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Academic Positions and Affiliations

University of Strathclyde, Glasgow	
Reader (Associate Professor)	2023–present
Senior Lecturer	2018–2023
Lecturer (Assistant Professor)	2016–2018
Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn	
Research Fellow	2021–present
Research Affiliate	2016–2021
National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), New York City	
Research Assistant	2013–2016

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, City University of New York Graduate Center	2016
M.A. in Economics, University of Cologne	2010

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- “The Effect of Compulsory Schooling on Health and Hospitalizations Over the Lifecycle.” (with Morgan Williams Jr) (*Forthcoming, American Journal of Health Economics*)
- “Does a Spoonful of Sugar Help the Calories Go Down? An Analysis of the UK Soft Drinks Industry Levy.” (with Alex Dickson and Jonathan Kemp) *Review of Economics and Statistics* 2025 Vol 107(6): 1754–1763.
- “The Effects of Alcohol Excise Tax Increases by Drinking Level and by Income Level.” (with Michael Grossman and Henry Saffer) *National Tax Journal* 2024 Vol 77, Issue 4: 787–811

- “Does the Provision of Universal Free School Meals Improve School Attendance and Behaviour?” (with Daniel Borbely, Stuart McIntyre, and Gennaro Rossi) *Economics of Education Review* 2024 Vol 104, 102597
- “Rurality, socioeconomic disadvantage and educational mobility: a Scottish case study.” (with Daniel Borbely, Stuart McIntyre, Gennaro Rossi, and Graeme Roy) *British Educational Research Journal* 2024 Vol 50, Issue 1: 162–182.
- “Early-Years Multi-Grade Classes and Pupil Attainment.” (with Daniel Borbely, Stuart McIntyre, Gennaro Rossi, and Graeme Roy) *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* 2023 Vol 85, Issue 6: 1295–1319
- “Jobs, Crime, and Votes – An Evaluation of the Refugee Crisis in Germany.” (with Martin Ungerer) *Economica* 2022 Vol 89, Issue 355: 592–626
- “The Effect of Changes in Alcohol Tax Differentials on Alcohol Consumption.” (with Michael Grossman and Henry Saffer) *Journal of Public Economics* 2021 Vol 204, 104520.
- “Death, Drink, and Driving: Do BAC Reductions Increase Road Safety,” (with Benjamin Cooper and Stuart McIntyre) *Health Economics* 2020 Vol. 29(7): 841–847.
- “Speeding, Punishment, and Recidivism – Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design.” *Journal of Law and Economics* 2017 Vol. 30(3): 497–528.
- “The Effect of Low Emission Zones on Air Pollution and Infant Health.” *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* 2017 Vol 83: 121–144.
- “Obesity and the Labor Market: A Fresh Look at the Weight Penalty.” (with Marco Caliendo) *Economics and Human Biology* 2016 Vol 23: 209–225.
- “The Effect of Post-and-Hold Laws on Alcohol Consumption and Price.” (with Henry Saffer) *International Review of Law and Economics* 2016 Vol 45: 63–71
- “Looks and Labor – Do Attractive People Work More?.” *LABOUR: Review of Labour Economics* 2014 Vol. 28(3): 269–287

Working Papers

- “School Consolidation and Crime: Evidence from Scotland.” (with Daniel Borbely, Stuart McIntyre, and Gennaro Rossi) (*revise and resubmit Journal of Economic Geography*)
- “Greener Fleet, Cleaner Air: How Low Emission Zones Reduce Pollution” (with Eren Aydin and Christian Traxler) (*under review*)

“The Effect of Vehicle Taxes on Fleet Exit” (with Christian Traxler) (*under review*)
 “From Custody to Community: Post-Release Supervision and Re-Offending” (with Sam Grant and Stuart McIntyre) (*under review*)

Grants and Awards

UKRI - ADR UK Fellowship (Principal Investigator)	2024–2026
Research Grant (£158,381)	
Project: “Understanding Offender Rehabilitation and Recidivism”	
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) (Principal Investigator)	2023–2026
Research Grant (£298,116)	
Project: “Give Them Time? - The Effects of Deferred School Start”	
German Research Foundation (DFG) (Co-Investigator)	2023–2025
Research Grant (€141,400)	
Project: “Scrapping, Banning, and Taxing Cars”	
SGSSS/ESRC Open Competition (PI), £90,000	2023
Project: “Economics of Crime and Offender Rehabilitation”	
Internal: Research Excellence Award (PI), £71,000	2022
Project: “Economics of Education in Scotland”	
Nuffield Foundation (Principal Investigator)	2019–2021
Research Grant (£130,289)	
Project: “Composite Classes, Class Size and Human Capital”	
Data for Children Collaborative (Co-I)	2021
Research Grant (£49,003)	
Project: “Attainment and Socioeconomic Disadvantage”	
Scottish Enterprise (Co-I)	2019
Research Grant (£32,310)	
Project: “Evaluation of HIE and SE Grants”	
SGSSS/ESRC Open Competition (PI), £75,000	2018
Project: “Socio-economic Impact of Universal Credit”	

