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### **Employment**

From 2013	Professor of Economics Queen's Business School Queen's University Belfast
2010 – 2013	Principal Research Fellow / Professorial Research Fellow Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research University of Melbourne
2003 – 2010	Reader in Economics Queen's Management School Queen's University Belfast
1998 – 2003	Research Officer / Senior Research Officer Northern Ireland Economic Research Centre Belfast
1994 – 1995	Research Assistant Department of Economics University of Southampton

### **Education/Qualifications**

1995 – 1999	University of Southampton PhD Economics, awarded 1999 <i>Openness to Trade, Research and Development, and Growth</i> Supervisor: Professor John Driffill
1993 – 1994	University of Southampton MSc Economics & Econometrics (with distinction)
1989 – 1992	London School of Economics BSc Econ Mathematical Economics (2.1 honours)

### **Research Interests**

Labour economics, economics of social policy, health and health behaviours, including:

- Evaluation of labour market programs, social policy reforms
- Disability and the labour market, disability and welfare benefits
- Non-standard employment and impacts on workers
- Drug and alcohol use, homelessness
- Sequence analysis and applications to labour market data
- Health effects of air pollution
- Education

## **Publications**

### **Peer Reviewed Journal Papers**

1. Devlin, A., French, D. & McVicar, D. (2025). The Legacy of the Northern Irish 'Troubles' on Disability Rolls. *Social Science & Medicine* **383**, Article 118447.
2. Rowland, N., McVicar, D., Vlachos, S., Jahanshahi, B., McGovern, M., O'Reilly, D. (2024). Long-term exposure to ambient PM2.5 and population health: evidence from linked census data. *Economics and Human Biology* **55**, Article 101417.
3. Jahanshahi, B., Johnston, B., McGovern, M., McVicar, D., O'Reilly, D., Rowland, N. & Vlachos, S. (2024). Prenatal exposure to particulate matter and infant birth outcomes: Evidence from a population-wide database. *Health Economics* **33**(9): 2182-2200.
4. Gillespie, A., McVicar, D., Rowland, N. & Shuttleworth, I. (2024). Catholic-Protestant wage differentials in Northern Ireland 2011: a re-examination with newly available data. *Economic and Social Review* **55**(2):121-171.
5. Ghosh, C., McVicar, D., Davidson, G., Shannon, C. & Armour, C. (2024). What can we learn about mental health from 10,933 patient lived experiences using a novel quantitative-qualitative network analysis? *Network Science* **12**(4): 321-38.
6. Farina, E., Green, C. & McVicar, D. (2024). Zero Hours Contracts and Self-Reported (Mental) Health in the UK. *British Journal of Industrial Relations* **62**(1): 50-71.
7. Ghosh, C., McVicar, D., Davidson, G., Shannon, C. & Armour, C. (2023). Exploring the associations between auditory hallucinations and psychopathological experiences in 10,933 patient narratives: moving beyond diagnostic categories and surveys. *BMC Psychiatry* **23**, Article 307.
8. Devlin, A., French, D. & McVicar, D. (2023). Why are disability rates for older working-age adults in Northern Ireland so high? *Economic and Social Review* **54**(1): 1-28.
9. Ghosh, C., McVicar, D., Davidson, G., Shannon, C. & Armour, C. (2022). What can we learn about the psychiatric diagnostic categories by analysing patients' lived experiences with Machine-Learning? *BMC Psychiatry* **22**, Article 427.

