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EDUCATION

- 1994 - 1997 **Cambridge University**, United Kingdom
PhD in Economics (Awarded: July 1998), Research topic: Applied Microeconometrics;
Supervisor: AWA Peterson; Examiners: Richard Blundell & Melvyn Weeks
- 1988 - 1993 **University of Oslo**, Norway
BA (*exam. oecon*) and MA (*cand. oecon*) in Economics
- 1986 - 1987 **Beijing Foreign Studies University**, China
Undergraduate studies in English Literature

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2014–Present **Economic Studies, University of Dundee School of Business**
Chair Professor of Economics
- 2002-2014 **School of Economics, University of Kent**
Reader (2011-2014), Senior Lecturer (2007-2011), Lecturer (2002 - 2007)
- 1999-2002 **Department of Economics, Warwick University**
Research Fellow
- 1997-1999 **Department of Economics, Keele University**
Research Officer at the Centre for Research in the Economics of Public Policy
- 1992-1996 **Micro-econometric Research Division, Statistics Norway**
Visiting Fellow / Full-time Research Economist / Part-time Research Assistant

Affiliation and Professional Membership

- Elected Council Member of the Scottish Economic Society (SES) since 2017
- Fellow of the **IZA - Institute of Labor Economics** since 2018
- Fellow of the **Global Labour Organization (GLO)** since 2017
- Honorary Professor at Nanjing University of Finance and Economics (NUFE) since 2016
- Research Associate, Centre for the Economics of Education, London School of Economics since 2003

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of education, economics of the family, labour economics, applied consumer economics/applied econometrics, development economics (with emphasis on China).

Editorial Board

Journal of Family and Economic Issues (an interdisciplinary publication by **Springer**).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- Walker, I. and Y. Zhu (2018) University selectivity and the relative returns to higher Education: Evidence from the UK. **Labour Economics Special Issue** (forthcoming). DOI: 10.1016/j.labeco.2018.05.005.
- Valbuena, J. and Zhu Y. (2018) The returns to UK degrees for foreign-educated graduates. **British Educational Research Journal** (forthcoming). DOI: 10.1002/berj.3441.
- Jimenez-Nadal, N., Molina, A. and Y. Zhu (Online First) Intergenerational mobility of housework time in the United Kingdom. **Review of Economics of the Household**. DOI: 10.1007/s11150-017-9374-0.
- Huang, B., Gao, M., Xu, C. and Y. Zhu (2017) The impact of Province-Managing-County fiscal reform on primary education in China. **China Economic Review** 45, 45-61.
- Aaberge, R., Liu, K. and Y. Zhu (2017) Political uncertainty and household savings. **Journal of Comparative Economics** 45(1), 154-170.
- Anderberg, D. and Y. Zhu (2014) What a Difference a Term Makes: The Effect of Educational Attainment on Marital Outcomes in the UK. **Journal of Population Economics** 27, 387-419.
- Miranda, A. and Y. Zhu (2013) English Deficiency and the Native-Immigrant Wage Gap. **Economics Letters** 118, 38-41.

Green, F., Machin, S., Murphy, R. and Y. Zhu (2012) The Changing Advantage from Private Schools, **Economica** 79, 658–679.

Blow, L., Walker, I. and Y. Zhu (2012) Who Benefits from Child Benefit? **Economic Inquiry** 50(1), 153-170.

Walker, I. and Y. Zhu (2011) Differences by Degree: Evidence of the Net Financial Rates of Return to Undergraduate Study for England and Wales. **Economics of Education Review** 30 (6) 1177-1186.

Green, F. and Y. Zhu (2010) Overqualification, Job Dissatisfaction, and Increasing Dispersion in the Returns to Graduate Education. **Oxford Economic Papers** 62 (4), 740-763.

Walker, I. and Y. Zhu (2008). The College Wage Premium and the Expansion of Higher Education in the UK. **Scandinavian Journal of Economics** 110 (4), 695–709.

Walker, I. and Y. Zhu (2006). Child Support and Partnership Dissolution. **Economic Journal**, 116, C93-C109.

Chevalier, A., Harmon, C., Walker, I. and Y. Zhu (2004). Does Education Raise Productivity, or just Reflect It? **Economic Journal**, 114, F499-F517.

Zhu, Y. (2002) Latent Total Consumption Expenditure, Unobservable Individual Preferences and Panel Data. **Economic Modelling** 19 (2), 277-293.

Aaberge, R. and Y. Zhu (2001) Pattern of Household Savings during a Hyperinflation: The Case of Urban China in the Late 1980s. **Review of Income and Wealth** 47 (2), 181-202.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS IN POLICY JOURNALS AND OFFICIAL REPORTS

Walker, I. and Y. Zhu (2013) Impact of University Degrees on the Lifecycle of Earnings: Some Further Analysis. **Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) Research Paper** No 112. 67 pages.

Walker, I. and Y. Zhu (2011) The Economic Benefits of VET for Individuals, **the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) Research Paper** No 11

Kossykh, Y., Walker, I. and Y. Zhu (2008). Child Support and Work Incentives: Prospective Effects of a Larger Disregard in the Income Support System. **Department for Work and Pensions Report**, No. 493.

Walker, I. and Y. Zhu (2001). The Returns to Education: Evidence from the Labour Force Survey. **Department for Education and Skills (DfES) Research Report**, No.313.

SELECTED RESEARCH AWARDS

£149k in March 2017 by the **Department for Education grants** for “An analysis of the employment and earning returns to Higher Education for graduates with first/higher Bachelor level degrees using administration data (Project reference: 2016/51-52)”. CI (with Chris Belfield, Jack Britton, Franz Buscha, Lorraine Dearden, Matt Dickson, Luke Sibieta, Laura van der Erve, Anna Vignoles and Ian Walker).

£10k in July 2013 by the **British Academy** (SG-122543) for ‘Sheepskin Effects in the Returns to Education: Evidence from UK Natives and Immigrants’ (PI, with Hongliang Zhang of the Chinese University of Hong Kong).

£7.5k in December 2006 by the **British Academy** (SG-44868) for the proposal ‘The Impact of Migrants’ Remittances on Consumption and Savings in Rural China’ (PI, with Zhongmin Wu of Bradford University and Fang Cai of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences).

£61k in November 2005 by the **Nuffield Foundation** (OPD/32404) for the proposal ‘the Economic Role of Independent Schools in Britain’ (with Francis Green of University of Kent and Stephen Machin of UCL).

PhD SUPERVISION

Supervised 10+ PhD students at Kent and Dundee as either 1st or 2nd supervisor.

PhD EXAMINATION

External examiner for East Anglia, Lancaster, Macquarie (Australia), Royal Holloway, Sheffield, Strathclyde, Warwick and Zaragoza (Spain) universities.

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