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Education

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, Keble College

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics, *March 2012*

Thesis: Income Inequality and Consumer Markets

Supervisor: Sir Tony Atkinson

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, Keble College

Master of Philosophy in Economics, *September 2008*

Thesis: The Effect of Income Distribution on Price Dispersion

Supervisor: Sir Tony Atkinson

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Master of Arts in Economics, *May 2006*

Thesis: Real Inequality, Prices Adjusted Income Distribution

Supervisor: Professor Edward Wolff

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, Leonard N. Stern School of Business

Bachelor of Science, *May 1999*

Double Major: Economics and Information Systems with Honors

Minor: Mathematics

Current Employment

BARUCH COLLEGE, New York, NY

Lecturer, Department of Economics and Finance, *January '22 - Present*

- *Lecturer (Introduction to Macroeconomics):* Responsible for a first-year undergraduate course with 350 registered students. Develop the content, deliver lectures, set exams and manage the recitations.

IMPACTED, London, UK

Associate Researcher, *September '17 - Present*

- *Impact evaluation:* Advise state schools and academic institutions on designing and running impact studies. Conduct on-site observations of pupils and partners. Implement best-practice impact evaluation based on available data and evaluation design.
- *Non-cognitive research:* Create material for schools on a wide set of academic metrics, including non-cognitive skills. Develop research material for each skill identifying best available measure, malleability, and long-term life impact.

Publications

“*Access to Banking and the Role of Inequality and the Financial Crisis*”, **The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy**, October 2021. (With Mauro Caselli).

“*Lockdown Lessons: Pupil learning and wellbeing during the Covid-19 pandemic*”, **ImpactED special report**, February 2021. (With Owen Carter and Chris Wilson).

“*Reimagining staff appraisal: trialing a collaborative approach to school-based professional learning*”, **CollectiveED**, November 2018, Issue 6, pp 42 – 51. (With Owen Carter and Gary Handforth).

“*Real Economy Effects of Short-term Equity Ownership*”, **Journal of International Business Studies**, February 2016, Volume 47, Issue 2, pp 233–254. (With John Thanassoulis)

Previous Academic Employment

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL, Bristol, UK

Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor), School of Economics, *August '16 – Present*

- *Unit director (Math for Economics)*: Responsible for a first-year course for up to 350 undergraduate students. Develop the content, deliver lectures, set exams and manage the class teachers and material. Set and mark formative assignments.
- *Lecturer and class teacher (Applied Microeconomics (undergraduate), Law & Economics (grad))*: Develop and deliver lectures and class material. Set and mark exams, as well as formative and summative assignments.
- *Widening participation and Equality & Diversity*: Responsible for organizing and delivering outreach lectures to minority, low-income and other under-represented students nationally. Organize diversity and inclusion events. Manage student and professional mentoring scheme for under-represented students. Member of Athena Swan committee.

UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA, Haifa, Israel

Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Department of Economics, *March '12 – October '15*

- *Graduate Elective Courses*: Created and taught weekly masters level lectures on *Financial Economics* and *Economics of Inequality*. Advised students on term papers, set and marked assignments and final exams and held regular office hours.
- *Undergraduate Elective Course*: Created and taught a weekly lecture on *Social and Economic Networks*.
- *Undergraduate Final Year Essays*: Advised final year undergraduate students on topics related to Income Inequality.

UNIVERSITY OF BUCKINGHAM, Buckingham, UK

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Economics, *March '11 – June '11*

- *Development Economics*: Organized and taught weekly masters level classes. Set and marked final exams.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, Oxford, UK

Class Teacher, Oxford Department of International Development, *October '10 – June '11*

- *Quantitative Methods and Macroeconomics*: Organized and taught weekly classes of 30 graduate students. Advised students on extended essays, marked weekly assignments and held regular office hours.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, Oxford, UK

Department Teaching Associate, Economics Department, *October '08 – June '11*

- *Introductory and Core Microeconomics, Core Macroeconomics*: Organized and taught 2-3 person tutorials for 28 students at Jesus and Keble colleges. Assigned and marked weekly assignments. Administered and marked exams.
- *Introduction to Mathematical and Statistical Methods*: Taught weekly classes of 10 students. Marked assignments and held regular office hours.
- *Thesis Supervisor*: Supervised undergraduate thesis of a student at St. Hugh's college.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, New York, NY

Teaching Assistant, Economics Department, *September '04 – May '06*

- *Elementary Macro and Micro-Economics*: Taught two weekly recitation classes of 50 – 60 students. Held additional 1-2 hours of office hours per week along with scheduled tutoring. Participated in grading of exams and projects.

