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Professional Experience

Current positions

Senior Lecturer (tenured Assistant Professor), School of Economics, The University of Sydney, January 2025-

Research Affiliate, Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course, August 2022-

Visiting Research Fellow, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute (TTPI), Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, April 2019-

Research Affiliate, IZA Institute of Labor Economics, Bonn, Germany, February 2019-

Faculty Associate, Canadian Center for Health Economics (CCHÉ), University of Toronto, August 2019-

Editorial roles

Early Career Research (ECR) editor, Australian Economic Papers, October 2024-

Previous positions

Lecturer (tenure track Assistant Professor), School of Economics, The University of Sydney, July 2022-December 2024.

Assistant Professor (tenure track), Department of Economics, University of Manitoba, September 2020-June 2022.

Research Fellow, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Melbourne, September 2017-August 2020.

Education

PhD Economics, University of Calgary, Canada (2018).

MA Economics, Simon Fraser University, Canada (2011).

Research Interests

Empirical microeconomics with interest in public economics, labour economics and health economics.

Research

Publications

Zaresani, Arezou, Lucie Schmidt, “Unintended Consequences of Policy Interventions: Evidence from Mandated Health Insurance Coverage for IVF Treatment,” *American Journal of Health Economics*, Volume 10, Issue 3, 2024.

Johnson, Shane, Robert Breunig, Miguel Olivo-Villabrille, and **Arezou Zaresani**, “Individuals’ Responsiveness to Marginal Tax Rates: Bunching Evidence from Australian Personal Income Tax,” *Labour Economics*, 102461, March 2024.

Zaresani, Arezou, Miguel Olivo-Villabrille, “Return to Work Policies’ Clawback Regime and Labor Supply in Disability Insurance Programs,” *Labour Economics*, Volume 78, October 2022, 102215.

Zaresani, Arezou, Anthony Scott, “Is the Evidence on the Effectiveness of Pay for Performance Schemes in Healthcare Changing? Evidence from a Meta-Regression Analysis,” *BMC Health Services Research*, 2021, 21, 175.

Zaresani, Arezou, Anthony Scott, “Does Digital Health Technology Improve Physicians’ Job Satisfaction and Work-life Balance? A Cross-Sectional National Survey and Regression Analysis Using an Instrumental Variable,” *BMJ-Open*, 2020; 10:e041690.

Zaresani, Arezou, “Adjustment Costs and Incentives to Work: Evidence from a Disability Insurance Program,” *Journal of Public Economics*, August 2020, Volume 188, 104223.

- Young Economist Award, International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), 2020.
- Invited presentation at NBER Summer Institute, July 2019.

Zaresani, Arezou, “Return-to-Work Policies and Labor Supply in Disability Insurance Programs,” *American Economics Association Papers and Proceedings*, 2018, 108():272-76.

Zwicker, Jennifer, **Arezou Zaresani**, Herb Emery, “Describing Heterogeneity of Unmet Needs Among Adults with a Developmental Disability: An examination of the 2012 Canadian Survey on Disability,” *Research in Developmental Disabilities*, Volume 65, June 2017.

Working Papers

“Tax Sheltering Cost Among High-Income Taxpayers: Evidence from an Australian Tax Policy Change,” with Robert Breunig, and Miguel Olivo Villabrille (*under review*).

- Funded by Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council’s Insight Development Grant (SSHRC-IDG).
- Media coverage: Sydney Morning Herald, Australian Financial Review.

“Why Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder Have Lower Labor Supply than the Other Disability Groups?”

Works in Progress

“Working While Unemployed? Evidence from a Work While on Claim Program in Canada,” with Safoura Moeeni, and Miguel Olivo-Villabrille.

- Funded by Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council’s Insight Development Grant (SSHRC-IDG).

“Surfing in Australia: Internet and Productivity in Healthcare,” with Diana Contreras Suarez and Susan Mendez.

“Gender Attitudes and Innovative Entrepreneurship investment: Evidence From Australian Tax Data,” with Maxim Ananyev and Miguel Olivo-Villabrille.

“Saving for Retirement – Intrahousehold Dynamics and Tax Incentives,” with Marc Chan, Todd Morris and Miguel Olivo-Villabrille.

“A Joint-decision Bunching Model,” with Miguel Olivo-Villabrille.

Policy reports

“The Use of Digital Health Technology by Medical Practitioners: Factors Influencing Uptake and Associations with Job Satisfaction, Work-Life Balance, and Productivity,” with Anthony Scott, 2020.

- Prepared for Australian Digital Health Agency.

