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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D., 1996
University of Michigan, 1990-1991
Yale University, B.A. in Economics and Mathematics, 1988

Primary Academic Positions

MIT, Sloan School of Management
Robert C. Merton (1970) Professor of Financial Economics, September 2015 – present
Area Head for Economics, Finance and Accounting, 2017 – 2019
International Programs Professor of Management and Professor of Finance, 2013 – 2015
Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management
Donald C. Clark/HSBC Professor of Consumer Finance, 2010 – 2013
Professor of Finance, 2007 – 2010
Princeton University, Department of Economics and Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs
Associate Professor of Economics and Public Affairs (with tenure), 2006 – 2007
Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, 1999 - 2006
University of Wisconsin, Department of Economics, Assistant Professor, 1997 – 1999
University of Michigan, University of Michigan Business School,
Visiting Assistant Professor and Research Fellow, 1996 – 1997

Academic Affiliations and Visiting Positions

Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Harvard University, 2019 – 2020
Co-Director and Head of Consumer Financial Policy Initiatives, MIT Golub Center for Finance and Policy, 2015 – present
Faculty Affiliate, 2014 – 2015
Faculty Affiliate, MIT Laboratory for Financial Engineering, 2020 – present
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2006 – present
Faculty Research Fellow, 2001 – 2006
Visiting Professor of Economics, Department of Economics and Laboratory for Economic Applications and Policy, Harvard University, 2012 – 2013
Visiting Scholar, Cowles Foundation, Yale University, April 2012
Faculty Fellow, Zell Center for Risk Research, Kellogg School of Management, 2007 – 2010
Bendheim Center for Finance, Princeton University, 2001 – 2007
Aging and Health Economics Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2001 – 2002
Society of Scholars Fellow, University of Michigan Business School, 1996 – 1997

Member of American Economic Association and American Finance Association

Government Service and Consulting

A number of (unpaid) consulting and research agreements with large financial institutions
Member, Panel of Economic Advisers, Congressional Budget Office, 2015 – present
Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, 2014 – present
Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, June 2015
Academic Advisory Council and Consultant, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 2008 – 2013
Special Adviser on Financial Stability, Office of Financial Stability, U.S. Treasury, 2009
Congressional Budget Office, Long-Term Modeling Advisory Group, 2002 – 2004
Visiting Scholar, Institute for Empirical Macroeconomics, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis,
January 2002

Briefings:

Staff Briefing on Effect of the Tax Rebate on Consumer Spending, Board of Governors of the
Federal Reserve System, Washington D.C., May 2010
Briefing on Effect of the Tax Rebate on Consumer Spending, Congressional Budget Office Panel
of Economic Advisers, June 2008

Academic Service to the Field

Board of Editors, American Economic Review, 2011 – present
NBER Economic Fluctuations and Growth Steering Committee, 2010 – present
Editor, NBER Macroeconomics Annual, 2011 – 2019
Associate Editor, Journal of Money Credit and Banking, 2001 – 2016
Committee on Economic Statistics, American Economic Association, 2008 – 2014
Subcommittee on Private Data, 2015
Board of Editors, American Economic Journal of Macroeconomics, 2007 – 2011
Organizer, NBER Monetary Economics Meeting, November 2012, March 2020
Editor, Woodrow Wilson School Discussion Papers in Economics, 2002 – 2007
Program or Scientific Committee member:
Society for Financial Studies Cavalcade North America, 2019, 2020
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Research on Consumer Finance Conference, 2014 – 2017
Annual Meetings of the Western Finance Association, 2007 – 2012, 2017 meetings
North American Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society, 2011
21st Annual Congress of the European Economic Association Meetings, 2006
Conference Organizer:
NBER Monetary Economics Program Meeting, November 2012, March 2020, cancelled
MIT Golub Center for Finance and Policy Annual Conferences, 2015 - 2017
NBER Annual Conference on Macroeconomics, 2011 – 2019
NBER Economic Fluctuations and Growth Research Meeting, October 2009
NBER Consumer Expenditure Survey Research Conference, NBER Summer Institute,
Cambridge MA, July 2002

