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## EDUCATION

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PH. D, OCTOBER, 1989

*Princeton University*

M.A., JANUARY, 1987

*Princeton University*

B. SC., HIGH DISTINCTION, JUNE, 1984

*University of Toronto*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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PROFESSOR, JULY 2000 TO PRESENT

*Department of Economics, University of Toronto*

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, JULY 1995 TO JUNE 2000

*Department of Economics, University of Toronto*

VISITING SCHOLAR, JUNE 1998

*Department of Economics, R.S.S.S., Australian National University*

VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SEPTEMBER 1996 TO JUNE 1997

*Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University*

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, JULY 1989 TO JUNE 1995

*Department of Economics, University of Toronto*

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, JULY 1986 TO SEPTEMBER 1987

*Living Standards Unit, The World Bank*

## EDITORIAL POSITIONS

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- ASSOCIATE EDITOR, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2003-Present
- EDITOR, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 2005-2008

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Household savings behaviour over the life-cycle
- Labor and land markets in developing countries
- Inequality and well-being

## RESEARCH

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### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Did Higher Inequality Impede Growth in Rural China?” (With Loren Brandt and John Giles), *Economic Journal*, forthcoming.
- “The Evolution of Income Inequality in Rural China,” (with Loren Brandt and John Giles), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 53(4), July 2005, pp. 769-824.
- “Property Rights, Labour Markets, and Efficiency in a Transition Economy: The Case of Rural China,” with Loren Brandt), *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 35(4), November 2002, pp. 689-716.
- “Aging, Well-being, and Social Security in Rural North China,” (with Loren Brandt and Scott Rozelle), *Population and Development Review*, Vol. 26 (2000), pp. 89-116.
- “Early Retirement Provisions and the Labor Force Behavior of Older Men: Evidence from Canada,” (with Michael Baker), *Journal of Labor Economics*, 17(4), October 1999, pp. 724-756.
- “Markets and Inequality in Rural China: Parallels with the Past,” (With Loren Brandt), *American Economic Review*, 89(2), May 1999, pp. 292-295.
- “The Highs and Lows of the Minimum Wage Effect: A Time Series-Cross Section Study of the Canadian Law,” (with Michael Baker and Shuchita Stanger), *Journal of Labor Economics*, April 1999, pp. 318-350.
- “How Do Retirement Tests Affect the Labor Supply Behavior of Older Men?” (With Michael Baker) *Journal of Public Economics*, January 1999, pp. 27-51.
- “Land, Factor Markets, and Inequality in Rural China: Historical Evidence,” (with Loren Brandt) *Explorations in Economic History*, October 1997, pp. 460-494.
- “The Role of the Family in Immigrants’ Labor Market Activity: An Evaluation of Alternative Explanations,” (with Michael Baker), *American Economic Review*, September 1997, pp. 705-727.
- “The Receipt of Transfers by Immigrants to Canada,” (with Michael Baker), *The Journal of Human Resources*, Fall 1995, 650-676.
- “Markets, Discrimination, and the Economic Contribution of Women in Rural China: Historical Evidence,” (with Loren Brandt) *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, October 1995, 63-104.
- “The Distribution of the Male-Female Earnings Differential: 1970-1990,” (with Michael Baker, Andrée Desautniers, and Mary Grant) *Canadian Journal of Economics*, August 1995, 479-501.
- “Can Unobserved Land Quality Explain the Inverse Productivity Relationship?” *Journal of Development Economics*, February 1995, 51-84.
- “The Economic Performance of Immigrants in the Canadian Labor Market,” (with Michael Baker) *The Journal of Labor Economics*, July 1994, 369-405.
- “The Determinants of Success in University Introductory Economics Courses,” (with Gordon Anderson and Melvyn A. Fuss) *Journal of Economic Education*, vol. 25 No. 2, Spring 1994, 199-120.

“Household Welfare and the Pricing of Cocoa and Coffee in Côte d'Ivoire: Lessons from the Living Standards Surveys,” (with Angus Deaton) *World Bank Economic Review*, vol. 7. No. 3. September 1993, 293-318.

“Household Composition, Labor Markets, and Labor Demand: Testing for Separation in Agricultural Household Models,” *Econometrica*, vol. 60. No. 2, March 1992, 287-323

#### BOOKS AND CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

“Income Inequality During China’s Economic Transition,” (with Loren Brandt, John Giles, and Sangui Wang). Chapter 18 of *China’s Great Economic Transformation*, edited by Loren Brandt and Thomas Rawski, Cambridge University Press, 2008.

