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## Employment

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### Current Academic Positions

<i>Yale-NUS College</i> President	Jul 2022 – Present
<i>Yale-NUS College and National University of Singapore</i> Professor	2017 – Present

### Previous Academic Positions

<i>Yale-NUS College</i> Executive Vice President (Academic Affairs)	Jul 2018 – June 2022
Interim Dean of Students	Jun 2018 – Feb 2019
Acting Executive Vice President (Academic Affairs)	Mar – Jun 2018
Dean of Faculty	Jun 2017 – Jun 2018
Associate Dean of Faculty	Jan – Jun 2017
<i>University of Calgary, Department of Economics</i> Professor	2012 – 2016
Canada Research Chair in the Economics of Organizations	2009 – 2014
Associate Professor	2008 – 2012
<i>Yale-NUS College</i> Visiting Professor	Jul – Dec 2015
<i>National University of Singapore, Department of Economics, and Yale-NUS College</i> Senior Visiting Fellow	Jan – Jun 2015
<i>National University of Singapore, Department of Economics</i> Senior Visiting Fellow	Jan – May 2012
<i>University of Toronto, Department of Economics</i> Associate Professor	2004 – 2008
Assistant Professor	1998 – 2004

## Research Affiliations

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Centre interuniversitaire sur le risque, les politiques économiques et l'emploi (CIRPEE)	2002 – 2011
<i>Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR)</i>	2001 – 2009

## Education

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Queen's University, Ph.D. Economics	1998
Queen's University, M.A. Economics	1995
University of Waterloo, B.A. (Honours) Economics	1993

## Research Grants, Awards and Honours

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"Tax Competition with Heterogeneous Capital" Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada, Insight Grant, \$118,000 Co-Applicant with Steeve Mongrain and Katherine Cuff	2014 – 2018
"Political Economy and Social Policy" Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada, Research Grant, \$62,000	2011 – 2015
Oliver E. Williamson Prize for best article in the Journal of Law, Economics and Organization Runner up	2011
University of Calgary Graduate Supervisory Excellence Award Finalist	2011
"Communication, Incentives, and Organizational Design" Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada, Research Grant, \$30,000	2007 – 2010
"Organization Structure, Labour Market Relationships and Technological Change" Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada, Research Grant, \$53,613	2003 – 2007
"Information in Organizations and Institutions" Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada, Research Grant, \$39,402	1999 – 2002
John Charles Polanyi Prize Council of Ontario Universities	2001

“Imperfect Information and Institutional Design in Economic Applications” Connaught Matching Grant, University of Toronto, \$25,000	1999 – 2001
“Incomplete Contracting and the Productivity Slowdown” Connaught Start-Up Grant, University of Toronto, \$10,000	1998
Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Post-Doctoral Fellowship Declined	1998
Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship	1996 – 1998

## Publications

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“The Effect of Tax Price on Donations: Evidence from Canada”  
*with Ross Hickey, Bradley Minaker, Abigail Payne and Justin Smith, National Tax Journal (2023) 76(2): 291-315.*

“Private Protection and Public Policing”  
*with Ross Hickey, Steeve Mongrain and Tanguy van Ypersele, Journal of Public Economic Theory (2021) 23: 5-28.*

“Evasion of Fiscal and Labour Regulations: Firm Behaviour and Optimal Tax Policy”  
*with Kate Cuff and Steeve Mongrain, Journal of Public Economic Theory (2020) 22: 69-97.*

“Rehabilitated or Not: an Informational Theory of Parole Decisions”  
*with Dan Bernhardt and Steeve Mongrain, (2012) Journal of Law, Economics, and Organisation 28:186-210.* Runner-up for the Oliver E. Williamson prize for best article

“Optimal Policies and the Informal Sector”  
*with Katherine Cuff, Nicolas Marceau and Steeve Mongrain, (2011) Journal of Public Economics, 95 (11-12):1280-1291.*