10. Rowland, N., McVicar, D. & Shuttleworth, I. (2022). The evolution of Catholic-Protestant labour market inequality in Northern Ireland, 1983-2014. *Population, Space and Place* **28**(4): e2525.
11. Jones, M. & McVicar, D. (2022). The dynamics of disability and benefit receipt in Britain. *Oxford Economic Papers* **74**(3): 936-957.
12. Farina, E., Green, C. & McVicar, D. (2021). Are estimates of non-standard employment wage penalties robust to different wage measures? The case of zero-hour contracts in the UK. *Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society* **60**(3): 370-399.
13. Ghosh, C., McVicar, D., Davidson, G. & Shannon, C. (2021). Measuring diagnostic heterogeneity using text-mining of the lived experiences of patients. *BMC Psychiatry* **21**(60): 1-12.
14. Hahn, M., McVicar, D. & Wooden, M. (2021). Is casual employment in Australia bad for workers' health? *Occupational and Environmental Medicine* **78**:15-21.
15. Broadway, B. & McVicar, D. (2020). Reducing the generosity and increasing the conditionality of welfare benefits for people with disability: Turning the super-tanker or squeezing the balloon? *Scandinavian Journal of Economics* **123**(3): 848-873.
16. Jones, M. & McVicar, D. (2020). Estimating the impact of disability onset on employment. *Social Science & Medicine* **255**: Article 113001.
17. Broadway, B., Kalb, G., McVicar, D. & Martin, B. (2020). The Impact of Paid Parental Leave on Labour Supply and Employment Outcomes. *Feminist Economics* **26**(3): 30-65.
18. Farina, E., Green, C. & McVicar, D. (2020). Zero hours contracts and their growth. *British Journal of Industrial Relations* **58**(3): 507-531.
19. McVicar, D., Park, A. & McGuinness, S. (2019). Exploiting the Irish Border to Estimate Minimum Wage Impacts in Northern Ireland. *IZA Journal of Labor Economics* **8**:2.
20. McVicar, D., Wooden, M., Lass, I. & Fok, YK. (2019). Contingent Employment and Labour Market Pathways: Bridge or Trap? *European Sociological Review* **35**(1): 98-115.
21. McVicar, D., Moschion, J. & Van Ours, J. (2019). Early illicit drug use and the age of onset of homelessness. *Journal of the Royal Statistics Society Series A* **182**(1): 345-372.
22. McVicar, D., Moschion, J. & Ryan, C. (2018). Achievement Effects from New Peers: Who Matters to Whom? *Economics of Education Review* **66**: 154-166.
23. McVicar, D. & Polidano, C. (2018). Course choice and achievement effects of a system-wide vocational education and training voucher scheme for young people. *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* **40**(4): 507-530.

24. McFerran, E., O'Mahony, J. F., Fallis, R., McVicar, D., Zauber, A. & Kee, F. (2017). A systematic review to evaluate the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of personalised surveillance after colorectal adenomatous polypectomy. *Epidemiologic Reviews* **39**(1): 148-160.
25. Moriarty, J., McVicar, D. & Higgins, K. (2016). Cross-section and panel estimates of peer effects in early adolescent cannabis use: With a little help from my 'friends once removed'. *Social Science and Medicine* **163**: 37-44.
26. McVicar, D., Wooden, M., Leung, F. & Li, N. (2016). Work-related training and the probability of transitioning from non-standard to permanent employment. *British Journal of Industrial Relations* **54**(3): 623-646.
27. McVicar, D., Moschion, J. & Van Ours, J. (2015). From substance use to homelessness or vice versa? *Social Science and Medicine* **136-137**: 89-98.
28. Cobb-Clark D., Kassenboehmer, S., Le T., McVicar, D. & Zhang, R. (2015). "High"-school: the relationship between early marijuana use and educational outcomes. *Economic Record* **91**: 247-266.
29. Buddelmeyer, H., McVicar, D. & Wooden, M. (2015) Non-standard 'contingent' employment and job satisfaction: a panel data analysis. *Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society* **45**(2): 256-275.
30. Cobb-Clark D., Kassenboehmer, S., Le T., McVicar, D. & Zhang, R. (2015). Is there an educational penalty for being suspended from school? *Education Economics* **23**(4): 376-395.
31. McVicar, D. (2014). The impact of sanctioning and monitoring on unemployment exit and job finding rates. *IZA World of Labor*. Updated Edition 2020.
32. McVicar, D. & Polanski, A. (2014). Peer effects in UK adolescent substance use: Never mind the classmates? *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* **76**(4): 589-604.
33. Burkhauser, RV., Daly, MC, McVicar, D. & Wilkins, R. (2014). Disability benefit growth and disability reform in the US: lessons from other OECD nations. *IZA Journal of Labor Policy* **3**:4.
34. McVicar, D. (2013). Local level Incapacity Benefits rolls in Britain: Correlates and convergence. *Regional Studies* **47**(8): 1267-82.
35. McVicar, D. & Wilkins, R. (2013). Explaining growth in the number of recipients of the Disability Support Pension in Australia. *Australian Economic Review* **46**(3): 345-56.
36. Fok, YK. & McVicar, D. (2013). Did the 2007 welfare reforms for low income parents in Australia increase welfare exits? *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, **2**:3.