YUZAWA CITY GOVERNMENT, Yuzawa, Japan

English Teacher, Department of Planning, *May '97 – August '97*

Taught English to government employees. Published a short English guidebook of Yuzawa. Studied Japanese.

Private Sector Experience

THE BRILLIANT CLUB, London, UK

Associate Researcher, *February '16 – September '18*

- *Teacher toolkit (non-cognitive skills)*: Participated in the development of an impact evaluation toolkit for teachers at state-schools. Research a range of cognitive and non-cognitive skills, their measurement, malleability and impact.
- *Think Uni*: Participated in the development of a university selection application used by secondary school students working with the Brilliant Club. Developed a matching algorithm using student preference and attainment.

HIGH FREQUENCY ECONOMICS, Valhalla, NY

Economics Research Analyst, May '05 – May '06

- *Economic Forecasting:* Using STATA, built forecasting models for all major European economic indicators. Forecasts were published in daily economic newsletters circulated to over 200 financial institutions.

MORGAN STANLEY, New York, NY

Financial Analyst, Commodities Group, August '01 – July '03

- *Debt-Equity Relative Value Trading:* Researched opportunities in bond, preferred and equity markets based on relationship with commodity prices. Built cash flow and valuation models for oil & gas, shipping and gold companies. Built and managed equity/commodity trading book based on statistical relationship between the two markets.
- *Telecommunications/Bandwidth Trading:* Developed pricing models used to value "point to point" contracts in highly illiquid bandwidth trading market. Assisted in developing a business plan to launch a telecommunications asset fund and presented plan to senior firm management. Evaluated opportunities to acquire distressed telecom assets.

Financial Analyst, Global High Yield, July '99 – August '01

- *High Yield Research, Telecommunications:* Assembled financial and operational database for 40 risky telecommunication companies. Created financial and operating models for entire sector, including detailed debt and cash flow analysis for severely distressed companies.
- *High Yield Research, Oil & Gas:* Created financial model for oil services sector. Participated in the writing and publication of analysis and recommendations on debt securities of all companies within energy sector.

Academic Presentations and Summer Schools

- Applied Microeconomics Seminar, University of Zurich, Fall 2014
- 20th and 23rd Jerusalem Summer School in Economic Theory on "Contract Theory" and "Inter-temporal Public Economics" (Chaired By Dr. Eric Maskin), Hebrew University, Summer 2009 and 2012
- 4th and 5th meetings of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Catania 2011 and Bari 2013
- 4th World Conference on Remedies to Racial and Ethnic Economic Inequality, Minneapolis, Summer 2012
- International Conference on Global Economy, CSAEM, London, Summer 2012
- Irish Society of New Economists Conference, Dublin 2011 and Cork 2012
- Measurement and Wellbeing Seminars, LSE, Spring, 2010
- Gorman Workshop in Economics, University of Oxford, Fall 2009
- Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative Seminars, University of Oxford, Fall 2009

Activities and Honors

- Mellon Sawyer Studentship '08 awarded by the Oxford Institute For Global Economic Development
- Doctoral Studentship Scheme '08-'11 awarded by the Economics Department, University of Oxford
- Oxford Cavaliers American Football Team, Defensive Lineman '08-'10
- Keble College: Treasurer of Film Society. Member of college social committee, football club, and rugby seconds
- Hillel Tzedek Mission to Israel: Organized winter camp for underprivileged Bedouin children in the Negev '04
- Morgan Stanley Richard B. Fisher Scholarship and Internship awarded by Morgan Stanley '98-'99
- Stern Student Council: President '99, Vice President '98, Sophomore Class President '97
- Stern University Scholars Studentship and Travel Grant awarded by New York University '95-'99

Other Information

- Languages: Fluent in Farsi, conversant in French and Hebrew, elementary understanding of Japanese
- Interests: Billiards, chess, traveling, PADI certified open water advanced scuba diver
- Citizenship: United States