“Government Oversight of Public Universities: Are Centralized Performance Schemes Related to Increased Quantity or Quality?”  
*with A. Abigail Payne, (2010) Review of Economics and Statistics, 92(1): 207-212.*

“Plea Bargaining with Budgetary Constraints”  
*with Steeve Mongrain, (2009) International Review of Law and Economics (29): 8-12.*

“Unemployment Insurance and Experience Rating: Insurance versus Efficiency”  
*with Steeve Mongrain, (2005) International Economic Review 46(4): 1303-1319.*

“Banks and Enterprise Privatization in China”  
*with Loren Brandt and Hongbin Li, (2005) Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization 21(2): 524-546.*

“Contracting Productivity Growth”  
*with Patrick Francois, (2003) Review of Economic Studies, 70: 59-85.*

“Relationships, Commitment, and Labour Productivity Growth”  
with Patrick Francois, (2003) *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 1: 612-20.

“Implementing the Efficient Allocation of Pollution”  
with John Duggan, (2002) *American Economic Review*, 92(4): 1070-1078.  
Reprinted in *Public Sector Economics: Critical Perspectives*, edited by Richard Tresch,  
Routledge, 2009.

“Twin Engines of Growth: Skills and Technology as Equal Partners in Balanced Growth”  
with Huw Lloyd Ellis, (2002) *The Journal of Economic Growth*, 7(2): 87-115.

“Needs-Based Health Care Funding: Implications for Resource Distribution in Ontario”  
with Kelly Bedard, John Dorland, and Allan Gregory, (2000) *Canadian Journal of Economics*,  
33(4): 981-1008.

“Riding Free on the Signals of Others”  
with Kim Alexander-Cook and Dan Bernhardt, (1998) *Journal of Public Economics*,  
67(1): 25-43.

## **Book Chapters**

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“Banks and Enterprise Privatization in China”  
with Loren Brandt and Hongbin Li, in *China’s Macroeconomic Policy*, edited by Linda Yueh,  
Routledge, 2015.

“Implementing the Efficient Allocation of Pollution”  
with John Duggan, in *Public Sector Economics: Critical Perspectives*, edited by Richard  
Tresch, Routledge, 2009.

## **Work in Progress**

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“Are Political and Charitable Donations Substitutes?”  
with Ross Hickey, Abigail Payne and Gillian Petit.

## **Other Papers**

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“World Insight: Faculty Development in a Young, International Institution”  
*Times Higher Education*, 30 June 2017.

## **Unpublished Papers**

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“Robust Implementation”  
with John Duggan

## Selected Speaking Engagements

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United Board of Christian Higher Education in Asia: United Board Fellows Program Leadership Seminar; Invited Speaker	Nov 2023
National University of Singapore Leadership Development Course: Mentorship and Faculty Development; Invited Speaker	Sep 2023
2023 AmCham Singapore Regional Economic Conference: Multilateral Collaboration for Boundless Growth; 2 May 2023; Fireside Chat with Dr. Taimur Baig; Moderator	May 2023
Yale-NUS Geopolitics Conference - US-China Rivalry: Domestic Determinants of Foreign Policy in Southeast Asia; 22-24 March 2023; Opening Remarks	Mar 2023
Nobel Prize Dialogue Singapore 2022; 13 September 2022; Education and Future of Youth; Moderator	Sep 2022

