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Current Affiliations

Associate Professor, School of Economics, The University of Sydney

FASS Dalyell Lead, The University of Sydney

IZA (German Institute for Labour Research) Research Fellow

ARC Life Course Centre (LCC) Associate Investigator

Charles Perkins Centre Affiliate, The University of Sydney

European Society of Population Economics Council Member

Secretary of the Spanish Researchers in Australia-Pacific (SRAP)

Women in Economics Committee Member, ESA, NSW Branch Association

Previous Academic Experience

Senior Lecturer, The University of Sydney, July 2015-December 2019

Lecturer, University of New South Wales (UNSW), August 2010-July 2015

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Department of Economics, Boston University, 2011

Graduate Certificate in University Learning and Teaching, UNSW, 2014

M.Sc. Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2005

B.A. Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2004

German and Spanish High School Diplomas, Deutsche Schule Barcelona, 1999

Publications

Refereed journals

“The Early Origins of Birth Order Differences in Children’s Outcomes and Parental Behavior,” (2018).
With Jee K. Lehmann and Ana Nuevo-Chiquero. *Journal of Human Resources* 53, 123-156. *Most-read article in the journal over 2018-2019.*

“Dynamic and Heterogeneous Effects of Sibling Death on Children’s Outcomes,” (2018). *PNAS*, 115 (1) 115-120. With Jason Fletcher and Barbara Wolfe

“Are Labor Supply Decisions Consistent with Neoclassical Preferences? Evidence from Indian Boat Owners” (2017). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 142, 331-347. With Xavier Giné and Monica Martínez-Bravo

“Do Personality Traits affect Productivity? Evidence from the Laboratory,” (2016). *The Economic Journal* 126 (592), 654-681. With Maria Cubel, Ana Nuevo-Chiquero and Santiago Sanchez-Pages

“No Pass No Drive: Education and Allocation of Time,” (2014) *The Journal of Human Capital*, 8 (4): 399-431. With Rashmi Barua

“Grandparents’ Child Care and Female Labor Force Participation,” (2013) *IZA Journal of Labor Policy* 2 (14), 1-20. With Josefina Posadas

“The Effect of Minimum Academic Requirements to Participate in Sports on High School Graduation,” (2011) *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 11 (1), Article 51, 1-21

“Activity-based Payments and Reforms of the English Hospital Payment System” (2007) *Health Economics, Policy and Law*, 2 (4), 435-444. With Randall P. Ellis

Book chapters

“Using Poll Software as a Learner-based Experience Tool in Statistics,” in *Disciplines: The Lenses of Learning*. Edited by Kathryn Coleman and Adele Flood. Common Ground Publishing LLC. The Learner book series. Champaign, Illinois, USA, 2013

“Underrepresentation of Women in Undergraduate Economics Degrees in Europe: A comparison with STEM and Business.” With R. Megalokonomou and D. Yengin. Forthcoming in the *Handbook of Economics of Education*. Routledge editors. 2022

Conferences proceedings

“Working Women and Fertility: The Role of Grandmothers’ Labor Force Participation,” (2015) *CE/Sifo Economic Studies* 61 (1) (with Ainhoa Aparicio).

Working Papers

“Wheeling into School and out of Crime: Evidence from Conditioning Driving Licenses to Minimum academic requirements,” 2022. With Rashmi Barua.

“Still Waters Run Deep: Groundwater Contamination and Education Outcomes in India.” With Khusboo Aggarwal and Rashmi Barua, 2022, LCC Working Paper.

“Is the Birth Order Effect a Modern Phenomenon?” With Jee K. Lehmann and Ana Nuevo-Chiquero, 2022. LCC Working Paper.

“The Effects of Breastfeeding Laws on Children’s Health.” With Summer S. Hawkings

“Cultural Diversity and Student Effort and Motivation.” With Stephanie Noronha

Teaching Experience

[Creating Communities/Empathy and Communication](#), FASS Teaching Workshop, August 2020, The University of Sydney

[Reflections of Transitioning a large first year unit online](#), FASS Teaching Workshop, July 2020

ECOS5006 Economics of Public Policy (Master), S1, 2021

ECOS2020 Economic Data Analysis, S2, 2020. S2 2021, S2 2022.