37. McVicar, D. (2011). Estimates of peer effects in adolescent smoking across 26 European countries. *Social Science and Medicine* **73**: 1186-93.
38. Polanski, A. & McVicar, D. (2011). Recovering social networks from individual attributes. *Journal of Mathematical Sociology* **35**(4): 1-25.
39. Bell, D. & McVicar, D. (2010). Disability, welfare systems and the labour force participation of older workers in Europe. *Contemporary Social Science* **5**(3): 261-77.
40. Anyadike-Danes, M & McVicar, D. (2010). My brilliant career: characterizing the labour market trajectories of British women of Generation X. *Sociological Methods and Research*, **58**(3): 482-512.
41. McVicar, D. (2010). Does job search monitoring intensity affect unemployment? Evidence from Northern Ireland. *Economica*, **77**(306): 296-313.
42. McVicar, D. & Anyadike-Danes, M. (2010). Panel estimates of the determinants of British regional male incapacity benefits rolls 1998-2006. *Applied Economics* **42**(26): 3335-3349.
43. McVicar, D. & Podivinsky, J.M. (2009). How well has the UK New Deal for Young People worked in the UK regions? *Scottish Journal of Political Economy* **56**(2): 167-195.
44. Chalkley, M. & McVicar, D. (2008). Contracts in the National Health Service: An empirical study. *Journal of Health Economics* **27**(5): 1155-1167.
45. McVicar, D. (2008). Job search monitoring intensity, unemployment exit and job entry: Quasi-experimental evidence from the UK. *Labour Economics* **15**(6): 1451-1468.
46. Anyadike-Danes, M. & McVicar, D. (2008). Has the boom in Incapacity Benefit claimant numbers passed its peak? *Fiscal Studies* **29**(4): 415-434.
47. McVicar, D. (2008). Why have UK disability benefit rolls grown so much? *Journal of Economic Surveys* **22**(1): 114-139.
48. McVicar, D. (2006). Why do disability benefit rolls vary between regions? A review of evidence from the US and UK. *Regional Studies* **40**(5): 519-533.
49. Anyadike-Danes, M & McVicar, D. (2005). 'You'll never walk alone: Childhood influences and male career path clusters.' *Labour Economics* **12**(4): 511-530.
50. McVicar, D. & McKee, B. (2002). Part-time work during post-compulsory education and examination performance: Help or hindrance? *Scottish Journal of Political Economy* **49**(4): 393-406.
51. McVicar, D. & Anyadike-Danes, M. (2002). Predicting Successful and Unsuccessful Transitions from School to Work Using Sequence Methods. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A* **165**(2): 317-334.

52. McVicar, D. (2002). Spillovers and Foreign Direct Investment in UK Manufacturing. *Applied Economics Letters* **9**: 297-300.
53. McVicar, D. (2001). School quality and staying-on in Northern Ireland: Resources, peer groups and ethos? *The Economic and Social Review* **32**(2): 131-151.
54. McVicar, D. & Rice, P.G. (2001). Participation in full time further education in England and Wales: An analysis of post war trends. *Oxford Economic Papers* **53**: 47-66.
55. Armstrong, D. & McVicar, D. (2000). Value added in further education and vocational training in Northern Ireland. *Applied Economics* **32**: 1727-1736.
56. McVicar, D. (2000). Marginalised young people and social inclusion policy in Northern Ireland. *Regional Studies* **34**(9): 883-888.