## Research Presentations

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“Evasion of Fiscal and Labour Regulations: Firm Behaviour and Optimal Tax Policy” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Yale-NUS College, Singapore</i></li></ul>	2015
“Evasion of Fiscal and Labour Regulations: Firm Behaviour and Optimal Tax Policy” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Econometric Society Meetings, Taipei Taiwan</i></li></ul>	2014
“Shades of Grey: Informality and Tax Evasion” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Econometric Society Meetings, Singapore</i></li><li>• <i>University of Winnipeg and University of Manitoba Conference on Public Policy (Invited Keynote Lecture)</i></li></ul>	2013
“Rehabilitated or Not: An Informational Theory of Parole Decisions” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Eastern Econometric Society Meetings, Seoul</i></li><li>• <i>Carleton University</i></li><li>• <i>University of Victoria</i></li></ul>	2011
“Optimal Policies and the Informal Sector” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Canadian Economic Association Meetings, Quebec City</i></li><li>• <i>Econometric Society World Congress, Shanghai</i></li></ul>	2010
“Policies for the Informal Sector with Undocumented Workers” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Public Economics Conference in Honour of Robin Boadway</i></li><li>• <i>Queen’s University</i></li><li>• <i>University of Alberta</i></li><li>• <i>University of British Columbia</i></li></ul>	2009
“Plea Bargaining with Budgetary Constraints” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Canadian Economic Association Meetings</i></li><li>• <i>Far Eastern Meetings of the Econometric Society</i></li></ul>	2008

- “Government Oversight of Public Universities: Are Centralized Performance Schemes Related to Increased Quantity or Quality?” 2007
- *University of Calgary*
  - *University of Guelph*
  - *McMaster University*
- “Government Oversight of Public Universities: Are Centralized Performance Schemes Related to Increased Quantity or Quality?” 2006
- *University of Simon Fraser*
- “Government Oversight of Public Universities: Are Centralized Performance Schemes Related to Increased Quantity or Quality?” 2005
- *York University*
  - *McMaster University*
  - *Dalhousie University*
  - *University of Western Ontario*
- “Unemployment Insurance and Experience Rating: Insurance versus Efficiency” 2004
- *University of Montreal*
  - *Queen’s University*
- “Flattened Hierarchies: The Role of Informational Rents” (with Patrick Francois) 2003
- *Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Program Meeting*
  - *Ryerson University*
  - *University of Guelph*
- “Contracting Productivity Growth” (with Patrick Francois) 2002
- *Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Program Meeting, London England*
  - *Brock University*
  - *University of Montreal*
- “Why do Governments Privatize?” (with Loren Brandt and Hongbin Li) 2001
- *Canadian Public Economic Study Group, Montreal*
- “Twin Engines of Growth” (with Huw Lloyd-Ellis) 2001
- *European Econometric Society Meetings Lausanne, Switzerland*
  - *University of Quebec at Montreal*
- “Why do Governments Privatize?” (with Loren Brandt and Hongbin Li) 2000
- *Annual Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, Tubingen, Germany*
- “Contracting Productivity Growth” (with Patrick Francois) 2000
- *Canadian Public Economics Study Group, Vancouver*
  - *Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, Seville, Spain*
  - *World Congress Meetings of the Econometric Society, Seattle*
  - *McMaster University*
  - *Queen’s University*
  - *Simon Fraser University SUNY Buffalo*
  - *University of British Columbia*

- *University of California at Santa Barbara*
- *University of Montreal*
- *University of Toronto (Law School)*
- *Wilfred Laurier University*

- “Implementing the Efficient Allocation of Pollution” (with John Duggan) 1999
- *Canadian Public Economics Study Group, Toronto*
  - *European Econometric Society Meetings, Santiago de Compostela, Spain*
  - *Competition Bureau of Canada*
  - *University of Wisconsin*
- “Plea Bargaining and `Truth-Telling” 1998
- *Canadian Public Economics Study Group, Ottawa*
  - *North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, Montreal*
  - *Brock University*
  - *Carnegie Mellon University*
  - *Northwestern University*
  - *Queen’s University*
  - *University of Illinois*
  - *University of Toronto*
  - *University of Waterloo*
  - *York University*
- “Plea Bargaining with Budgetary Constraints and Deterrence” 1997
- *Canadian Economics Association Meetings, St John’s*
- “Robust Implementation,” (with John Duggan) 1996
- *The Axiomatics of Resource Allocation Conference, Montreal*