ECOS3027 Economics of the Family, The University of Sydney, 2nd half of S2, 2015 and 2017, S2 2016

ECON1001 Introductory Microeconomics, The University of Sydney, S2 2016, 2017, S1 2019, S1 2020

ECOS3023 Personnel Economics, The University of Sydney, 2019, 1st half of S2, 2015, 2017. S2 2021, S2 2022

EC2107 Modern Labour Markets: Theory and Policy, School of Economics, UNSW, Semester 1, 2013

BES1203 Business and Economic Statistics, School of Economics, UNSW, S1: 2015, 2013, 2012, 2011

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Department of Economics, Boston University, Summer 2007

Teaching Assistant of International Economics, Business Economics (case management), and Development Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Fall 2004 - Spring 2005

Consulting

Australian Chamber Orchestra (ACO). Evaluation of the ACO String Foundations Program (Pilot) on primary educational outcomes, 2022.

Engagement

SAGE (Science in Australia Gender Equity) Self-Assessment Team (SAT), The University of Sydney 2020-2021

Member of the ARC LCC Human Capabilities Portfolio

Mentor of the VC Women Leadership Program, the University of Sydney, 2020

Alumni PhD Mentor, Boston University 2021

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, UPFemale academic career mentor, 2020

Economics of Human Potential, invited conference for a non-professional audience "Economics for everyone," IAE-CSIC, 21st November, 2019

"Women in Undergraduate Economics Honours Sessions, The University of Sydney, 2020, 2018-2019

Career Day at North Sydney Girls High School, June 2017

Regular invited education expert at SBS in Spanish Radio since 2016-present

Nicolas Testa (High school work experience supervision, March 2017)

“The Policy Challenge of Improving Social Mobility,” The Mandarin, 28 November 2017

How Parents Shape the Advantages of Being First Born. Joint with Ana Nuevo-Chiquero, The Conversation, 2nd November, 2016

New South Wales (NSW) Governor’s Forum on the Future of NSW, 2016. Reimagining NSW: tackling education inequality with early intervention and better research. Joint with Peter Siminiski and William Coventry, The Conversation, 3rd of August 2016

How your Personality Relates to your Productivity and Salary. Joint with María Cubel, Ana Nuevo-Chiquero and Santiago Sánchez Pagés. The Conversation, 22nd of April 2015

[Senate’s Committee of Education of Nevada](#) citing own research to argue passing a No Pass, No Drive law

Selected Media Attention

Birth order ([The Conversation](#)): featured in C7 Weekend Sunrise, ABC News, ABC Radio, and Scientific American; Personality and wages on [LSE Business Review](#), [Daily Mail](#), [The Conversation](#); [Forbes](#); [Huffington Post](#) on Grandparents’ childcare; [La Vanguardia \(in Spanish\)](#) on the effect of maternal employment on children; Nada es Gratis Blog (in Spanish) on [birth order effect](#), [birth inequality](#), [how to learn from NAPLAN](#), and [personality and productivity](#); [Agenda Publica \(in Spanish\)](#) on the gender gap in Spain; [SBS \(in Spanish\)](#) on Australian IT literacy skills

Grants

Collaborative and Interactive Learning Initiative Grant, The University of Sydney, 2020. (AUD 10,000)

Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland. “Intra-household Allocation of Resources and Economic Development: The Birth Order Effect Paradox,” 2018-2019. With Ana Nuevo-Chiquero (GBP 9,000)

Global Development Fund, University of Sydney. “The Effect of Arsenic on Educational Outcomes in India,” Joint with Rashmi Barua, 2018-2019 (AUD 10,000).

