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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Entrepreneurship, Growth and Development, Firm Dynamics

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, University of Alberta, July 2021 –

Assistant Professor, University of Alberta, July 2018 – June 2021

Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba, July 2012 – June 2018

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Toronto, 2013

M.A. Economics, York University, 2007

B.B.A. (Honours) Management, University of Toronto, 2004

## PUBLICATIONS

“Financial Frictions and the Rule of Law,” with Diego Restuccia,  
*Journal of Development Economics*, Volume 134, September 2018, pp. 248-271.

“Innovation, Firm Size and the Canada-U.S. Productivity Gap,”  
*Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, Volume 85, December 2017, pp. 46-58.

“Crime and Establishment Size: Evidence from South America,” with Umut Oguzoglu,  
*The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, Volume 17(4), October 2017.

“Property Rights, Extortion and the Misallocation of Talent,”  
*European Economic Review*, Volume 98, September 2017, pp. 86–110.

“Impact of Policy Distortions on Firm-level Innovation, Productivity Dynamics and TFP,”  
*Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, Volume 46, September 2014, pp. 114-129.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“On Financial Frictions and the Rule of Law Institutions in Development,” with Diego Restuccia, VoxDev, October 2018.

“Financial Frictions and the Rule of Law,” with Diego Restuccia, Research Briefs in Economic Policy No. 128, Cato Institute, August 2018.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Gender Specific Distortions, Entrepreneurship and Misallocation.”

“When Social Assistance Meets Market Power: A Mixed Duopoly View of Health Insurance in the United States,” with Xuejuan Su.

“Financial Frictions, Borrowing Costs, and Firm Size Across Sectors,” with Pedro Bento.

“Misallocation across Establishment Gender.”

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2022: STEG Annual Conference; Canadian Economic Association Annual Meetings (Ottawa); Econometric Society Australasia Meeting; Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society; Society for Economic Measurement (Calgary); Southern Economic Association\* (Fort Lauderdale)

2021: University of Barcelona (virtual)

2019: Computing in Economics and Finance (Ottawa), Canadian Economic Association Annual Meetings (Banff), REES (University of Alberta)

2018: University of Alberta (Edmonton), University of Victoria (Victoria), Wilfrid Laurier University (Waterloo), York University (Toronto)

2016: University of Montreal (Montreal), Computation in Economics and Finance (Bordeaux), Canadian Economic Association Annual Meetings (Ottawa)

2015: Midwestmacro Meetings (St. Louis), Dalhousie University (Halifax), Econometric Society World Congress (Montreal)

2014: North American Productivity Workshop (Ottawa), Canadian Economic Association Annual Meetings (Vancouver), University of Manitoba (Winnipeg), University of West Virginia (Morgantown)

2013: Canadian Economic Association Annual Meetings (Montreal), European Public Choice Society (Zurich)

2012: Society for Economic Dynamics (Cyprus), University of Toronto (Mississauga), University of Winnipeg (Winnipeg), University of Manitoba (Winnipeg)

2011: Midwestmacro Meetings (Nashville), Canadian Economic Association Annual Meetings (Ottawa)

## REVIEWER FOR

*American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics; American Journal of Agricultural Economics; Canadian Journal of Economics; Economics Bulletin; Economic Inquiry; Economic Modelling; Emerging Markets Finance and Trade; International Economic Review; Journal of Economics and Business; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Public Economics; Macroeconomic Dynamics; Review of Economic Dynamics; Review of Income and Wealth; The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics; The Energy Journal*

## TEACHING

### *University of Alberta:*

Econ 389: Macroeconomic Measurement (undergraduate), 2020–

Econ 385: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory II (undergraduate), 2019–

Econ 581: Macroeconomic Theory I (graduate), 2018–

### *University of Manitoba:*

Advanced Macroeconomic Theory II (graduate), 2018

Advanced Macroeconomic Theory I (graduate), 2012-2017

Macroeconomic Theory 2 (undergraduate), 2013-18

Macroeconomic Analysis (undergraduate), 2013

Principles of Macroeconomics (undergraduate), 2015-17

### *University of Toronto:*

Advanced Macroeconomics (undergraduate), 2011

Macroeconomic Theory (undergraduate), 2011

## STUDENT SUPERVISION

Scott Auriat, Ph. D. Committee member, 2018-2022

Henrietta Agyei Asiamah, M.A. Thesis, 2016

Hubert Scarlett, M.A. Thesis, 2014

## SERVICE

### *University of Alberta:*

Ph.D Macroeconomics Candidacy Examination Committee (2019–2022)

Graduate appeals committee (2018-2022)

### *University of Manitoba:*

Ph.D Macroeconomics Candidacy Examination Committee (2013–15, 2017–18)

Seminar Committee (2012, 2013, 2015)

Teaching and Undergraduate Committee (2014, 2016, 2017)