### **Book Chapters, Policy Reports and Other Publications**

57. Hughes, J., Foley, B., Colohan, C., Lyness, D., Maguire, A. and McVicar, D. (2025). Disability and employment transitions in Northern Ireland, 2011-2021: some preliminary findings. NISRA Policy Brief. <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/files/nisra/documents/2025-05/disability-employment-transitions.pdf>.
58. McVicar, D., Jahanshahi, B., McGovern, M., Miller, C., Nelson, E. and Rowland, N. (2024). [The health effects of long-term exposure to air pollution - New evidence from linked administrative data in Northern Ireland](#). ADR-UK Policy Briefing.
59. McVicar, D., Goodman, P., Jahanshahi, B. & Rowland, N. (2023). 'Air Pollution and Mortality on the Island of Ireland: Estimating Local All-Cause and Circulatory Mortality Burdens Associated with Fine Particulate Matter Pollution in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.' Irish Heart Foundation & British Heart Foundation.
60. McVicar, D., Rowland, N., Jahanshahi, B., Miller, AC. & Nelson, E. (2022). 'Why health alerts have been sent to residents of Northern Ireland over high levels of air pollution.' Belfast Telegraph 13/12/2022.
61. McVicar, D., Wilkins, R. and Ziebarth, N. (2022). 'Five decades of disability benefit policy in five OECD countries,' in D. Besharov and D. Call (eds.) *Work and the Social Safety Net: "Labor Activation" in Europe and the US*. Oxford University Press.
62. McVicar, D., Rowland, N., Jahanshahi, B. and Nelson, E. (2021). 'Data, Air Pollution, and Health in Northern Ireland.' Slugger O'Toole 9/11/2021.
63. McVicar, D., Park, A. and McGuinness, S. (2017). *Employment and hours impacts of the National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage in Northern Ireland*. London: Low Pay Commission.
64. McVicar, D. (2017). 'Zero hours contracts, job quality and impacts on workers.' KESS Briefing Paper, NI Assembly.

65. McVicar, D. (2017). 'Credit Where Credit's Due: the Trump Administration's Proposals for Parental Leave.' QPOL 26/05/2017.
66. McVicar, D. and Tabasso, D. (2016). *The impact of disadvantage on VET completion and employment gaps*, NCVER, Adelaide.
67. Bill Martin, Marian Baird, Michelle Brady, Barbara Broadway, Belinda Hewitt, Guyonne Kalb, Lyndall Strazdins, Wojtek Tomaszewski, Maria Zadoroznyj, Janeen Baxter, Rachael Chen, Meraiah Foley, Duncan McVicar, Gillian Whitehouse and Ning Xiang (2015). *PPL Evaluation Final Report*. Australian Government Department of Social Security, Canberra.
68. McVicar, D. (2015). 'Disability, welfare reform, and Northern Ireland's inactivity problem.' QPOL 14/05/2015.
69. McVicar, D. (2015). 'Manifesto check: the right and wrong of the Conservatives' welfare proposals.' The Conversation 14/04/2015.
70. McVicar, D. (2015). 'Fact check: who has been hit hardest by the bedroom tax?' The Conversation 31/03/2015.
71. Polidano, C. and McVicar, D. (2015). 'A few dodgy private training colleges shouldn't taint the rest.' The Conversation 12/03/2015.
72. Leung, F., McVicar, D., Polidano, C. and Zhang, R. (2014). 'Early impacts of the Victorian Training Guarantee on VET enrolments and graduate outcomes.' National Vocational Education and Training Research Program Report, National Centre for Vocational Education Research, Adelaide.
73. McVicar, D. (2014). 'Lord Freud was wrong about disabled workers, but at least he's got us talking.' The Conversation 17/10/2014.
74. Hanel, B., McVicar, D. and Zakarova, R. (2013). 'Income Support recipients with disability on DSP and NSA: Their characteristics, Income Support durations and employment participation.' Social Policy Research Services Report 2012/6, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, Melbourne.
75. Leung, F., McVicar, D., Polidano, C. and Zhang, R. (2013). 'Impacts of the Victorian Training Guarantee on VET enrolments, course choice and completion.' Social Policy Research Services Report 2012/2, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, Melbourne.
76. Buddelmeyer, H., Leung, F., McVicar, D. and Wooden, M. (2013). 'Training and its impact on the casual employment experience.' National Vocational Education and Training Research Program Report, National Centre for Vocational Education Research, Adelaide.