Research Grant, University of New South Wales Business School, “The effects of grandparents’ childcare on female labour force participation, fertility and children’s outcomes” 2012-2013 (AUD 30,000)

Small Project Grant, University of New South Wales Business School, Experimental Lab Grant, “Gender and Productivity,” 2013, (AUD 7,000)

Contestable Funding for International Strategic Projects, University of New South Wales, “Workshop in Emerging Economies,” 2012. Joint with Gautam Bose, Kevin Fox, Benoit Julien, Ariel BenYishay, Arpita Chatterjee, Stanley Cho, and Rachida Ouyse (AUD 30,000)

Special Research Grant, University of New South Wales Business School, 2011, “Education and teen driving accidents: evidence from no pass no drive laws,” (AUD 9,987)

Prizes and Awards

[VC recognition for extraordinary work in delivering teaching during the COVID-19](#) (2020), The University of Sydney

Excellence in Teaching Award, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2019, The University of Sydney

Excellence in Refereeing Award, The World Economic Bank Review, 2018

Winner of the Orientation Week Address Debate. FASS, University of Sydney, 26 February 2016

Early Career Researcher Award for the best paper presented by a junior economist at the 2012 Australian Health Economics Society Conference in Darwin

Rosenstein-Rodan Prize for the Best PhD Student Paper in Development Economics, May 2009

Fellowships

Vice-Chancellor's Sponsored Leadership Program for Linguistically Diverse Women, Sydney University, 2018

Ramón Areces Foundation Scholarship, Fall 2007-Spring 2010

Summer Research Award, Department of Economics, Boston University, June 2008

Caja de Madrid Foundation Scholarship, 2007 (awarded)

La Caixa Foundation Scholarship, Fall 2005-Spring 2007

M.Sc. in Economics Tuition Fellowship, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Fall 2004-Spring 2005

Research scholarship in Leon's city council (Nicaragua) Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Summer 2003

Presentations in Conferences and Seminars

2022: Australian Gender Economic Workshop (discussant)

2019: University of Copenhagen, Universidad de Alicante, UAB-IAE, UB, Lancaster University

2018: Deakin University, University of Queensland, AASLE

2017: ASSA, Chicago, Macquarie University. Monash University, University of Auckland, Queensland University of Technology, RMIT, University of Queensland, ESPE 2017.

2016: 7th Workshop on the Economics of Health and Wellbeing, Melbourne; CEPAR Summer Workshop in the Economics of Health and Ageing. University of Wollongong.

2015: Universidad de Rosario, Bogota; Universidad Javeriana, Bogota; Blavatnik School of Government (Oxford); Essen Workshop on Skills, Health, and Education; European Society of Population Economics, Turkey, Melbourne Institute

2014: The University of Warwick (CWIP Workshop); Universitat de Barcelona (Teoria Econòmica)

2013: Sydney Experimental Brownbag (University of Sydney); International Health Economics Association Conference in Sydney; Australian National University; II Workshop in Emerging Economies, University of New South Wales, Sydney (organizer); Curtin University; University of Western Australia; Collegio Carlo Alberto; Melbourne Institute; XXXVIII Spanish Economic Association Meeting in Santander

2012: University of Sydney; 17th meetings of the Society of Labor Economics; I Workshop in Emerging Economies, Sydney (organizer and discussant); Australian Health Economics Association Meetings in Darwin; XXXVII Spanish Economic Association Meeting in Vigo

2011: Universidad de Oviedo; Singapore Management University; University of Melbourne; Hong Kong University of Technology; University of Ottawa; Queens University; Advancing Child and Family Policy Through Research Workshop, Canberra; Econometric Society Australasian Meetings; 23rd European Association of Labour Economics conference, Cyprus; 16th Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Meetings, Chile; XXXVI Spanish Economic Association Meeting in Málaga

2010: 5th PhD Meeting of the Royal Economic Society, London; University of New South Wales; Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica, Mexico; Universitat Rovira i Virgili; Konstanz University; IZA; Monash University; XXXV Spanish Economic Association Meeting in Madrid

2009: 12th IZA Summer School in Labor Economics, Buch am Ammersee; 14th Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Meetings in Buenos Aires; XXXIV Spanish Economic Association Meeting in Valencia; Boston University; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Departament d'Economia Aplicada)

2008: XXXIII Spanish Economic Association Meeting in Zaragoza; Boston University Empirical Micro

Research Visits

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (DEA) (2010), Boston University (2011), Singapore Management University (2010, 2011, 2012), University of Ottawa (2011), Carlo Alberto University (September-October 2013), University of Sheffield (February 2014), Universitat Pompeu Fabra (February-March 2014), Universitat de Barcelona (March-April 2014, June-July 2016, September-December 2019), ISI and JNU (February 2015), University of Warwick (July 2014- July 2015), University of Edinburgh, June 2016, June 2017, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Fonaments), June-July 2017, UC Santa Barbara, August 2019, IAE-CSIC and UB September-December 2019.