*Labour Market Economics*, (with Morley Gunderson, Thomas Lemieux, and W. Craig Riddell), 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited, 2007.

“Agriculture and Income Distribution in Rural Vietnam Under Economic Reforms: A Tale of Two Regions,” (with Loren Brandt) in *Economic Growth, Poverty, and Household Welfare in Vietnam*, edited by Paul Glewwe, Nisha Agrawal, and David Dollar, published by the World Bank (2004), pp. 133-185.

“Markets, Human Capital, and Inequality: Evidence from China,” (with Loren Brandt, Paul Glewwe, and Li Guo), in *Inequality Around the World*, edited by Richard Freeman, published by Palgrave, 2002, pp. 87-127.

*Labour Market Economics*, (with Morley Gunderson and W. Craig Riddell), 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited, 2002.

“Working Time over the Life-Cycle: Do Public Pensions Matter?” (With Michael Baker), *Changes in Working Time*, edited by Susan Houseman and Alice Nakamura, 2001, pp. 181-213, published by the W.E. Upjohn Institute.

“Minimum Wages in Canada,” in *Labor Market Policies in Canada and Latin America: Challenges of the New Millennium*, edited by Albert Berry, 2001, pages 187-220, published by Kluwer Academic Publishers.

“Public Pension Programs and Attachment to the Labour Force,” (with Michael Baker), *Adapting Public Policy to a Labour Market in Transition*, edited by France St-Hilaire and Craig Riddell, 2000, pages 285-313, published by IRPP.

*Labour Market Economics*, (with Morley Gunderson and W. Craig Riddell), 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited, 1998.

“A Portrait of Asia-Pacific Immigration to Canada,” (with Michael Baker), *Hong Kong Bank of Canada Papers on Asia*, Volume 3, 105-130, 1997.

“Asia-Pacific Immigration and the Canadian Economy,” (with Michael Baker), in R.G. Harris (ed.) *The Asia Pacific Region in the Global Economy: A Canadian Perspective*, Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 1997, 303-347.

“Ethnicity, Foreign Birth and Earnings: A Canada/U.S. Comparison,” (with Michael Baker), in M. Abbott, C. Beach and R. Chaykowski (eds.) *Transition and Structural Change in the North American Labour Market*, Kingston Ontario: Industrial Relations Centre and John Deutsch Institute, 1997, 281-313.

“Women and the Labor Market in Indonesia During the 1980's” in *Women and Industrialization in Asia*, in Susan Horton (ed.) London: Routledge, 1996.

“Labor Market Outcomes and the Participation of Immigrant Women in Canadian Transfer Programs,” (with Michael Baker) in Don J. DeVoretz (ed.) *Diminishing Returns: The Economics of Canada's Recent Immigration Policy*, Toronto: C.D. Howe, 1995, 209-243.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Comment on “Labour Mobility Between Canada and the U.S.: Quo Vadis 2004?” by Don DeVoretz and Diane Coulombe, in *Social and Labour Market Aspects of North American Linkages*, edited by Richard Harris and Thomas Lemieux, University of Calgary Press, pages 443-449.

“Higher Wages, Fewer Jobs,” *Globe and Mail* (with Michael Baker), June 16, 2003

“Do Minimum Wages Really Matter?” *Policy Options*, July-August, 1996, Vol. 17 No. 6, pp. 37-41.

Book Review of Y.Y. Kueh, *Agricultural Instability in China, 1931-1991: Weather, Technology, and Institutions*, for *Journal of Economic History*, pp. 228-229, Jan. 1997.

“Comments on Jones and Riddell, 'Regional Aspects of Labour Force Attachment and Labour Market Flows in Canada',” in Louis Christofides *et al* (eds.) *Aspects of Labour Market Behaviour: Essays in Honour of John Vanderkamp*, Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1995.

“The Living Standards Survey and Price Policy Reform: a Study of Cocoa and Coffee Production in Cote d'Ivoire,” (with Angus Deaton) Published LSMS Working Paper, The World Bank, Washington, D.C., 1988.

#### OTHER COMPLETED RESEARCH

“Evaluating the Impact of a Targeted Land Distribution Program: Evidence from Vietnam,” (with Loren Brandt, Brian McCaig, and Nguyen Le Hoa), First Draft, November 2009.

