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**Present Position:**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Economics, Western Washington University (Bellingham, WA)

**Education:**

Ph.D. Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2007.  
M.A. Economics, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, 1999.  
B.A. (Honours) Economics, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Canada, 1998.

**Dissertation:**

"College Entry, Dropout and Re-enrollment: The Role of Tuition and Labor Market Conditions"

**Research Interests:**

Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics

**Research Papers:**

"The Sensitivity of College Re-enrollment to Market Conditions and the Cost of Attendance" (2007).

"More Evidence on Earnings Inequality and the Minimum Wage" (2001).

"Canadian Evidence on 'Wage Inequality and the Rise in Returns to Skill'" (1999).

**Publications:**

"Diminishing Returns to Immigration? Interpreting the Economic Experience of Canadian Immigrants," *Canadian Ethnic Studies*, 30, 56-76 (with Hugh M. Grant, 1999).

"The Supply and Migration of Canadian Physicians, 1970-1995," *Canadian Journal of Regional Science*, 20, 157-168 (with Hugh M. Grant, 1998).

**Courses Taught:**

Introduction to Microeconomics, Introduction to Macroeconomics  
Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics  
Labor Economics

**Previous Employment:**

Research Assistant University of North Carolina, 2003-2006.  
Instructor University of North Carolina, 2001-2003.  
Teaching Assistant University of North Carolina, 1999-2001.  
Teaching Assistant Queen's University, 1998-1999.  
Research Assistant University of Winnipeg, 1997-1998.

**Related Skills:**

Programming in STATA and FORTRAN.  
Experience with MATLAB, SAS, SHAZAM, and LIMDEP.  
Languages: English, German (Fluent); French, Italian (Basic).

**Honors and Awards:**

Tuition Scholarship, UNC Chapel Hill, 1999-2004.  
Funded Participant, NLSY User Workshop, Ohio State University, 2005.  
Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Government of Ontario (declined), 1999.  
Queen's Graduate Fellowship, Queen's University, 1998-99.  
Blake, Lawson, and Wolinsky Scholarships, Univ. of Winnipeg, 1996-98.

**References:**

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