Refereeing and scientific evaluation

Australian Research Council Assessor (2017, 2019, 2022)

La Caixa Research Grants Assessor (2018, 2019, 2021)

Spanish Scientific Research Agency Assessor (2019,2022)

Scientific Committee membership: 9th World Congress on Health Economics, Sydney, 2011, GEOK workshop in Health Economics (Essen, 2016, 2017), Australian Gender Economics Workshop (2018, 2019, 2021, 2022), ESPE (2018, 2019, 2022)

Referee: *Applied Economics, Australian Journal of Labour Economics, Demography, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics of Education Review, Economics and Human Biology, Economic Record, Education, Economics, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, Health Affairs, Health Economics, Health Policy and Planning, IZA World of Labor, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Law and Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Southern Economic Journal, The World Bank Economic Review*

Organisation of Scientific Events

“21st Labour Econometric Workshop,” The University of Sydney, 2018

Life Course Center Sydney Node Seminar coordinator S1, 2017

Co-organizer “Life course perspectives on health and vulnerability,” workshop, University of Geneva, June 2016

Micro Public Policy seminar coordinator, S1, 2016

Co-organiser, Workshop in Emerging Economies, University of New South Wales, 2015, 2013 and 2012

External Seminar Coordinator, School of Economics, University of New South Wales, 2013

Internal Seminar Coordinator, School of Economics, University of New South Wales 2012

Research Supervision

Arin Torny-Ayden (Honours), 2021, "the determinants of Success in Debate Competitions"

Kevin Pugh (PhD), 2018- “Three essays on Education in Australia”

Keshini Kalhari Muthukuda (Master), 2020, “The effects of student effort on high school outcomes in Australia”

Stephanie Noronha (Honours), 2020, “The Impact of Cultural Diversity on Student Effort in PISA”

Haniene Tayeb (Honours), 2020, “The Impact of #MeToo on the Reporting Rate of Sexual Assault.”
Co-supervised with Rebecca Edwards.

Liam Varley (Honours), “The effects of Protestantism on economic outcomes in Australia,” Co-supervised with Jordi Vidal-Robert, 2020

Fengzheng Wang (Honours), “The spillover effect of Australian school drug education on parents health habits,” 2019, The University of Sydney. Co-supervised with Rebecca Taylor

Christian Schmitt (Master) “The Effects of Informal Childcare on Female Labour Force Participation: Evidence from Australia?” 2019, The University of Sydney. Jointly supervised with Stephen Whelan

Erik A. Kotopoulos (Honours) “Choose Your Fate: Examining Whether a Teenager’s Decision to Work Affects Their Academic Achievement,” 2017

Samantha L. Markham (Honours) “Birth Order and Cognitive Ability in Older Age,” 2017

Nicolas Ng (Honours), “Firearms Policy and Postsecondary Education Outcomes” 2017, Jointly supervised with Kevin Schnepel

Yu Han Xu (Charles Perkins Centre Summer Scholar Grant recipient, Fall 2016), “Socio-economic differences among twins in Australia”

Yang Mengand (Master), “China’s One-child Policy Adjustment and Female Labor Force Participation: Evidence from Rural Population” 2016

Husam El-Tarifi (Honours), “Compulsory Military Service and Sibling Externalities in Educational Attainment,” UNSW, 2012

Shivana Thiru Moorthy (Honours), “The Impact of Suspended Sentences on Re-offending Behavior in New South Wales,” UNSW, 2011. Jointly supervised with William Schworm.

Other activities

FASS Student Advisor, The University of Sydney, 2018

Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE) Self-Assessment Team, the University of Sydney 2020-202

Bachelor of Economics Director, 2018

Council Member of the Economic Society of Australia (NSW Branch), 2011-2012

Graduate Economics Association Co-president, Boston University, 2007-2008

Adjunct Student to the VC's Office at Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2003-2004

Member of Educational Quality Commission, School of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2003-2004

Undergraduate Student Representative, School of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2000-2004

Languages

Native: Spanish and Catalan

Native level: English

High level of German

Notions of French

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