“Public Policy and the Economic Wellbeing of Elderly Immigrants,” (with Michael Baker and Elliott Fan), CLSRN Working Paper #52, December 2009.

“Ceaseless Toil? Health and Labor Supply of the Elderly in Rural China,” (with Loren Brandt and Elliott Fan), April 2003. Revision and Re-submission requested from *World Bank Economic Review*.

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

“Do RESP's Increase Household Saving?” (with Michael Smart)

“The Evolution of Income Inequality in Vietnam, 1993-2006,” (with Loren Brandt and Brian McCaig)

#### UNPUBLISHED RESEARCH REPORTS

“Assessing the Impact of Land Redistribution in the Central Highlands,” (with Loren Brandt, Brian McCaig, and Nguyen Le Hoa), A Report Prepared for the World Bank, October 2010.

“Crop Output in Vietnam, 1992 to 2006: An Analysis of the Patterns and Sources of Growth,” (with Loren Brandt, Barbara Coelli, and Brian McCaig). A Report Prepared for the World Bank, February 2009.

“The Evolving Retirement Income System and Economic Security,” (with Michael Baker). A Report prepared for Human Resources and Social Development Canada, February 2006.

## PH. D. SUPERVISION

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- Joshua Lewis: Supervisor (with Mark Stabile) of his dissertation, “Essays in Empirical Microeconomics,” in progress.
- Margarita Pivovarov: Supervisor of her dissertation, “Three Essays in Development Economics,” in progress.
- Christian Dippell: Supervisor (with Gustavo Bobonis and Dan Trefler) of his dissertation, “Essays in Political Economy and Development,” in progress
- Sacha Kapoor: Supervisor (with Gustavo Bobonis) of his dissertation, “Incentives and Peer Effects in the Workplace” in progress.
- Qing Hong: Supervisor (with Michael Smart) of her dissertation, *International Taxation and Income-Shifting Behaviour of Multinational Corporations*, completed September 2010.
- Courtney Ward: Supervisor (with Mark Stabile) of her dissertation, *Essays on the Economics of Public Health*, completed September 2010.
- Eik Swee: Supervisor (with Gustavo Bobonis) of his dissertation, *Essays in Empirical Development Economics*, completed June 2010.
- Emily Hanna: An advisor (with Michael Baker and Mark Stabile) of her dissertation, *Marital Status Decisions And Canadian Social Assistance Policy*, completed September 2007.
- Christine Neill: Supervisor of her dissertation (with Michael Baker), *Higher Education Policy, Education Outcomes, and Credit Constraints*, completed February 2006.
- Elliott (Jia-Zhueng) Fan: Supervisor of his dissertation (with Michael Baker), *Essays in the Economics of Aging*, completed December 2005.
- Sonia Laszlo: Supervisor of her dissertation, *Household Education and Earnings: Evidence from Rural Peru*, completed August 2002.
- Eric Santor: Supervisor of his dissertation, *Essays in Development Economics: Evaluating Solutions to Asymmetric Information in Credit Markets*, completed August 2002.
- Daniel Lee: Supervisor (with Loren Brandt) of his dissertation: *Labor Supply and Family-Planning Policy in Rural China*, completed June 2002.
- Kevin Milligan: Supervisor (with Michael Smart and Jack Mintz) of his dissertation, *Empirical Essays on Behavioural Responses to Taxation*, completed July 2001.
- Terence Yuen: Supervisor (with Loren Brandt) of his dissertation, *Employment and Wage Dynamics: Estimating the Impact of Labour Market Institutions*, completed June 2000.
- Mary Grant: Supervisor (with Michael Baker) of her dissertation, *Immigration in Canada: Context, Assimilation and Labour Market Impacts*, completed in 1999.
- Anindya Sen: An advisor for his dissertation, *The Impact of Drunk Driving Laws on Traffic Fatalities in Canada*, completed in 1998.
- Xianming Zhou: An advisor for his dissertation, *Essays on Executive Compensation and Managerial Incentives*, completed in 1997.
- Edgard Rodriguez: An advisor for his dissertation, *Economic Impact of International Migration on a source Country: Micro-level Data from the Philippines*, completed in 1996.