Grants, Fellowships, Awards, Plenary Lectures

Keynote address, Tenth BIS Consultative Council of the Americas Research Conference, Central Bank of Argentina, May 2019

Kaufman Foundation, Knowledge Challenge Grant, 2018 – 2022

Keynote Speaker, Quantitative Macroeconomics Workshop, Reserve Bank of Australia, December 2016

Excellence in Refereeing Award 2014, American Economic Review

Smith Richardson Foundation, research grant, 2008 - 2010

Faculty Fellow, Zell Center for Risk Research, Kellogg School of Management, 2007 – 2010

Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow, 2001– 2005

National Bureau of Economic Research, Aging and Health Economics Fellow, 2001 – 2002

National Science Foundation research grant, 1999 – 2003

Maude P. and Milton J. Shoemaker Fellow, Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin, 1997 – 1999

Office of Tax Policy Research Grant, University of Michigan Business School, 1996

Society of Scholars Fellow, University of Michigan Business School, 1996 – 1997

Robert Solow Endowment Prize, for excellence in teaching and research, M.I.T. Department of Economics, 1996

World Economy Laboratory Research Fellowship, 1995

Alfred P. Sloan Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1994 – 1995

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1990 – 1994

Working Papers

“Target Date Funds and Stock Market Dynamics,” with A. Schoar and Y. Sun, March 2020

“A Dynamic Theory of Lending Standards,” with M. Fishman and L. Straub, April 2020

“Belief Disagreement and Portfolio Choice,” with M. Meeuwis, A. Schoar, and D. Simester, NBER Working Paper 25018, September 2019

“Asymmetric Consumption Smoothing” with B. Baugh, I. Ben-David, and H. Park, NBER Working Paper 25086, January 2020

“The Response of Consumer Spending to Rebates During an Expansion: Evidence from the 2003 Child Tax Credit” with D. Johnson and N. Souleles, April 2009

“An Economic Model of the Planning Fallacy” with M. Brunnermeier and F. Papakonstantinou, NBER Working Paper 14228, August 2008

“The Consumption Function Re-Estimated,” August 1999

“The Timing of Purchases, Market Power, and Economic Fluctuations,” SSRI Working Paper 9723, November 1997

