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Current Position

Professor, Department of Economics, Norwegian School of Economics 2021 - present

Previous Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Norwegian School of Economics 2018 - 2021

Professional Affiliations

Reseearch Network Affiliate, CESifo	2021-
Affiliated Researcher, Statistics Norway	2019-
Researcher, FAIR - Center for Empirical Labor Economics, Norwegian School of Economics	2018-
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

Laucation	
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

Fields

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Economics of Education

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- The Effect of Teacher Strikes on Parents (with David Jaume) *Accepted*, *Journal of Development Economics*. Also published as CEDLAS Discussion Paper No. 243 (2019)
- Interactions in Public Policies: Spousal Responses and Program Spillovers of Welfare Reforms (with Julian Johnsen and Kjell Vaage) *Accepted, The Economic Journal*. Also published as *NHH Discussion Paper* No. 2020/20
- Decentralization of Wage Determination: Evidence From A National Teacher Reform *Accepted, Journal of Public Economics*. Also published as *IFAU Working Paper No.* 2019:17
- Can Female Doctors Cure the Gender STEMM Gap? Evidence from Randomly Assigned General Practitioners (with Julie Riise and Barton Willage) *Accepted, The Review of Economics and Statistics*. Also published as NHH Discussion Paper No. 2019/18
- Culture and gender allocation of tasks: source country characteristics and the division of non-market work among US immigrants (with Francine Blau, Matthew Comey, Amanda Eng, Lawrence Kahn and Pamela Meyerhofer) *The Review of Economics of the Household* 2020 18(4). Also published as NBER Working Paper No. 26931 (2020). Winner of the 2021 IPUMS time use research award.
- Rebates as Incentives: The Effects of a Gym Membership Reimbursement Program (with Tatiana Homonoff and Barton Willage) *Journal of Health Economics* 2020 70
- 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

- Building Bridges and Widening Gaps (with Aline Butikofer and Katrine Loken) *Revisions Requested, The Review of Economics and Statistics*. Also published as IZA Discussion Paper 12885 (2020)
- When Parents Decide: Gender Differences in Competitiveness (with Jonas Tungodden) *Revisions* Requested, *Journal of Political Economy*.
- The Effect of Negative Income Shocks on Pensioners (with Julian Johnsen). *Revisions Requested, Labour Economics*. Also published as IFAU Working Paper No. 2021:7
- Postpartum Job Loss: Transitory Effect on Mothers, Long-Run Damage on Children (with Barton Willage). Also published as NHH Discussion Paper 2020/22
- Understanding the Decline in Private Sector Unionization: A Skill-Based Approach (with Samuel Dodini and Michael Lovenheim). Also published as NHH Discussion Paper 2021/7
- Monopsony, Skills, and Labor Market Concentration (with Samuel Dodini, Michael Lovenheim, and Kjell Salvanes). Also published as CEPR Discussion Paper 15412 (2020)

The Effect of Labor Market Shocks Across the Life Cycle (with Kjell Salvanes and Barton Willage).

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 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)

Grants, Fellowships, and Honors

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Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Award	2021
Research grant, Institute for Evaluation of Labor Market and Education Policy (\$54,000)	2018-2020
with J. Johansen	
Research grant, Centre for Applied Research (\$47,000)	2019-2020
with K. Loken and A. Butikofer	
Small research grant in Labor Economics, Cornell University	2017
Einaudi Center International Research Award	2016
Dr. Markus Wallenberg Fellowship	2013, 2014, 2015
Policy Analysis and Management Fellowship, Cornell University	2013

Teaching

Introduction to Economics, SAM1 (Core Undergraduate)

Advanced Econometrics II, ECS509 (Core PhD)

Personnel Economics, STR435 (Elective MSc)

Fall 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2021

Spring 2020

PhD Students

Daniel Duque (Chair, expected 2024)

Referee Services

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Health Economics, AEJ: Economic Policy, European Economic Review, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Human Capital, American Educational Research Journal, International Tax and Public Finance, AERA Open, International Journal of Comparative Labor Law and IR, The American Journal of Education, Contemporary Economic Policy, ILR Review, Labour Economics, IZA Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Review of Economic Studies

Presentations & Conferences

- 2021 Cornell University, University of Copenhagen (CEBI), Society of Labor Economists, Association for Education Finance and Policy, VATT Institute for Economic Research, University of Pittsburgh, University of Texas at Austin, Northeast Labor Synopsis for Early Career Economists, European Economics Association*, Utrecht School of Economics*, CESifo*
- ASSA Annual Meeting, SOLE/EALE, Econometrics World Conference, European Economics Association, Central Bank of Lithuania, FAIR NHH
- 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
- 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

Department and University Services

Junior Faculty Development Officer	2021-present
Founder and Organizer, the Emerging Research Seminar Series	2019-present
Elected Member, the Board of the Norwegian School of Economics	2020-2021
Co-organizer, Norwegian School of Economics Spring Conference	2021
PhD admissions committee	2020
Co-organizer, Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics (postponed due to COVID-19)	2020
Co-organizer, Norwegian School of Economics Spring Conference (postponed due to COVID-19) 2020
Junior faculty recruitment committee	2019
University of Bergen external examiner	2019

^{*} Scheduled