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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024- Assistant Professor, Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University

Other Affiliations:

2024- Associate, Inequality in America Initiative, Harvard University

2025- Research Affiliate, Central Bank of Ireland

PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Spring 2025 Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University

2023-2024 Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Stanford University, 2017-2023.

Advisors: Monika Piazzesi (co-primary), Martin Schneider (co-primary), Luigi Pistaferri, Amit Seru.

M.Sc. in Economics, Trinity College Dublin, 2014-2015, Distinction and Gorman Prize.

B.A. (Mod.) in Economics, Trinity College Dublin, 2010-2014, First Class Honors.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Macroeconomics, Finance, Real Estate.

RESEARCH PAPERS

Racial Segmentation in the US Housing Market

Savings and Consumption Responses to Persistent Income Shocks
(with Terry O'Malley and Fang Yao)

Mortgage Borrowing Limits and House Prices: Evidence from a Policy Change in Ireland

WORK IN PROGRESS

Leaky Pipeline: Retention, Performance, and Promotion Policies (with Kate Reinmuth)

Boom, Bust, Rebound: Two Decades of Income Inequality, Risk and Mobility in Ireland (with Ciaran Judge, Tara McIndoe-Calder, Barra Roantree and Kun Wu)

Vintages of Housing (with Monika Piazzesi and Martin Schneider)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2024- Instructor, IIES Stockholm University, Quantitative Macro Methods I (PHD)
- 2021 Co-Instructor, Stanford University, Programming Camp (PhD Economics)
- 2020-21 Teaching Assistant, Stanford University, ECON 101 (UG Economic Policy Seminar), x3
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
- 2020-21 Teaching Assistant, Stanford University, ECON 211 (PhD Macroeconomics), x2
- 2019 Teaching Assistant, Stanford Graduate School of Business, FIN 201 (MBA Corporate Finance)
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Trinity College Dublin, ECU11022 (UG Mathematics and Statistics B)
- 2014 Teaching Assistant, Trinity College Dublin, ECU11021 (UG Mathematics and Statistics A)

RELEVANT POSITIONS

- 2019-21 Visiting PhD Researcher (3 visits, ~14 weeks total), Central Bank of Ireland
- 2018-22 Research Assistant for Prof. M. Piazzesi, Stanford University
- 2018-22 Research Assistant for Prof. M. Schneider, Stanford University
- 2015-17 Analyst, Frontier Economics, London.
- 2015 Research Assistant for Prof. P. Lane, Trinity College Dublin
- 2014-15 Research Assistant for Prof. R. Lyons, Trinity College Dublin

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2023 Best Junior Scholar Paper Award, AREUEA National Meetings
- 2023 Junior Scholars Program, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association
- 2022 Dissertation Fellowship, Center for Retirement Research, Boston College and SSA
- 2022 Gale and Steve Kohlhagen Fellowship in Economics, SIEPR, Stanford University
- 2022 IRiSS Dissertation Fellowship, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University
- 2021 George P. Shultz Dissertation Research Funding, SIEPR, Stanford University
- 2021 Centennial Teaching Award, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University
- 2020 Outstanding TA Award (ECON 101, Fall), Economics Department, Stanford University
- 2020 Outstanding TA Award (ECON 101, Spring), Economics Department, Stanford University
- 2020-22 Ric Weiland Graduate Fellowship, School of Humanities & Sciences, Stanford University
- 2020 Lamfalussy Fellowship, European Central Bank
- 2019 Dissertation Fellowship, Macro Financial Modeling Initiative
- 2019 Student Grant, The Europe Center, Stanford University
- 2017-18 Department of Economics Fellowship, Stanford University
- 2015 W.M. Gorman Prize, first place student in M.Sc. in Economics, Trinity College Dublin
- 2014 Whately MSc Scholarship, Trinity College Dublin
- 2013 Sinead D'Arcy Award, Trinity College Dublin
- 2012-15 (Non-)Foundation Scholarship (full tuition, room and board), Trinity College Dublin

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for *American Economics Review: Insights*, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*.

- 2025-26 Co-Placement Director, IIES
- 2024-25 Junior Recruiting Committee, IIES
- 2021-22 Senior Thesis Mentor, Stanford-Spelman College Mentorship Program
- 2021-22 Coordinator, Stanford Student Macro Lunch
- 2018- President (Vice President 2018-19), Stanford Irish Association
- 2018-19 Graduate Student Social Chair, Stanford Economics Department

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES (including scheduled* and discussions^D)

- 2026 AFA^D
- 2025 Esade (Macro Meetings), Ghent (Empirical Macro), SED (Copenhagen), Central Bank of Ireland, Econometric Society World Congress (Seoul), Jönköping, Uppsala
- 2024 AFA, ITAM Finance Conference, Harvard (DUP workshop), Harvard Business School (Finance Brownbag), MIT (Real Estate), LAEF on the Lakes (UW Madison), FRB Philadelphia (Consumer Finance and Macroeconomics), Society of Economic Dynamics (Barcelona), Copenhagen, GRID
- 2023 Stanford, FRB St. Louis, Stockholm (IIES), Michigan (Ross), Federal Reserve Board, Boston University (Questrom), Galway, San Diego State, Tilburg, AREUEA National Conference, NBER Summer Institute (Real Estate and Urban), EEA-ESEM (Barcelona), Central Bank of Ireland (Winter Workshop)
- 2022 Central Bank of Ireland, Cambridge (Land Economy)
- 2020 Econometric Society World Congress
- 2016 Irish Economic Association Annual Conference

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Stata, Matlab, Python, Julia, SQL.