Laurier University

2011: University of Illinois Chicago, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Wilfrid Laurier University, University of Waterloo

2010: Research Data Centre (RDC) Conference, Delta Marsh Retreat, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, American Education Finance Association Annual Meeting

2009: University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg, Centre for Education Policy and Research (SFU), Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, Canadian Health Economics Study Group, American Education Finance Association Annual Meeting

2008: Wilfrid Laurier University, American Education Finance Association Annual Meeting, McMaster University, University of Manitoba, RAND

2007: McMaster University, American Education Finance Association Annual Meeting

Other Research Experience:

Visiting Student Scholar, University of California, Berkeley

2006-2007

Teaching:

Wilfrid Laurier University:

EC295: Introductory Econometrics (Winter 2017, 2018, 2019)

EC140: Introduction to Macroeconomics (Winter 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

EC328: Economics of Education (Fall 2012, 2013)

EC606: Labour Economics (Winter 2013, 2014, 2015)

University of Manitoba:

Econ 7020: Econometrics II (Applied Microeconometrics) (Winter 2009, 2010, 2011)

Econ 3170: Quantitative Methods (Introductory Statistics) (Fall 2008, 2009, 2010)

Econ 1200: Principles (Macro) (Winter 2009, 2010, 2011)

Student Supervision:

Student	Institution	Degree	Role	Year
Michael Johnson	WLU	MABE	Supervisor	2017
Ayza Khawaja	WLU	MABE	Supervisor	2017
Cory Timmons	WLU	MABE	Supervisor	2015
Zechuan Deng	WLU	MABE	Supervisor	2014
Siva Karunakanthan	WLU	MABE	Supervisor	2014
Ariic Aguto Reng	WLU	MABE	Supervisor	2013
Zainab Khan	WLU	MABE	Supervisor	2012
Farhana Khanam	U. Manitoba	MA	Supervisor	2011
Pranay Das	U. Manitoba	MA	Supervisor	2011

University Service:

Wilfrid Laurier University:

Economics Mentorship Program	2018-2019
Hiring Subcommittee	2018-2019
Internal Seminars Committee	2018-2019
Undergraduate Petitions (alternate)	2017-2018
Graduate Program Committee	2017-2018
University Faculty Nominations Committee	2016-2018
Undergraduate Petitions	2016-2017
Undergraduate Admissions	2016-2017
External Seminars Committee	2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015
Graduate Committee	2011-2012

University of Manitoba:

Seminars Committee	2010-2011
Steering Committee	2009-2010
Headship Search Committee	2009-2010
Seminars Committee	2008-2009

Referee Service:

Advances in Life Course Research; The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy; Canadian Journal of Economics; Canadian Public Policy; Canadian Tax Journal; CD Howe Institute; Contemporary Economic Policy; The Economic Journal; Economics of Education Review; Education Economics; Education Finance and Policy; Educational Administration Quarterly; Empirical Economics; German Economic Review; International Tax and Public Finance; Journal of Family and Economic Issues; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of the Royal Statistical Society; Labour Economics; Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly; Quality Assurance in Education; Review of Economic Analysis; Review of Economics and Statistics; Southern Economic Journal

External Service:

CBC Radio Edmonton Interview	2016
900CHML Interview	2016
Yahoo! Canada Interview	2015
National Post Interview	2015
Woolwich Observer Interview	2015
Interview on Newstalk 770 Calgary	2014
Globe and Mail Op-ed on School Principals	2014
Interview with Canadian Family Magazine	2014
Co-organizer of Canadian Econometric Study Group Conference	2013
Labour Market Presentation to WLU Careers Centre	2013
CTV News Kitchener Interview	2012
Supervised Student in Waterloo Catholic District School Board	2012
Co-Operative Education Program (UCEP)	
Laurier Centre for Economic Policy and Analysis (LCERPA) Newsletter (x3)	2012, 2013
CBC Radio Manitoba Interview	2010