77. Cobb-Clark, D., Kassenboehmer, S., Le, T., McVicar, D. and Zhang, R. (2012). 'The impact of middle-years experiences on educational and labour market outcomes.' Social Policy Research Services Report 2011/6, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, Melbourne.
78. Cobb-Clark, D., Hanel, B., McVicar, D. and Zhang, R. (2012). 'Longitudinal analysis of employment for vulnerable and other migrants.' Social Policy Research Services Report 2011/5, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, Melbourne.
79. Fok, Y.K. and McVicar, D. (2011). 'Activation and welfare dependency.' Social Policy Research Services Report 2010/3, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, Melbourne.
80. McVicar, D. and Wilkins, R. (2011). 'Steps to cutting welfare bills.' Australian Financial Review (16<sup>th</sup> May).
81. McVicar, D. and Wilkins, R. (2011). 'Don't look to disabled pensioners for workers.' Australian Financial Review (17<sup>th</sup> February).
82. McVicar, D. (2006). 'Benefit numbers and flows following the introduction of integrated Jobs and Benefits Offices in Northern Ireland.' Department for Employment and Learning, *Labour Market Bulletin No. 20*, 143-146.
83. McVicar, D. (2006). *An Evaluation of Jobs and Benefits in Northern Ireland: Final Report*. Department of Social Development, Belfast.
84. McVicar, D. and Podivinsky, JM. (2005). 'Into jobs or into the classroom? The UK New Deal for Young People,' in *Best Practice in the Evaluation of Labour Market Programs for Vulnerable Groups* (edited by Ides Nicaise), Katolieke Universiteit Leuven.
85. McVicar, D. and Podivinsky, JM. (2003). *Has the New Deal in Scotland helped Young People out of Unemployment and into Jobs?* Scotecon, University of Stirling/University of Strathclyde.
86. McVicar, D. (2003). 'How well has the New Deal for 18-24 Year Olds worked in Northern Ireland?' *First Trust Bank Economic Outlook and Business Review*, **18**, 3, 34-36.
87. McVicar, D. and Podivinsky, JM. (2002). *Young People, Unemployment Duration and the New Deal in Northern Ireland*. Department for Employment and Learning, Belfast, (2002).
88. McVicar, D. (2001). 'Does taking a part-time job affect student performance?' Department for Employment and Learning, *Labour Market Bulletin No. 15*, 132-134.
89. McVicar, D., Loudon, R. and McCready, S. (2000). *Young People and Social Exclusion in Northern Ireland: 'Status 0' Four Years On*. Department for Employment and Learning, Belfast.



90. McVicar, D. (2000). 'Social exclusion and the young jobless in Northern Ireland.' *First Trust Bank Economic Outlook and Business Review*, **15**, 3, 25-27.
91. McVicar, D. (2000). 'Status 0 four years on: Young people and social exclusion in Northern Ireland.' Department for Employment and Learning, *Labour Market Bulletin No. 14*, 114-119.

#### **Working Papers (not otherwise listed)**

92. McLean, A. & McVicar, D. (2025). Does Being Excluded from School Harm Student Achievement? Evidence from Siblings in English Population Data. IZA Discussion Paper No. 18044.
93. Jahanshahi, B., McVicar, D., & Rowland, N. (2025). Exposure to Ambient Air Pollution and Onset of Parkinson's Disease in a Large Cohort Study. QBS Working Paper No. 2025/01, Queen's University Belfast.
94. McVicar, D., Moschion, J. and Ryan, C. (2013). 'Right Peer, Right Now? Endogenous Peer Effects and Achievement in Victorian Primary Schools.' MIAESR Working Paper Series 22/13, Melbourne.
95. Cobb-Clark, D., Hanel, B. and McVicar, D. (2012) 'Immigrant wage and employment assimilation: a comparison of methods.' MIAESR Working Paper 28/12, Melbourne.
96. McVicar, D. (2012). 'Cross-country estimates of peer effects in adolescent smoking using IV and school fixed effects.' MIAESR Working Paper 07/12, Melbourne.
97. McVicar, D. and Podivinsky, JM. (2010). 'Are Active Labour Market Programs least effective where they are most needed? The case of the British New Deal for Young People.' MIAESR Working Paper 16/10, Melbourne.
98. Podivinsky, JM. and McVicar, D. (2002). 'Unemployment duration before and after New Deal.' NIERC Working Paper No. 74, Belfast.
99. McVicar, D. and Podivinsky, JM. (2001). 'Duration dependence and routes out of joblessness for young people.' NIERC Working Paper No. 66, Belfast.
100. McVicar, D. (2000). 'An update on unemployment and labour market inactivity amongst young people in Northern Ireland.' NIERC Working Paper No. 53, Belfast.
101. McVicar, D. (2000). 'Are secondary schools in Northern Ireland too small? A microeconomic analysis of school size and career choice at sixteen.' Northern Ireland Studies No. 19, NIERC, Belfast.
102. McVicar, D. (1998). 'Economic integration, intensity of competition and R&D incentives.' University of Southampton Discussion Papers in Economics and Econometrics No. 9914, Southampton.

