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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Economics 1995 – 2000  
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada  
*Three Essays in Optimal Redistributive Policies*

M.A., Economics 1994 – 1995  
York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

B.A.(Honours), Economics 1990 – 1994  
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

## **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

Visiting Scholar August 2008 – June 2009  
Department of Economics  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, United States

Associate Professor July 2006 – present  
Department of Economics  
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
Research leave: July 2008 – June 2009  
Maternity leave: April 2006 – March 2007

Assistant Professor July 2000 – June 2006  
Department of Economics  
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
Maternity leave: July 2003 – July 2004

Teaching Fellow September 1999–December 1999  
Department of Economics  
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Associate Member, Centre Interuniversitaire sur le Risque, les Politiques Économiques et l'Emploi (CIRPÉE), Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 2002 – present

## **HONOURS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2002 C.A. Curtis Prize for Best Doctoral Thesis in Economics, Queen's University (\$500)  
1997 – 1999 Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (\$15,000/yr)  
1998 Graduate Travel Award, Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (\$500)  
1998 Young Scholar's Award, International Institute of Public Finance (\$500USD)  
1995 – 1997 Ontario Graduate Scholarships (\$11,859/yr)  
1994 York University Scholarship, York University (\$2,500)  
1993 Dean's Special Award, Queen's University (\$800)

## **RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS**

### **Published Articles in Referred Journals**

“Tax Competition with Heterogeneous Firms,” with John Burbidge and John Leach, *Journal of Public Economics* 90 (February 2006), 533-549.

“Capital Tax Competition and Returns to Scale,” with John Burbidge, *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 35 (July 2005), 353-373.

“Agglomeration Effects and the Competition for Firms,” with Robin Boadway and Nicolas Marceau, *International Tax and Public Finance* 11 (September 2004), 623-645.

“Redistribution and Employment Policies with Endogenous Unemployment,” with Robin Boadway and Nicolas Marceau, *Journal of Public Economics* 87 (October 2003), 2407-2430.

“Equalization and the Decentralization of Revenue-Raising in a Federation,” with Robin Boadway and Maurice Marchand, *Journal of Public Economic Theory* 5 (April 2003), 201-228.

“Inter-Jurisdictional Competition for Firms,” with Robin Boadway and Nicolas Marceau, *International Economic Review* 43 (August 2002), 761-782.

“A Minimum Wage Can Be Welfare-Improving and Employment-Enhancing,” with Robin Boadway, *European Economic Review* 45 (March 2001), 553-576.

“Optimal Income Taxation with Quasi-Linear Preferences Revisited,” with Robin Boadway and Maurice Marchand, *Journal of Public Economic Theory* 2 (October 2000), 435-460.

“Optimality of Workfare with Heterogeneous Preferences,” *Canadian Journal of Economics* 33 (February 2000), 149-174.

“Monitoring as an Instrument for Targeting Transfers,” with Robin Boadway, *International Tax and Public Finance* 6 (August 1999), 317-337.

### **Referred Book Chapters**

“Mandatory Retirement and Incentives in University Defined-Benefit Pension Plans,” with John Burbidge in M. Abbott, C. Beach, R. Boadway, and J. MacKinnon (eds.) *Retirement Policy Issues in Canada* (McGill-Queen's University Press: Kingston, 2009), 353-374.

“Design of Assistance Programs to Address Real Income Volatility,” in D. Jolliffe and J. Ziliak (eds.) *Income Volatility and Food Assistance in the United States* (W.E. Upjohn Institute: Michigan, 2008), 217-258.

### **Working Papers**

“Optimal Policies and the Informal Sector,” with Nicolas Marceau, Steeve Mongrain, and Joanne Roberts, McMaster University, Department of Economics Working Paper No. 2009-14.

“Preferences over the Fair Division of Goods: Information, Good, and Sample Effects in a Health Context,” with Jeremiah Hurley, Neil Buckley, Mita Giacomini and David Cameron, McMaster University, Department of Economics Working Paper No. 2009-01.

“Tenancy Default, Excess Demand, and the Rental Market,” with Nicolas Marceau, McMaster University, Department of Economics Working Paper No. 2007-08 (revised May 2008).

“Public and Private Health Care Financing with Alternate Public Rationing,” with Jeremiah Hurley, Stuart Mestelman, Andrew Muller, and Robert Nuscheler, McMaster University, Department of Economics Working Paper No. 2007-07.

“Willingness-to-Pay for Parallel Private Health Insurance: Evidence from a Laboratory Experiment,” with Neil Buckley, Jeremiah Hurley, Logan McLeod, Robert Nuscheler and David Cameron, McMaster University, mimeo.