Published Papers

- “Accelerator or Brake? Cash for Clunkers, Household Liquidity, and Aggregate Demand,” with D. Green, B. Melzer, and A. Rojas, **American Economic Journal: Economic Policy**, forthcoming.
- “The Local Aggregate Effects of Minimum-Wage Changes,” with D. Cooper, M. Luengo-Prado, **Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking**, 52(1), February 2020, 5-35.
- “Revealed Preference vs. Reported Preference: Evidence from the propensity to spend tax rebates,” with N. Souleles, **American Economic Review: Insights**, 1(3), December 2019, 273-90.
- “Why Don’t Households Smooth Consumption? Evidence from a \$25 million experiment,” **American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics**, 9(4), October 2017, 153-83.
- “Optimal Time Inconsistent Beliefs: Misplanning, Procrastination, and Commitment,” with M. Brunnermeier and F. Papakonstantinou, **Management Science**, 63(5), May 2017, 1318–1340.
- “Valuation, Adverse Selection and Market Collapses” with M. Fishman, **Review of Financial Studies**, 28 (9), 2015, 2575-2607.
- “The Benefits of Panel Data in Consumer Expenditure Surveys” with N. Souleles and C. Carroll, in Improving the Measurement of Consumer Expenditures, Studies in Income and Wealth, Volume 74, edited by Christopher D. Carroll, Thomas F. Crossley, and John Sabelhaus. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015.
- “The Economic Stimulus Payments of 2008 and the Aggregate Demand for Consumption” with C. Broda, **Journal of Monetary Economics**, 68, Fall 2014, S20-S36.
- “LEADS on Macroeconomic Risks to and from the Household Sector” in Risk Topography: Systemic Risk and Macro Modeling, M. Brunnermeier and A. Krishnamurthy eds, University of Chicago Press, 2014.
- “Consumer Spending and the Economic Stimulus Payments of 2008” with N. Souleles, D. Johnson, and R McClelland, **American Economic Review**, 103(6), October 2013, 2530-53.
- “On Measuring the Effects of Fiscal Policy in Recessions,” **Journal of Economic Literature**, 49(3), September 2011, 703-718.
- “The Increase in Income Cyclicity of High-Income Households and its Relation to the Rise in Top Income Shares” with A. Vissing Jorgensen, **Brookings Papers on Economic Activity**, 2, 2010, 1-55.
- “Who Bears Aggregate Fluctuations and How?” with A. Vissing-Jorgensen, **American Economic Review**, 99(2), May 2009, 399-405.
- “The Integrated Financial and Real System of National Accounts for the United States: Does it Presage the Financial Crisis?” with M. Palumbo, **American Economic Review**, 99(2), May 2009, 80-86.
- “Taxes and Growth in a Financially Underdeveloped Country: Evidence from the Chilean Investment Boom” with C. T. Hsieh, **Economia**, 8(1), Fall 2007, 121-60.
- “Optimal Beliefs, Asset Prices, and the Preference for Skewed Returns” with M. K. Brunnermeier and C. Gollier, **American Economic Review**, 97(2), May 2007, 159-65.
- “Euler Equations” in New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics, 2nd Edition, Steven N. Durlauf and Lawrence E. Blume eds, Palgrave MacMillan, 2008, 1851-54.

Published Papers (continued)

- “Household Expenditure and the Income Tax Rebates of 2001” with D. Johnson and N. Souleles, *American Economic Review*, 96(5), December 2006, 1589-1610.
- “Optimal Expectations” with M. K. Brunnermeier, *American Economic Review*, 95(4), September 2005, 1092-1118.
- “Precautionary Saving and Consumption Fluctuations,” with B. Preston, *American Economic Review*, 95(4), September 2005, 1119-43.
- “Consumption Risk and the Cross-Section of Expected Returns,” with C. Julliard, *Journal of Political Economy*, 113(1), February 2005, 185-222.
- “Comment on ‘Federal Government Debt and Interest Rates’ by Eric M. Engen and Glen R. Hubbard” in M. Gertler and K. Rogoff eds, *NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2004*, 19, 2005, 139-47.
- “Luxury Goods and the Equity Premium” with Y. Ait-Sahalia and M. Yogo, *Journal of Finance*, 59(6), December 2004, 2959-3004.
- “Consumption Risk and Expected Stock Returns” *American Economic Review*, 93(2), May 2003, 376-382.
- “Discussion of: Athanasios Orphanides and John Williams ‘Robust Monetary Policy Rules with Unknown Natural Rates’” *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 2, 2002, 119-26.
- “Consumption Over the Life Cycle” with P. O. Gourinchas, *Econometrica*, 70(1), January 2002, 47-89.
- “The Consumption Risk of the Stock Market” *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 2, 2001, 279-348.
- “The Empirical Importance of Precautionary Saving” with P. O. Gourinchas, *American Economic Review*, 91(2), May 2001, 406-12.
- “Discussion of: ‘Real Estate and the Macroeconomy’” *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 2, 2000, 150-58.
- “Spendthrift in America? On two decades of decline in the U.S. saving rate” in B. Bernanke and J. Rotemberg eds, *NBER Macroeconomics Annual 1999*, 14, 2000, 317-70.
- “The Reaction of Household Consumption to Predictable Changes in Social Security Taxes” *American Economic Review*, 89(4), September 1999, 959-973.
- “April 15 Syndrome” with J. Slemrod, C. Christian, and R. London, *Economic Inquiry*, 35(4), October 1997, 695-709.
- “Measuring the Cyclicity of Real Wages: How Important is the Composition Bias?” with G. Solon and R. Barsky, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 109(1), February 1994, 1-25.