## **Externally Funded Research**

- ‘Peace Air’, funded by EU/UK Govt. Peace Plus, ~€6.5m, 2025-2029, with Panagiotis Manesiotis, Jennifer McKinley, Graham Swindles, Leila Moura, Neil Rowland, Seamus Hopkins, John Wenger, Patrick Goodman, Jurgita Ovadnevaite, Saul Golden, Jenny Mack, John Gallagher, Paul McCullough, Eoin McGillicuddy. CI.
- ‘The Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study 2025 to 2030’, funded by ESRC, ~£1.6m, with Ian Shuttleworth, Aideen Maguire, Estelle Lowry, John Moriarty, Neil Rowland. CI.
- ‘Breathe Belfast’, funded by UKRI Emerging Impact Fund, ~£4k, with Neil Rowland.
- ‘Catholic-Protestant Earnings Differentials in Northern Ireland 2011’, 2022-2023, funded by ESRC, ~£50k, with Ian Shuttleworth and Neil Rowland. PI.
- ‘Relating Environment-use Scenarios in Pregnancy/Infanthood and Resulting Airborne Material Exposures to Child Health Outcomes (RESPIRE)’, 2021-2025, funded by NERC, ~£3.3m, with Catherine Thornton, Martin Clift, Shareen Doak, Victoria Seller, Dermot O'Reilly, Jonathan Grigg, Andrew Povey, Martie van Tongeren, Thomas Bannan, Peter Ruane, Edward Johnstone, Ryan Thwaites, Rodger Duffin, Craig Poland, Mark Miller, Sarah Stock, Timothy Gant, Kelly-Ann Eastwood. CI.
- Northern Ireland Administrative Data Research Centre (ADRC) Wave 4, 2022-2026, funded by ESRC, ~£5m, with Dermot O'Reilly, Declan Bradley, Lisa Bunting, Michael Donnelly, John Garry, Aideen Maguire, and Diarmuid O'Donovan. CI.
- ‘The Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study to 2025’, funded by ESRC, ~£1.1m, with Ian Shuttleworth, Aideen Maguire, John Moriarty, Kathy Higgins, Estelle Lowry, Paula Devine. CI.
- ‘Administrative Data Research Centre (ADRC) Northern Ireland, Phase 3 Year 1’, 2021, funded by the ESRC, ~£1m, with Dermot O'Reilly, Declan Bradley, Lisa Bunting, Michael Donnelly, Aideen Maguire, and Diarmuid O'Donovan. CI.
- ‘The Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study to 2020’, 2018-2020, funded by the ESRC, ~£0.5m, with Ian Shuttleworth, Tony Gallagher, Aideen Maguire, John Moriarty. CI.
- ‘The Measurement of Zero-Hours Contracts in the UK Labour Market’, 2019, funded by the Office for National Statistics, ~£5k, with Egidio Farina. PI.
- ‘Administrative Data Research Centre Northern Ireland 2018’, 2018-2020, funded by the ESRC, ~£1.5m, with Dermot O'Reilly, Aideen Maguire, Gerry McKenna, and Ciaran O'Neill. CI.
- ‘Zero Hours Contracts: Characteristics, Prevalence and Impacts on Workers’, 2018-2020, funded by the Leverhulme Trust, ~£125k, with Colin Green. PI.