Teaching

School of Economics, The University of Sydney, 2022 -

- Intermediate microeconomics (undergraduate), Term 2-2022, Term 1-2023, Term 2-2024.
- Interdisciplinary Impacts in Economics (undergraduate), Term 2-2024, Term 1-2025.

Invited guest lecturer, New South Wales Treasury, Government of Australia, May 2023.

- Economics of tax policy for non-economists.

Department of Economics, University of Manitoba, 2020-2022.

- Microeconomics theory I (undergraduate), Fall 2020, 2021, Winter 2021, 2022.
- Topics in public economics (undergraduate and honours), Winter 2021, 2022.

Department of Economics, University of Melbourne.

- Invited guest lecturer, Public economics (honours and masters), Winter 2018.

Department of Economics, University of Calgary, 2011-2017.

- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Empirical public economics (graduate), Health economics (graduate and undergraduate), Redistribution and social insurance (graduate).
- Guest lecturer, Health economics (undergraduate).

Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University, 2009-2011.

- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Advance econometrics (undergraduate), Principles of microeconomics (undergraduate), Calculus (undergraduate).

Grants

Co-Investigator, Strategic Education Grant, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, The University of Sydney, 80,000 AUD, 2024 (with seven other co-ordinators of the core courses at the School of Economics in 2024 academic year).

Co-Investigator, Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's Insight Development Grant (SSHRC-IDG), 54,740 CAD, 2023-2025 (with Safoura Moeeni and Miguel Olivo Villabrille).

Research start up fund, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, School of Economics, The University of Sydney, 2022-2025.

Principal Investigator, Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's Insight Development Grant (SSHRC-IDG), 54,575 CAD, 2021-2022 (with Miguel Olivo Villabrille).

Research start up fund, Faculty of Arts, Department of Economics, University of Manitoba, 2020-2022.

Principal Investigator, Faculty Research Grant, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Melbourne, 20,000 AUD, 2019-2020.

Principal Investigator, Faculty Research Grant, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Melbourne, 20,000 AUD, 2018-2019.

Co-applicant, Economic and Social Participation Research Initiative (ESPRIt) seed funding, University of Melbourne, 10,000 AUD, 2018-2020 (Co-applicants: Diana Contreras Suarez and Gideon Aschwanden).

Awards and Honours

Young Economists Award, International Institute for Public Finance (IIPF), 2020.

Graduate scholarship, Faculty of Arts, University of Calgary, 2011- 2017.

Conference travel grant, Canadian Economics Association (CEA), 2015, 2016, 2017.

University Research Grants Committee (URGC), University of Calgary, 2015.

Conference travel grant, Faculty of Graduate Study (FGS), University of Calgary, 2016.

Conference travel grant, Annual Health Econometrics Workshop (AHEW), 2014, 2015.

Conference travel grant, HAND Organization, 2012.

Entrance scholarship, Department of economics, University of Calgary, 2011.

Graduate scholarship, Department of economics, Simon Fraser University, 2010-2011.

Entrance scholarship, Department of economics, Simon Fraser University, 2010.

Travel grant, Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems (MITACS), 2010.

Conferences and invited seminars

2024 Australian Gender Economics Workshop (AGEW), Annual Workshop on the Economics of Health and Wellbeing, Australian Public Economics Exchange (APEX), Australian Department of Social services (DSS), Canadian Economic Association (CEA), Sydney Neuroeconomics of Disadvantage Workshop, Australian Taxation Office (ATO), Australian Conference of Economists (ACE), Commonwealth Treasury.

2023 Western Economics Association International (WEAI), Markets-Contracts and Organizations Conference (MCC), Australian Workshop on Public Finance (AWPF), Labour Econometrics Workshop (LEW), Australian Taxation Office (ATO), Korea-Australia Tax Symposium, Canadian Public Economics Study Group (CPEG), University of British Columbia (UBC-Okanagan), Asia and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE).

2022 The University of Sydney, The University of Queensland, Deakin University, University of Toronto, Canadian Women in Economics Network Seminar Series (CWEN), Australian Conference of Economists (ACE), Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics (AWHE), Asia and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE).

2021 Canadian Health Economics Study Group (CHESG), European Society for Population Economics, European Association of Labour Economics (EALE), Australian Health Economic Society (AHES), Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE).

2020 University of Manitoba, Junior Health Economists Summit, Graduate Research Institute of Policy Study (GRIPS), Institute for Research and Information in Health Economics (IRDES), International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF).

2019 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA), National Bureau for Economic Research (NBER) Summer Institute, Health Economics and Well-being Workshop, Monash University, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Korea-Australia Tax Symposium, Australian Taxation Office (ATO), Australian Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO), MABEL Research and Policy Forum.