Books

- NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2019*, 34, M. Eichenbaum, E Hurst, and J. A. Parker eds, in press.
- NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2018*, 33, M. Eichenbaum and J. A. Parker eds, 2019.
- NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2017*, 32, M. Eichenbaum and J. A. Parker eds., 2018.
- NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2016*, 31, M. Eichenbaum and J. A. Parker eds., 2017.
- NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2015*, 30, M. Eichenbaum and J. A. Parker eds., 2016.

NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2014, 29, J. A. Parker, and M. Woodford eds., 2015.

NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2013, 28, J. A. Parker, and M. Woodford eds., 2014.

NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2012, 27, D. Acemoglu, J. A. Parker, and M. Woodford eds., 2013.

Popular Writing

“Reported preference versus revealed preference,” with N. Souleles and A. Goodman, Vox, CEPR Policy Portal, February 4, 2018

“Macro-stabilisation and tax rebates,” Vox, CEPR Policy Portal, June 17, 2014

“Is Bitcoin a Viable Currency? It's Probably Too Volatile,” SFGate (of the San Francisco Chronicle), May 26, 2014

“Did the 2008 US tax rebates work?” with C. Broda, Vox, CEPR Policy Portal, August 15, 2008

“Check's in the Mail? Shop Till You Drop,” Washington Post, May 4, 2008

Ph.D. Dissertations Advised (year, first placement)

Jonathon Hazell (LSE or Brown, 2020), Maarten Meeuwis (2020, Washington University), Fangzhou Lu (2020, University of Hong Kong), William Goulding (2019, AQR), Alan Olivi (2019, UCL), Anton Petukov (2019, Citadel), Yixin Chen (2018, Rochester), Victor Duarte (2018, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas), Daniel Green (2018, Harvard), Carl Jack Liebersohn (2018, Ohio State), Scott Nelson (2018, Chicago), Ludwig Straub (2018, Harvard), Yu Shi (2017, International Monetary Fund), Brian Baugh (Ohio State, 2016, University of Nebraska), Asaf Bernstein (2016, UC Boulder), Adrien Auclert (2015, Stanford), Indrajit Mitra (2015, Michigan)

Northwestern

Guannan Luo (2014, City University of Hong Kong), Lorenzo Michelozzi (2014, Cornerstone), Roland Eisenhuth (2013, Oregon State University), In Gu (Kevin) Khang (chair, 2013, Cornerstone), Chang-Joo Lee (co-chair, 2013, University of Illinois Chicago), Eric Loualiche (chair, 2013, MIT), Luis Bryce (chair, 2012, Lausanne), Andrew Nowobilski (chair, 2012, Pimco (academic offer: Michigan)), Nicolas Ziebarth (2012, Iowa), Jingling Guan (2011, University of Georgia), Jianjian Jin (2011, Bank of Canada), Srikant Marakani (2010, City University of Hong Kong)

Princeton

Kevin Amonlirdviman (chair, 2008, McKinsey), Sylvain Champinois (2007, UCSD), Sudeshna Maitra (2006, York University), Nisreen Salti (2006, American University, Beirut), Christian Julliard (chair, 2005, London School of Economics), Yulei Luo (2005, University of Hong Kong), Lawrence L. Uren (2005, University of Melbourne), Bruce Preston (co-chair, 2003, Columbia)

Wisconsin

Thaim Hee Ng (2000, United Nations, International Trade and Development), Peter Arcidiacono, 1999, Duke), Brian Krauth (1999, Simon Fraser University), John Jones (1998, SUNY Albany)

Teaching

Executive Education: Household finance and fintech, Analytics Academy Program on AI and big data

Masters: Household finance and fintech, International capital markets, Macroeconomic policy

Ph.D.: Empirical asset pricing, Asset pricing theory, Macroeconomics