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INFORMATION

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CITIZENSHIP

Canadian

RESEARCH
INTERESTS

- Econometrics
- Political Economy
- Industrial Organization

EDUCATION

- University of Toronto, Ph.D. in Economics 2011.
Dissertation Title: "Essays on Empirical Dynamic Games and Imperfect Information"
- University of Western Ontario, M.A. in Economics, June 2005.
- University of Calgary, B.A.(with Honours) in Economics, June 2004.

ACADEMIC
POSITIONS

- Professor of Economics, University of Calgary, July 2021-Present
- Associate Professor, University of Calgary, 2015-June 2021.
- Associate Professor and Graduate Director, University of Calgary. 2017-2019
- Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Western Ontario, July 2013-January 2014.
- Assistant Professor, University of Calgary, 2010-2015.
- Visiting Scholar, University of Melbourne, May-June 2012.

RESEARCH PAPERS

Publications

- “Regionalism and Tribal Insecurity in India.” (with Sacha Kapoor). Forthcoming, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.
- “How Social Security Reform affects Pension Claiming and Retirement” (with Rafael Lalive and Stefan Staubli). *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, Vol. 15, No. 3, pages 115-50 (August 2023).
- “Identification and Estimation of Dynamic Games when Players Beliefs are not in Equilibrium” (with Victor Aguirregabiria). *The Review of Economic Studies*, Vol 87, No. 2, pages 582-625 (March 2020).
- “Having it Easy: Consumer Discrimination and Specialization in the Workplace” (with Sacha Kapoor). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Vol 166, pages 153-173 (October 2019).
- “Independent Candidates and Political Representation in India.” (with Sacha Kapoor). *American Political Science Review*, Vol 112, Issue 3, pages 678-697 (August 2018).
- “Out of the Frying Pan, Into the Fire: The Consequences of US Weapons Sales for Political Violence.” (with Eik Swee). *European Economic Review* Vol. 107, Pages 133-156, (August 2018).
- “Euler Equations for the Estimation of Dynamic Discrete Choice Structural Models” (with Victor Aguirregabiria). *Advances in Econometrics* Vol. 31: Structural Econometric Models. Pages 3-44.
- “Paging Inspector Sands: The Costs of Public Information” (with Sacha Kapoor). *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* Vol. 6: Iss. 1 Pages 92-113 (February 2014).
- “Human Rights Treaty Ratification of Aid Receiving Countries.” *World Development*. Vol 45 pp 175-188 (May 2013).
- “The Value of Information in Regulation,” (with Matthew Turner) *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*(Contributions). 10(1), Article 76. (August 2010)

Working Papers

- “Candidate Selection by Parties: Crime and Politics in India.” (Joint with Andrea Szabo and Gergely Ujhelyi)
- “Instrumental and Expressive Value in Political Participation: The Case of Petitions.” (Joint with Dimitri Migrow).
- “Solving Discrete Choice Dynamic Programming Models Using Euler Equations.” (Joint with Victor Aguirregabiria).

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 - APSA virtual research workshop, Empirical Methods in Game Theory Workshop (Stony Brook), Queen’s University Belfast, University College Dublin.
- 2023 - European Journal of Political Economy Conference (Washington DC), Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Houston), The Ohio State University, CPEG (Ottawa).
- 2022 - Canadian Economics Association meetings (Ottawa).
- 2021 - American Political Science Association meetings, HiCN 2021, Political Economy of Power Relations 2021.

- 2020 - NEUDC 2020 meeting, University of Houston, The Ohio State University (Cancelled, Covid 19), University of Tokyo (Cancelled, Covid 19).
- 2019 - Canadian Development Economics Study Group, Vanderbilt, Arizona State.
- 2017 - Ryerson University, Erasmus University, University of British Columbia, University of Guelph Political Economy Conference.
- 2016 - University of Victoria, Princeton University, New York Federal Reserve, Erasmus University.
- 2015 - University of Leicester, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Economics Association (Toronto), Erasmus University, World Congress of the Econometric Society (Montreal), Banff Empirical Microeconomics Conference, Southern Economics Association Conference (New Orleans).
- 2014 - EARIE (Milan)
- 2013 - Annual Meeting of the Canadian Economics Association, University of Waterloo, McMaster University, Wilfred Laurier University, Canadian Econometrics Study Group, University of Western Ontario.
- 2012 - International Industrial Organization Conference (Arlington, VA), University of Melbourne, RIMINI Toronto.
- 2011 - University of Victoria, International Industrial Organization Conference (Boston), Annual Meeting of the Canadian Economics Association, International Health Economics Association Meetings, Singapore Economics Review, EARIE (Stockholm).
- 2010 - University of Calgary, University of Houston, University of New South Wales, University of Sydney, University of Western Ontario, Department of Finance, Canada, EARIE (Istanbul).
- 2007-2009 University of Toronto, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Economics Association, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Public Economics Group, Camp Resources.