“Dominant Strategy Implementation with a Convex Product Space of Valuations,” with Sunghoon Hong, Jesse A. Schwartz, Quan Wen, John A. Weymark John Weymark, Vanderbilt University, mimeo.

“Theory of Parallel Health Care Financing: A Literature Review” with Robert Nuscheler, McMaster University, mimeo.

### **Policy Reports**

“Evaluating Public Pensions,” with Robin Boadway in Anwar Shah (ed.), *Equity in Public Spending*, Public Sector Governance and Accountability Series, The World Bank, 2005.

“Reforming Social Security in Thailand: Issues and Alternatives,” with Robin Boadway and Frank Flatters, International and Development Studies Working Paper, John Deutsch Institute for the Study of Economic Policy, 1997.

### **Book Reviews**

“Review of ‘Tax Evasion and Firm Survival in Competitive Markets’ by Filip Palda,” *Canadian Public Policy*, September 2003.

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

1. Standard Research Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
“Public Expenditure Policy and Private Goods”  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Amount: \$43,162  
Date: April 2006 – March 2009
  
2. New Emerging Teams (NET) Grant, Canadian Institute for Health Research  
“Financing and Funding Health Care: Exploring Equity and Efficiency Using Experimental Economics Methods”  
Role: Co-Applicant (with Principal Investigator Jerry Hurley and Co-Applicants Jeffrey Carr, Mita Giacomini, Stuart Mestelman, Andrew Muller, Mirna Rahal and Gavin Wardle)  
Amount: \$932,065  
Date: May 2005 – April 2006
  
3. Standard Research Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
“Redistributive Policy and the Labour Market”  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Amount: \$48,358  
Date: April 2001 – March 2006 (extended)
  
4. ARB Research Grant, McMaster University Arts Research Board  
Title: “Equalization and Decentralization”  
Role: Principal Investigator (with Co-Investigators Robin Boadway and Maurice Marchand)  
Amount: \$4,739  
Date: December 2000 – December 2001

## **CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Presentations**

2007 JDI Conference on Retirement Issues in Canada (Queen’s University, Canada), “Mandatory Retirement and Incentives in Private Pension Plans.”

2001 Canada-Japan Conference on Fiscal Federalism and Local Public Finance (Tokyo, Japan), “Agglomeration Effects and the Competition for Firms.”

2001 Warwick/IFS/ESRC Public Economics Weekend (Coventry, United Kingdom), “Inter-Jurisdictional Competition for Firms.”

### **Papers Presented at Peer-Reviewed Conferences**

2008 Canadian Economic Association Meetings (Vancouver, British Columbia), “Public and Private Health Care Financing with Alternate Public Rationing.”

2007 8th International Meeting of the Association for Public Economic Theory (Nashville, USA), “Tenancy Default, Excess Demand and the Rental Market.”

2004 60th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Milan, Italy), “Capital Tax Competition with Heterogeneous Firms and Agglomeration.”

2004 CES/NBER Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar on Fiscal Federalism (Munich, Germany), “Capital Tax Competition with Heterogeneous Firms and Agglomeration.”

2002 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Public Economic Theory (Paris, France), “Tax Competition and Strategic Firms.”

2002 Canadian Public Economics Group 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (Calgary, Canada), “Capital Tax Competition and Returns to Scale.”

2001 Canadian Economics Association Meetings (Montreal, Quebec), “Agglomeration Effects and the Competition for Firms.”

2000 56th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Sevilla, Spain), “Inter-Jurisdictional Competition for Firms.”

1999 Canadian Public Economics Study Group 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (Toronto, Canada), “A Minimum Wage Can Be Welfare-Improving and Employment-Enhancing.”

1998 54th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Cordoba, Argentina), “Monitoring as an Instrument for Targeting Transfers.”

1998 Canadian Public Economics Study Group 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (Ottawa, Canada), “Optimality of Workfare with Heterogeneous Preferences.”

### **Papers Presented at University Seminars**

“Equilibrium Excess Demand in the Rental Housing Market for the Poor” (revised version of earlier paper). University of Florida (February 2009), Vanderbilt University (September 2008), University of Guelph (April 2008) and University of Calgary (January 2008).

“Public and Private Health Care Financing with Alternate Public Rationing Rules”. University of Waterloo (September 2007).

“Tenancy Default, Excess Demand, and the Rental Market”. Brock University (February 2006).

“Capital Tax Competition with Heterogeneous Firms and Agglomeration”. Wilfrid Laurier University (November 2004).

“Agglomeration Effects and the Competition for Firms”. York University (October 2002), State University of New York at Buffalo (November 2001), and Ryerson University (October 2001).