## Teaching

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### *Yale-NUS College*

- Law and Economics
- Game Theory
- Intermediate Microeconomics

### *University of Calgary*

#### Graduate:

- Advanced Microeconomic Theory
- Ph.D. Research Workshop

#### Undergraduate:

- Microeconomic Theory

### *University of Toronto*

#### Graduate:

- Microeconomic Theory (Ph.D.)
- Microeconomics Theory (M.A.)
- Graduate Research Seminar

#### Undergraduate:

- Microeconomics
- Law and Economics

### *National University of Singapore*

- Law and Economics
- Intermediate Microeconomics

## **Supervision**

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Michael Ata (Ph.D. Economics, University of Calgary, 2019) “Essays in Endogenous Behaviour in Anti-trust Litigation”

Committee member. First placement: Assistant Professor, Mount Royal University.

Yan Yan (Ph.D. Economics, University of Calgary, 2018) “Three Essays on China’s Public Sector”

Co-supervisor. First placement: Assistant Professor, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law

Mohammad Jahangir Alam (Ph.D. Economics, University of Calgary, 2017) “Three essays in economic growth and development”

Co-supervisor. First placement: Postdoctoral Fellow, Statistics Canada.

Sisi Fu (Ph.D. Economics, University of Calgary, 2016) “Regulation and Taxation in the Petroleum Industry”

Committee member.

Ian Heffernan (Ph.D. Economics, University of Calgary, 2016), “Three Essays in Institutional Economics”

Committee member. First placement: Sessional Instructor, University of Calgary.

Maksim Isakin (Ph.D. Economics, University of Calgary, 2016), “Three Essays in Financial Economics”

Committee member. First placement: Assistant Professor, Cleveland State University.

Yuan Wen (Ph.D. Economics, University of Calgary, 2015) “International Trade, the Environment and Climate Change”

Co-supervisor. First placement: Assistant Professor, Xi’an Jiaotong University.

Liang (Charles) Chen (Ph.D. Economics, University of Calgary, 2014), “Three Essays in Structural Estimation: Models of Matching and Asymmetric Information”

Committee Member. First placement: Assistant Professor, Wuhan University.



Irving Rosales Arredondo (Ph.D. Economics, University of Calgary, 2013), “Essays on Development: Child Labor and the Environmental Consequences of Trade”  
Secondary supervisor. First placement: Assistant Professor, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City.

Matt Krzepkowski (Ph.D. Economics, University of Calgary, 2013), “Essays on Investment and Taxation”  
Committee member. First placement: Postdoctoral Fellow, Statistics Canada.

Armando Zavaleta (Ph.D. Economics, University of Calgary, 2011), “Government, Lobbies, International Cooperation and the Environment”  
Primary supervisor. First placement: Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Iowa.

Hankook Kim (Ph.D. Economics, University of Toronto, 2008), “Three Essays on Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Development”  
Secondary supervisor. First placement: Industry Canada.

Azim Essaji (Ph.D. Economics, University of Toronto, 2005), “Non-tariff trade barriers”  
Joint supervisor with Sue Horton. First placement: Assistant Professor of Economics, Wilfred Laurier University.

MingLi Zheng (Ph.D. Economics, University of Toronto, 2002), “Essays in Applied Economics”  
Committee member. First placement: Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Macao.

