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**Academic Position**

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Norwegian School of Economics 2018-

**Professional Affiliations**

Affiliated Researcher, Statistics Norway 2019

Researcher, FAIR - Center for Empirical Labor Economics, Norwegian School of Economics 2018-

Affiliated Researcher, Center for Applied Research (SNF) 2018-

Research Fellow, Uppsala Center for Labor Studies (UCLS), Uppsala University 2018-

Research Fellow, Bolivian Academy of Economic Sciences (ABCE) 2017-

**Education**

Ph.D. Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University 2018

M.S. Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University 2016

M.P.P. McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University 2013

B.A. (*with honors*) Economics, Politics and Philosophy, Durham University 2011

**Fields**

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Economics of Education

**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

Rebates as Incentives: The Effects of a Gym Membership Reimbursement Program (with Tatiana Homonoff and Barton Willage) *Accepted: Journal of Health Economics*.

Tipping and the Effects of Segregation (with Anders Böhlmark), *AEJ: Applied Economics* 2020 12(1). Also published as *IFAU Working Paper*, no. 2017:14 (2017)

The Long-run Effects of Teacher Collective Bargaining (with Michael Lovenheim) *AEJ: Economic Policy* 2019 11(3). Also published as *NBER Working Paper No. 24782* (2018)

The Long-run Effects of Teacher Strikes (with David Jaume) *Journal of Labor Economics* 2019 37(4)  
Also published as *CEDLAS Working Paper No. 217* (2017)

**Working Papers**

Can Female Doctors Cure the Gender STEM Gap? Evidence from Randomly Assigned General Practitioners (with Julie Riise and Barton Willage) *Revise and Resubmit, The Review of Economics and Statistics*. Also published as NHH Discussion paper 2019/18

Decentralization of Wage Determination: Evidence From A National Teacher Reform *Under Review*.  
Also published as *IFAU Working Paper No. 2019:17*

Oh Mother: The Neglected Impact of School Disruptions (with David Jaume) *Under Review*  
Also published as NHH Discussion paper 2018/30

Within-family Division of Labor: Are Immigrants More Traditional? (with Francine Blau, Amanda Eng, Lawrence Kahn and Pamela Meyerhofer) *Under Review*.

Building Bridges and Widening Gaps: Efficiency Gains and Equity Concerns of Labor Market Expansions (with Aline Butikofer and Katrine Loken) *Under Review*. Also published as NHH Discussion paper 2019/19

Interactions in Public Policies: Spousal Responses and Program Spillovers of Welfare Reforms (with Julian Johnsen and Kjell Vaage) *Under Review*.

## Some Research in Progress

Understanding the Decline in Private Sector Unionization: A Skill-based Approach (with Samuel Doodini and Michael Lovenheim)

The Effect of Negative Income Shocks on Pensioners (with Julian Johnsen)

## Other Publications

The Long-Run Effects of Teacher Strikes: Evidence from Argentina,  
*Research Briefs in Economic Policy, Cato Institute, July 25, 2018, no. 123*

A Bad Bargain: How Teacher Collective Bargaining Affects Students' Employment and Earnings Later in Life,  
*Education next, Winter 2015, vol. 16, no. 1*

The Swedish Pension System After 20 Years: Mid-course corrections and lessons (with Kent Weaver),  
*The OECD Journal on Budgeting* 13(3): pp. 1-26 (2014)

Social Trends and Dynamics of Poverty and Exclusion (with Céline Thevenot, Paul Minty and Céline Ferré),  
*Employment and Social Development in Europe 2012: pp. 143-192 (2013)*

The Social Climate Across EU (with Bartek Lassear), *The EU Employment and Social Situation Quarterly Review*: pp. 43-47 (September 2012)

## Research Grants

The Swedish Institute for Evaluation of Labor Market and Education Policy, \$54,000 2018-2020  
*The (unintended) labor market effects of Sweden's self-correcting pay-as-you-go system*

Centre for Applied Research (SNF), \$47,000 2019-2020  
*Labor Mobility Across Scandinavia*

## Presentations & Conferences

- 2020 ASSA Annual Meeting
- 2019 University of Copenhagen, Stockholm University, Uppsala University, Paris School of Economics, Society of Labor Economics, International Health Economics Association, 14th Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics, Statistics Norway, Finance Department of Norway, Aarhus University
- 2018 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Austin-Bergen Applied Micro Workshop, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Bank of Mexico, Stockholm School of Economics, University of Bergen, Swedish Institute for Evaluation of Labor Market and Education Policy, Louisiana State University, Norwegian School of Economics, University of Oslo
- 2017 8th Bolivian Conference on Development Economics (Best Paper Award), Stockholm-Uppsala Education Economics Workshop, Syracuse University, Michigan State University, Cornell University
- 2016 ZEW Workshop on Assimilation and Integration of Immigrants, Swedish Institute for Evaluation of Labor Market and Education Policy, Stockholm University

## Recent Fellowships & Awards

- 2017 Award in Labor Economics (Department of Economics, Cornell University); Best Paper Award (8th Bolivian Conference on Development Economics); BCDE Travel Award; Research Travel Award (Cornell University)
- 2016 Einaudi Center International Research Award
- 2015 Dr. Markus Wallenberg Fellowship
- 2014 Dr. Markus Wallenberg Fellowship; Runnerstrom's Academic Scholarship; Dr. Neubergh's Academic Scholarship
- 2013 Policy Analysis and Management Fellowship (Cornell University); Dr. Markus Wallenberg Fellowship; Runnerstrom's Academic Scholarship; Dr. Neubergh's Academic Scholarship

## Teaching Experience

Introduction to Economics, SAM1 (Core Undergraduate)

Fall 2019

Advanced Econometrics II, ECS509 (Core PhD)

Fall 2019

Personnel Economics, STR435 (Elective MSc)

Spring 2020

## Referee Services

*Economics of Education Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Human Capital, American Educational Research Journal, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Human Resources, International Tax and Public Finance, AERA Open, International Journal of Comparative Labor Law and IR, The American Journal of Education, Contemporary Economic Policy, Journal of Health Economics*