2018 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA), Society of Labor Economics (SOLE), Australasian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics, Canadian Economic Association (CEA), Canadian Health Economics Study Group (CHESG), Labor Economics Workshop (LEW) at the University of Sydney, Monash University, Victoria University of Wellington.

2017 Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE), Canadian Health Economics Study Group (CHESG), Australian Health Economics Society, IZA Summer School in Labor Economics, University of Melbourne.

2016 Canadian Public Economics Group (CPEG), Canadian Economics Association (CEA), American Society of Health Economics (ASHEcon), Empirical Microeconomics Workshop, University of Calgary.

2015 International Health Economics Association (IHEA), Canadian Economics Association (CEA), Annual Health Econometrics Workshop (AHEW), University of Calgary.

2014 Annual Health Econometrics Workshop (AHEW), Canadian Economics Association (CEA).

Other Professional Activities

Early Career Researcher (ECR) Editor, Australian Economic Papers, Oct 2024 -

School seminar coordinator, The School of Economics, The University of Sydney, 2024-

Low risk human ethics panel member, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, The University of Sydney, 2024-

Academic mentor for Dalyell scholar program, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, The University of Sydney, 2024-

Life Course Centre (LCC) knowledge transfer portfolio committee member, The University of Sydney, Jan - Sep 2024.

Conference organizer and scientific committee roles:

Conference organizer, Australian Workshop on Public Finance, Australian National University, 2024.

Conference organizer, Australia and Korea Tax Symposium, Australian National University, 2024.

Scientific committee, Australian Gender Economic Workshop (AGEW).

- Co-chair, Australian National University, 2022.

- Member, University of Technology Sydney, 2024 and 2025.

Workshop presenter, Experience Sydney program for high school students, University of Sydney, April 2024.

Assessor for research grants' peer review, Australian Research Council (ARC), 2023-

Student supervision, The School of Economics, The University of Sydney, 2022-

Thomas Finn, PhD thesis, 2024- (co-supervised with Stefanie Schurer).

Mia Pahljina, Honour thesis, 2024 (co-supervised with Kadir Atalay).

Matthew Robert Tonkli, Honour thesis, 2024.

Honour thesis examination committee, The School of Economics, The University of Sydney, 2022-

Member, American Society of Health Economics (ASHEcon) Scientific Review Committee, 2023.

Wellness Champion, The University of Sydney, November 2022-

Vice President Communication, Canadian Health Economics Association (CHEA), June 2022-May 2023.

Member, Graduate advising committee, Department of Economics, University of Manitoba, July 2021-June 2022.

Member, Academic search committee, Department of Economics, University of Manitoba, 2021-22 job market.

Member, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant assessment committee, 2021-2022 round.

Member, Undergraduate advising committee, Department of Economics, University of Manitoba, September 2020-June 2021.

Editor, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute (TTPI) blog and Working Paper series, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, December 2020-June 2021.

Member, Early Career Researcher Special Interest Group, international Health Economics Association (iHEA), March 2020-

Seminars organizer, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economics and Social Research, University of Melbourne, January 2018- December 2018.

Content Advisory Committee member, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economics and Social Research, University of Melbourne, January 2018-

Co-organizer of student weekly seminar series, Department of Economics, University of Calgary, September 2014-September 2015.

Member of the scientific committee for selecting papers at the International Health Economics Association (IHEA 2015), February 2015.

Vice President Academic and Communication, Economics Graduate Association (EGA), University of Calgary, September 2013-September 2015.

Referee service: Journal of Public Economics, Health Economics, School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary working paper series, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute working paper series, BMC Health Services Research, Journal of Human Resources, Review of Economics of Household, Empirical Economics, Economic Record, Contemporary Economic Policy.

Skills

Language

English (fluent), Farsi (native), Azeri Turkish (native), Spanish (beginner).

Software

Stata, Mathematica, Matlab, C, R.

Certificate and Workshops

Machine Learning for Causal Inference workshop, Statistical Horizon, 2022.

Data Mining in Social Sciences Workshop, Centre for Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR), University of New South Wales (UNSW), 2017.

Economics of Health Inequalities Workshop, Center of Health Economics, Monash University, 2017.

Innovative Teaching in Health Economics, International Health Economics Association (IHEA), Bocconi University, Milan, Italy, 2015.

Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW), University of Calgary, 2013.

Managing Projects, Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems (MITACS) Skills Training and Entrepreneurship Program, University of British Columbia, 2010.

Proactive Communication Skills, Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems (MITACS) Skills Training and Entrepreneurship Program, University of British Columbia, 2010.

Practice Presentation Skills, Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems (MITACS) Skills Training and Entrepreneurship Program, University of British Columbia, 2010.

References

Available upon request.