- ‘Estimating the employment and hours impacts of introducing the UK National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage exploiting the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland’, 2017, funded by The UK Low Pay Commission, ~£30k, with Andrew Park and Seamus McGuinness. PI.
- ‘Promoting social inclusion for disadvantaged groups through education and training’, 2011-2013, funded by the Australian National Centre for Vocational Education Research, ~A\$750k, with Hielke Buddelmeyer, Rosanna Scutella, Michael Coelli, Cain Polidano, Domenico Tabasso, Barbara Hanel. PI.
- ‘The Economics of Education and Early Childhood Development’, 2011-2015, funded by the Victorian Government Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, ~A\$5m, with Deborah Cobb-Clark, Anthony Scott, Mark Wooden, Simon Bell, Anne Lillis, Mike Shields, Jenny Williams, Lorraine Dearden, Moshe Justman, John Micklewright, Guyonne Kalb, Roger Wilkins, Hielke Buddelmeyer, Nicolas Herault, Yi-Ping Tseng, Cain Polidano, Chris Ryan, Mick Coelli, Jennifer Grafton, and David Johnston. PI.
- ‘Paid Parental Leave Evaluation’, 2010-2014, funded by Australian Government Department for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, ~A\$200k (MIAESR share), with Bill Martin, Belinda Hewitt, Marian Baird, Janeen Baxter, Alexandra Heron, Gillian Whitehouse, Maria Zadoroznyj, Ning Xiang, Dorothy Broom, Luke Connelly, Andrew Jones, Guyonne Kalb, Lyndall Strazdins, Margaret Walter, Mark Western, and Mark Wooden. CI.
- ‘Peer effects in teenage substance use’, 2009-2011, funded by Improving Children’s Lives Initiative, ~£48k, with Patrick McCrystal. PI.
- ‘An Evaluation of Jobs and Benefits’, 2003-2006, funded by Northern Ireland Department of Social Development, ~£65k. PI.
- ‘Has the New Deal in Scotland helped Young People out of Unemployment and into Jobs?’ 2003, funded by Scotecon, ~£5k, with Jan Podivinsky. PI.
- ‘Young People, Unemployment Duration and the New Deal in Northern Ireland’, 2002, funded by Northern Ireland Department for Employment and Learning, ~£18k, with Jan Podivinsky. PI.
- ‘Learning from the Regional Development Agencies: What Lessons for Strategy?’ 2001, funded by Northern Ireland Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment, ~£18k. PI.
- ‘Young People and Social Exclusion in Northern Ireland: Status Zero Four Years On’, 2000, funded by Northern Ireland Department for Employment and Learning, ~£50k, with Richard Loudon and Sam McCready. PI.

### **Consultancy & Related**

- I have acted as a consultant on various projects for government departments and associated agencies, including for the Department for Employment and Learning NI, NI Social Security Agency, Economic Research Institute of Northern Ireland, and for charities including the British Heart Foundation and Irish Heart Foundation.
- I have also been a member of various research steering/advisory groups for government departments and others, including for the Department for Communities NI, Department of Education NI, Department for Employment and Learning NI, Department of Social Development NI, Economic Research Institute of Northern Ireland.

### **Leadership / Administrative Roles**

- Director of Research, Queen's Management School (2020);
- Economics Subject Leader, Queen's University Belfast (2016-2019);
- MSc Economics Programme Director, Queen's University Belfast (2014-2015);
- Deputy Head of Labour Economics and Social Policy Research Program, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research (2010-2013);
- Director of Research for Economics, Queen's University Belfast (2005-2007).

### **Teaching**

- Undergraduate:
  - Labour Economics (level 3)
  - Introductory Macroeconomics (level 1)
  - Regional Economics (level 2/3)
  - Economic Principles (level 2)
- Postgraduate
  - Labour Economics
  - Applied Econometrics
  - International MBA
- Postgraduate Supervision
  - Jason Fleming from October 2022 (On air pollution and health outcomes), in progress;

- Andrew McLean from February 2023 (On inequality in school outcomes and social policy interventions), in progress;
- Yuan Feng from February 2021 (On impacts of Chinese Hukou reforms), in progress;
- Chandril Ghosh from November 2018 (On mapping psychopathology using data analytics), PhD awarded March 2022;
- Anne Devlin from August 2016 (On disability and work in Northern Ireland), PhD awarded October 2021;
- Neil Rowland from March 2015 (On labour market transitions in Northern Ireland 1991-2011), PhD awarded November 2019;
- Ethna McFerran from July 2014 (On cost-effectiveness of post-colonoscopy interventions), PhD awarded October 2018;
- John Moriarty from October 2009 (On peer effects in teenage cannabis use), PhD awarded July 2013;
- Ursula Smyth from March 2006 (On NHS waiting lists in Northern Ireland), P/T registration, PhD awarded May 2017.

### **PhD External Examining**

- Tara McNeill (Swansea), Ke Qiao (Lancaster), Melanie Jones (Swansea), Martin Lawless (UCD), Yu Shen Liu (Southampton).

### **External Fellowships & Appointments**

- Research Fellow, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), Bonn, 2017→
- Member, Irish Economic Association Board, 2018→