## **Professional Activities**

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Learning from Global Liberal Education: Innovation and Resilience, Yale-NUS College, Organiser	2023 – 2024
University of Cultural Studies, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Advisor	2023 – 2024
Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard Seminar for New Presidents	2022
Steward Leadership 25, INSEAD-Hoffman Institute for Business & Society and Singapore Press Holdings, Jury Member	2022
University of Toronto Mississauga – Institute of Management and Innovation External Reviewer, Masters in Management and Innovation	2022
Fulbright University, Vietnam Academic Advisor	2019 – 2020
Leading for Results Programme, INSEAD Asia Campus	2019
High Performing Leadership Programme, Yale-NUS College	2018
Australian Economic Review Associate Editor	2017 – Present

International Institute for Public Finance Congress, Tokyo, Japan Scientific Committee Member	2017
Women's Leadership Institute – Santander W30 Programme, UCLA Anderson School of Management	2016
Canadian Public Economics Meetings, University of British Columbia Organizer and Scientific Committee Chair	2015
Leadership Academy Primer, University of Calgary	2014
Canadian Journal of Economics Co-editor	2010 – 2014
Board of Advisors	2004 – 2007
Canadian Women's Economic Network President	2009 – 2011
Canadian Public Economics Meetings, Queen's University Organizer	2010
Canadian Economic Association Executive Member	2006 – 2009
Canadian Public Economics Meetings Scientific Committee Chair	2005
Canadian Economic Theory Conference Organization Committee	2002
Canadian Economic Theory Conference Program Committee	1999
Canadian Economics Association American Economic Association Canadian Women's Economic Network Member	1998 – Present

## University Service

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### *Yale-NUS College (selected)*

- Academic Steering Committee (Chair)
- Faculty Appointments Committee (Chair)
- Academic Committee (Chair)
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics Review (Chair)
- Digital Legacy Project Steering Group (Co-chair)
- Steering Committee, Sexual Misconduct Policy (Co-chair)
- Residential Life Review Committee (Member)

### *National University of Singapore*

- New College Curriculum Committee (Chair)
- Management Board – Asia Research Institute (Member)
- Senate Delegacy (Member)
- New College Planning Committee (Member)
- Law Faculty Dean Search Committee (Member)
- Provost Disciplinary Advisory Committee (Member)
- Task Force for Full Professorship in Education Excellence (Member)
- Cross-Campus Committee on Sexual Misconduct (Member)
- NUS Women's Economics Society (Student Organisation Advisor)

### *University of Calgary*

- Graduate Appeals Committee (Co-Chair)
- Faculty of Arts, Strategic Planning Committee (Member)
- Faculty of Arts, Gender and Diversity Ad Hoc Committee (Member)
- University Research Development and Policy Committee (Member)
- Contracts for Research Policy Workgroup (Chair)
- Intellectual Property Policy Workgroup (Member)
- Department of Economics Graduate Program Director

### *University of Toronto*

- Commerce Curriculum Committee – Joint committee of the Faculty of Arts and Science and the Rotman School of Management

### *University of Toronto, Department of Economics*

- Graduate Appeals Committee (Chair)
- Advisory Committee (Member)
- Recruiting Committee (Member)
- Renovations Committee (Member)
- Graduate Committee (Member)
- Ph.D. Admissions Committee (Member)
- Department Chair Search Committee (Member)

## **Refereeing**

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American Economic Review	Journal of Economics
Canada Research Chair	Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control
Canadian Journal of Economics	Journal of Economic Growth
Economica	Journal of Economic Theory
Econometrica	Journal of the European Economic Association
Empirica	Journal of Political Economy
European Economic Review	Journal of Public Economics
International Economic Review	Social Science and Humanities Research Council
International Review of Law and Economics	Review of Economics and Statistics
Journal of Environmental Economics and Management	Review of Economic Studies
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization	Quarterly

**Community Service**

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Dulwich College Singapore, Executive Forum Member	2023 – Present
Willing Hearts <a href="https://willinghearts.org.sg/">https://willinghearts.org.sg/</a> , Volunteer	2022 – Present
NINEby9 <a href="https://www.nineby9.com/">https://www.nineby9.com/</a> , Advisory Council Member	2021 – Present
Calgary Immigrant Women’s Association Community Involvement <a href="https://ciwa-online.com/">https://ciwa-online.com/</a> , Board Member	2010 – 2011