Sudhanshu Handa: An advisor for his dissertation, *Family Structure, Female Headship, and Children's Welfare in Jamaica*, completed in 1993.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 2005-10; \$68,300  
SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 2001-05; \$66,659  
NSF Grant, "The Economics of Land Rights, Efficiency and Resource Degradation in China," Scott Rozelle and Peter Lindert, Principal Investigators; Dwayne Benjamin, Loren Brandt, and Matt Turner, Co-investigators, 1999-2001, US \$275,000.  
SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 1998-01; \$46,000  
SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 1995-98; \$52,000  
SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 1992-95; \$39,000  
Department of Economics, Internal Research Grant (with Michael Baker), 1993-94; \$3,500  
Canadian Employment Research Forum (with Michael Baker), 1993-94; \$5,000  
IDRC/External Affairs, 1993-94; \$5,000  
The World Bank, 1992-93; \$5,000  
Connaught Fellowship, University of Toronto, 1990-92; \$10,000  
SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 1990-91; \$16,000  
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1988-89  
Princeton University Graduate School Fellowship, 1984-89

## TEACHING

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### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

- ECO 376F, *Applied Econometrics II*: 2009
- ECO 375F, *Applied Econometrics I*: 2008
- ECO 327Y, *Applied Econometrics*: 2006/07, 2003/04, 1995(UTM), 1992/93, 1991/92, 1990/91
- ECO 424H, *Topics in Development Economics*: 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998
- ECO 361Y, *Labour Economics* (UTM): 2000/01
- ECO 100Y, *Introduction to Economics*: 1999/00, 1998/99, 1997/98
- ECO 239Y, *Labour Economics*, 1995/96
- ECO 339Y, *Labour Economics*, 1995/96, 1994/95, 1993/94,
- ECO 206Y, *Intermediate Microeconomic Theory with Calculus*: 1992, 1990/91, 1989/90

### GRADUATE COURSES

- ECO 2803H, *Empirical Methods in Microeconomics*: 2010 (Spring), 2010 (Fall)
- ECO 2801H, *Labour Economics II (Empirical Methods in Microeconomics)*: 2009
- PPG 1002H, *Microeconomics for Public Policy*: 2008, 2007 (in the School of Public Policy)
- ECO 2800H, *Labour Economics I*: 2006, 2005, 2004, 1994, 1993, 1992, 1991
- ECO 2703H, *Topics in Development Economics*: 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998
- ECO 2801H, *Labour Economics II*: 2002, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1993
- ECO 2408Y, *MA Econometrics*: 2001, 2000, 1999
- WWS 562c, *The Economics of Development* (Advanced, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University): 1997
- WWS 562b, *The Economics of Development* (Basic, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University): 1997

## ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

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- Undergraduate Director and Associate Chair, 2010-Present
- Graduate Director and Associate Chair: 2003-2006
- Dean's Representative, Political Science Search Committee: 2006/07, 2005/06, 2001/02, 2000/01
- Chair Advisory Committee: 2006/07, 2005/06, 2004/05, 2003/04, 2001/02, 1999/00, 1998/99
- Building Renovation Committee: 2005/06, 2004/05, 2003/04
- Recruiting Committee: 2004/05, 2003/04, 2001/02, 1998/99, 1997/98, 1993/94, 1991/92, 1990/91
- Graduate Placement Director: 2000-2002
- Faculty of Arts and Sciences Academic Appeals Board: 2001/02, 2000/01, 1999/00
- Graduate Admissions Committee: 2001/02, 2000/01, 1999/00, 1998/99
- Faculty of Arts and Science Committee on Standing (Academic Appeals): 1995/96, 1994/95
- Faculty of Arts and Science Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee: 1994/95
- Labour Workshop Organizer: 1993/94
- Chair Search Committee: 1993/94
- *Ad Hoc* Committee to Design Long Range Planning Committee: 1990/91

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- Scholar, and member of the Scientific Committee, The Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis
- Member of the Academic Advisory Board, Institute for Social Research, York University
- Fellow, William Davidson Institute, 1999-Present
- Member of the Board, Canadian Economics Association, 2001-2004
- Member of the Board, Canadian Employment Research Forum, 1996-2003
- Board of Editors, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 1997-1999
- Referee for the following journals:

*American Economic Review, Canadian Journal of Economics, Canadian Public Policy, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics of Education Review, Economic Journal, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Labour, Labour Economics, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Education, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Review of Economics and Statistics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development*

## HONOURS

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John C. Polanyi Prize in Economics, 1992