“Inter-Jurisdictional Competition for Firms”. Brock University (April 2001) and University of Guelph (November 2000)

“A Minimum Wage Can Be Welfare-Improving and Employment-Enhancing”. University of Calgary (January 2000), University of Alberta (January 2000), University of Western Ontario (January 2000), Dalhousie University (January 2000), McMaster University (January 2000) and

Simon Fraser University (February 2000).

## **SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Professional Service**

Canadian Economics Association, Executive Council Member, June 2007 – May 2010.  
Canadian Journal of Economics, Editorial Advisory Board Member, July 2006 – June 2009.  
Conference Co-Organizer, International Seminar in Public Economics (ISPE) in Honour of Robin Boadway, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, May 2009.  
Conference Organizer, Canadian Public Economics Group 10th Annual Meeting, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, 26-27 May 2005.  
Programme Selection Committee, Canadian Public Economics Group, May 2006, June 2002 and June 2001.

### **Referee Reports**

*American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Canadian Public Policy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Economics Letters, Economie Internationale, European Economic Review, FinanzArchiv, International Economic Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Oxford Economic Papers, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economic Design, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, and Southern Economic Journal.*

### **External Grant Reviews**

Standard Research Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2005.  
Federalism and Federations Program: Research Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2002.

### **Conference Discussant**

1. International Society for Public Economics Conference in Honour of Robin Boadway, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, May 2009.
2. Canadian Public Economics Group, Simon Fraser/UBC, Vancouver, Canada, June 2008.
3. Canadian Public Economics Group, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, June 2007.
4. 60th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, Milan, Italy, August 2004
5. Canada-Japan Conference on Fiscal Federalism and Local Public Finance, Meiji Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan, June 2001.
6. International Society for Public Economics Conference in Honour of Maurice Marchand, CORE, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, June 2000.
7. Canadian Public Economics Study Group 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 2000.
8. 54th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, Cordoba, Argentina, August 1998.
9. Canadian Economics Association Meetings, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, May 1998.

**University and Department Service (at McMaster University)**

University Senate, Faculty of Social Sciences Elected Representative, 2007 – 2008, 2009 – 2010.  
University Senate Committee on Academic Integrity, 2009 – 2010.  
University Senate Committee on Appointments, 2007 – 2008.  
Chair of Research Committee, Department of Economics, 2009 – 2010.  
Committee on Faculty, Tenure and Promotion, Department of Economics, 2007 – 2008.  
Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Economics, 2007 – 2008.  
Web-Site Coordinator, Department of Economics, 2006 and 2009 – 2010.  
Recruitment Committee, Department of Economics, 2001 – 2002, 2002 – 2003, and 2004 – 2005.  
Public Finance Comprehensive Examination Committee, Department of Economics, 2002 – 2006.  
Social Sciences Faculty Council Member, 2002 – 2003.  
Microeconomics Comprehensive Examination Committee, Department of Economics, 2001 – 2003.

**TEACHING ACTIVITIES****Thesis Supervision (at McMaster University)**

Ph.D. Candidate, Primary Supervisor: Jerry Hurley, in progress.  
Ph.D. Candidate, incomplete.  
M.A. in Economic Policy Project, 2007 – 2008.  
Arts and Science Undergraduate Thesis, 2005 – 2006.

**Graduate Courses Taught (at McMaster University)**

Economics 727, Microeconomic Theory for Public Policy: Fall 2009.  
Economics 773/774, Economic Policy Analysis: Fall 2007/Winter 2008 (joint with Philip DeCicca, Jeremiah Hurley, Abigail Payne and William Scarth).  
Economics 733, Topics in Public Economics: Winter 2005 and Winter 2002 (joint with John Burbidge, Tom Crossley and Michael Veall).  
Economics 731, Public Finance: Fall 2009, Fall 2005, Fall 2002, Winter 2002, and Winter 2001 (joint with John Burbidge).  
Economics 722, Microeconomics II: Winter 2003, Winter 2002, and Winter 2001.

**Undergraduate Courses Taught (at McMaster University)**

Economics 3F03, Methods of Inquiry in Economics: Fall 2007 and Fall 2005.  
Economics 3C03, Public Sector Economics: Taxation: Winter 2008 and Winter 2005.  
Economics 2G03/2X03, Intermediate Microeconomics I: Fall 2004.  
Economics 3G03, Introduction to Advanced Economic Theory I: Fall 2004.  
Economics 3A03, Advanced Economic Theory I: Winter 2003.

**Undergraduate Courses Taught (at Queen's University)**

Economics 212 Intermediate Microeconomics: Fall 1999.

**Professional Development Workshops Attended**

Teaching Large Classes: Challenges and Opportunities, Wilfrid Laurier University and The Institute for the Advancement of Teaching in Higher Education, One-Day Workshop, May 2005

Making Formal Presentations: Lecturing, Centre for Leadership and Learning, McMaster University, Six-Week Course, Fall 2001.