Internal: Research Excellence Award (PI), £60,000 Project: "Education and Human Capital Accumulation"	2018
University of Strathclyde – Teaching Excellence Award Shortlisted: Most Innovative Teacher	2019
University of Strathclyde – Teaching Excellence Award Nominated: Best Teacher	2018
City University of New York – Graduate Center Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship	2012–2016

Teaching

University of Strathclyde	
EC215: Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate)	2016–present
EC420: Labor Economics (undergraduate, Honors)	2017–present
EC951: Analysis of Economic Data (MSc)	2018–2022
BF997: Design-Based Methods (MRes)	2018–present
EC961: Economics Of Inequality And Inclusive Growth (MSc)	2019–present
BA and MSc Dissertation Advisor	2016–present
Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics Economic Policy (MSc /PhD)	2017
Brooklyn College (Lecturer in Charge)	
Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate)	2013–2016
Advanced Microeconomics (MSc)	2013
Baruch College (Substitute Lecturer in Charge)	
Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate)	2015
PhD Student Advising (University of Strathclyde)	
Gennaro Rossi (Placement: Post-Doc University of Sheffield)	2018–2022
Sam Grant (Placement: Post-Doc University of Glasgow)	2019–2023
Jonathan Kemp (Part-Time; Placement: A.G. Barr Plc.)	2017–2023
Praveen Venkatesh (Placement: Gov of Northern Ireland)	2021–2026
Kathrin Fuerst, Sabin Subedi	3rd Year

Presentations

Ministry of Justice Probation Unit, Scottish Institute for Policing Research, Scottish Economic Society, Fifth Annual Scotland and Northern England Conference on Applied Microeconomics, University of Glasgow, Virtual Economics of Crime (ViCE) Seminar	2026
Administrative Data Research (ADR) UK Conference, Cardiff, University of Newcastle, Ministry of Justice Seminar Series	2025
American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting, Glasgow Health Economics Seminar Series (University of Glasgow), Royal Economic Society (RES) and Scottish Economic Society (SES) Annual Conferences, FernUni Hagen, Third Annual Scotland and Northern England Conference on Applied Microeconomics	2023
German Economic Association (Annual Meeting), University of Glasgow, University of St. Andrews, Cornell University - Virtual Seminar on the Economics of Risky Health Behaviors (VERB)	2022
Association of Education Policy and Finance Conference, Royal Economic Society Annual Meeting, Scottish Economic Society Annual Meeting, Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Conference, European Society of Population Economics Annual Meeting, Engage with Strathclyde	2021
Tri-Nuffield Conference (Oxford University), Hertie School of Governance Applied Micro Workshop (Berlin), American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Annual Meeting, Hamburg Center for Health - Economics Risky Health Behavior Workshop	2019
University of Dundee, University of Essex, Strathwide Conference, German Transport Authority (KBA)	2018

University of Stirling, University of Potsdam, Spring Meeting of Young Economists, European Society of Population Economics (ESPE) Annual Meeting, European Association of Labor Economists (EALE) Conference, German Transport Authority (KBA)	2017
Drexel University, Salem State University, University of Bristol, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, European Health Economics Association (EuHEA) Annual Meeting, ZEW Mannheim	2016

Professional Service

Refereeing (Journals)

American Journal of Health Economics, American Political Science Review, Applied Economics Letters, China Economic Review, Contemporary Economic Policy, Eastern European Economics, Ecological Economics Economics and Human Biology, Economic Bulletin, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Transportation, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, European Journal of Health Economics, Fiscal Studies, Health Economics, International Review of Law and Economics, IZA Journal of Migration, IZA Journal of Development and Migration, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Environmental Management, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Regional Science, National Tax Journal, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, PNAS, Resource and Energy Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics of the Household, SAGE Open, Scottish Journal of Political Economy.

Refereeing (Grants and Programs)

Administrative Data Research (ADR) UK, British Academy, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Nuffield Foundation, Royal Economic Society and Scottish Economic Society Annual Meeting Programs

School and Departmental Service

Director of Research	2022–2024
Glasgow Health Economics Seminar Series (Co-Organizer)	2020–2022

Research Committee	2019–present
Departmental Management Committee	2018–2023
Convener and Internal Examiner for PhD Vivas	2018–present
Post-Graduate Research Committee	2017–present
Applied Economics Seminar (Organizer)	2016–2018

Professional Association Memberships

American Economic Association (AEA), Institute of Labor (IZA), Royal Economic Society (RES), Scottish Economic Society (SES), Verein fuer Socialpolitik (German Economic Association)