INVITED COURSES

- 2012 Winter School on the Estimation of Dynamic Structural Models, University of Melbourne.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2023-2028 “Economic Dynamics of Non-State Armed Groups,” Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant, \$86,762.00. Co-Principal Investigator with Ben Crost.

2019 University of Calgary GREAT Supervisor award.

2019-2022 “Barriers to Entry in Democratic Elections,” Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant, \$77,591.00. Principal Investigator.

2015-2017 Department of Economics “Superior Teaching” Award

2014-2016 “Extreme weather, Economic Development and Human Rights,” Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Development Grant, \$49,986.00. Principal Investigator.

2013-2015 Department of Economics “Superior Teaching” Award

2012 SSHRC IDG Enhancement Award

2011 University of Calgary URG Seed Grant

TEACHING

Economics 611.97 (Machine Learning in Economics) University of Calgary, Winter 2023

Economics 667 (Graduate Industrial Organization) University of Calgary, Winter 2021

Economics 669 (Graduate Empirical Industrial Organization) University of Calgary, Fall 2018

Economics 395 (Undergraduate Econometrics 1) University of Calgary, Fall 2018, Summer 2021

Economics 705 (PhD Econometrics 1) University of Calgary, Fall 2016, Fall 2021.

Economics 757 (PhD Game Theory) University of Calgary, Winter 2017, 2023.

Economics 615 (Master's Econometrics) University of Calgary, Winter 2011.

Economics 717 (PhD Advanced Topics in Econometrics) University of Calgary, Fall 2016, 2017, 2018.

Economics 497 (Advanced Econometrics) University of Calgary, Winter 2012, 2013, 2016, 2021.

Economics 557 (Honours Micro Theory) University of Calgary, Fall 2015.

Economics 617 (PhD Advanced Econometrics) University of Calgary, Fall 2014.

Economics 611.46 (Structural Econometrics) University of Calgary, Fall 2012.

Economics 715 (Graduate Econometrics II) University of Calgary, Fall 2011, 2012.

Summer Workshop in Estimation of Structural Dynamic Models (joint with David Byrne) University of Calgary, Summer 2011.

Economics 357 (Intermediate Micro II), University of Calgary, Fall 2010.

Lecturer, Industrial Organization (ECMC41), University of Toronto, Spring/Summer 2009.

REFEREEING

Journals

Econometrica, Review of Economic Studies, Quantitative Economics, RESTAT, Quarterly Journal of Economics, AEJ: Macro, American Political Science Review, B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics, European Economic Review, Journal of Business Economics and Statistics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Labour Economics, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Human Rights, Management Science, Review of International Organizations, Southern Economics Journal.

Other

SSHRC 2023-2024 Insight Grants Selection Committee

GRADUATE
STUDENT
SUPERVISION

Aashay Tripathi, Primary Advisor. Ongoing. Expected Completion: 2025.

Elysee Jerome Chouga, Primary Advisor. Ongoing. Expected Completion: 2026.

Wenshuang Yu, Primary Advisor. Completed 2024.

Abraham Saucedo Cepeda, Secondary Advisor. Completed 2024.

Miguel Olivo-Villabrille, Primary advisor. **Initial Placement: CEPAR (University of New South Wales)**

Aisha Arooj Khan, Primary advisor. Completed 2021. **Initial Placement: University of Western Ontario (Adjunct Assistant Professor)**

Javad Moradpour, Secondary advisor. **Initial Placement: Postdoc at University of Toronto**

Jevan Cherniwchan, Secondary advisor. **Initial Placement: University of Alberta Business School**

Liang (Charles) Chen, Secondary advisor. **Initial Placement: Wuhan University**

Kent Fellows, Secondary Advisor. **Initial Placement: Mount Royal University**

Ian Heffernan, Secondary advisor. **Initial Placement: African School of Economics/Princeton University**

Yutaro Sakai, Secondary advisor. **Initial Placement: Arizona State University (Post-Doctoral)**

Arezou Zaresani, Secondary advisor. **Initial Placement: Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, The University of Melbourne**