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Employment

Institute for Fiscal Studies

- Postdoctoral Fellow of the British Academy (Dec 2015- Dec 2018)
- Senior Research Economist (Nov 2015-date)
- Research Economist (Oct 2013-Nov 2015)

University College London

- Research Associate (Sept 2017-date)
- Teaching Fellow (Jan 2017-date)

Academic Qualifications

May 2014 PhD in Economics, “Essays in the Economics of Education”

- University of Bristol (Advisors: Robert Sauer & Carol Propper)

Sep 2010 MSc. Economics (Distinction)

- University of Bristol

July 2008 BSc. Mathematics (Upper Second Class)

- Imperial College London

Grants and Fellowships

Nuffield Foundation, Principal-Investigator, 2019, **£233,000**, “Using catchment area discontinuities to estimate school effectiveness”
Nuffield Foundation, Co-Investigator, 2018, **£140,000**, “Education Spending in the UK”
Department for Education, Principal-Investigator, **£150,000**, “Returns to Higher Education”
British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2015- Dec 2018, **£270,000**, “Higher Education Choices”
University of Michigan Retirement Research Center (MRRC) Grant Program, 2016, **\$75,000**
University of Michigan Retirement Research Center (MRRC) Grant Program, 2015, **\$100,000**
ESRC PhD Scholarship, University of Bristol, 2010-2013

Peer Reviewed Publications

Britton, J. and Propper, C. “Teacher pay and school productivity: Exploiting wage regulation,”
Journal of Public Economics, Volume 133, Pages 75-89, January 2016

Britton, J. and Vignoles, A. “Education Production Functions” in Handbook of Contemporary
Education Economics, December 2017

Britton, J., Dearden, L. Shephard, N. and Vignoles, A. “Is improving access to university
enough? Socio economic gaps in the earnings of English graduates”, Oxford Bulletin of Economics
and Statistics, 0305-9049, 2019

Britton, J., Shephard, N. and Vignoles, A. “Comparing sample survey measures of English earnings of graduates with administrative data”, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series A*; Discussion Paper for Ordinary Meetings, *Forthcoming 2019*

Britton, J., van der Erve, L. and Higgins, T. “Income contingent loan design: Lessons from around the world”, *Economics of Education Review*, 2018

Blundell, R., Britton, J., Costa Dias, M. and French, E. “The impact of health on labor supply near retirement”, IFS Working Paper, *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Human Resources*

Selected Work in Progress

Blundell, R., Britton, J., Costa Dias, M. and French, E. “The dynamic effects of health on the employment of older workers”, IZA Working Paper

Britton, J. “Getting poor kids to stay in school: Do conditional cash transfers help?”

Britton, J., Costa Dias, M. and Goll, D. “The role of tuition fees and student loans in human capital investments”

Britton, J. and Gruber, J. “Do income contingent student loan programs distort earnings? Evidence from the UK”

Britton, J., Sauer, R. and Waltmann, B. “Reliable estimation of finite-horizon dynamic discrete choice models with large state spaces”

Britton, J., van der Erve, L. and Shephard, N. “Econometrics of valuing income contingent student loans for subpopulations of borrowers”

Selected Non-Academic Publications/Articles

“The degrees that make you rich... and the ones that don’t” BBC news article (3 million views)

“The impact of undergraduate degrees on early-career earnings” Department for Education Report, 2018 (*with Belfield, C., Buscha, F., Dearden, L., Dickson, M., van der Erve, L., Sibieta, L., Vignoles, A., Walker, I. and Zhu, Y*)

“The relative labour market returns to different degrees” Department for Education Report, 2018 (*with Belfield, C., Buscha, F., Dearden, L., Dickson, M., van der Erve, L., Sibieta, L., Vignoles, A., Walker, I. and Zhu, Y*)

“Higher education funding in England: past, present and options for the future” IFS Briefing Note, BN211, 2017 (*with Belfield, C., Dearden, L. and van der Erve, L.*)

“Estimating the cost to government of providing undergraduate and postgraduate education” IFS Report, R105, 2015 (*with Crawford, C.*)

“Labour’s higher education funding plans” IFS Briefing Note, BN164, 2015 (*with Crawford, C., Crawford, R. and Dearden, L.*)

“Analysis of the higher education funding reforms announced in Summer Budget 2015”, IFS Briefing Note, BN174, 2015 (*with Crawford, C. and Dearden, L.*)

“The 16 to 19 Bursary fund: impact evaluation”, Department for Education Policy Report ISBN 978-1-78105-457-4, DFE-RR424, 2015 (*with Dearden, L.*)

“Youth Unemployment: the crisis we cannot afford” report for the Government Commission for Youth Unemployment, 2012 (*with Gregg, P. and Macmillan, L.*)

Other Professional Experience

Jan 2016 - Mar 2016 Visiting Research Fellow, Australian National University, Canberra

Summer 2012 Econometrics analyst, Frontier Economics

Summer 2009 Research Assistant, University of Nottingham

Teaching

2017-date University College London, Lecturer

- MSc in Public Policy, Lectures on Higher Education

2014-2016 University of Oxford and Cambridge University, Lecturer

- Undergraduate Public Economics

2010-2013 University of Bristol, Teaching Assistant

- MSc Mathematics for Economists, Stata
- Undergraduate Microeconomics

Media

Numerous live television and radio interviews on student loans including BBC News, ITV News, BBC Radio 2, BBC Radio 4 and BBC Radio Five Live. Written for Times Higher Education (“Earnings data will be crucial for student choice”) and The Times (“Abolishing tuition fees would cost billions more than reforming them”) plus several IFS “Observations”. Appeared on several occasions in FT, The Times, The Guardian and others.

Selected Conferences and Seminars

Maastricht University, University of California Irvine, University of Maynooth, University of Oxford, HEPI Annual Conference (Keynote); ZEW Summer Workshop; Australian National University; Melbourne Institute of Technology; Royal Economic Society; Institute for Fiscal Studies; Harvard Kennedy School Summer Workshop; Institute for Fiscal Studies policy evaluation conference; numerous seminars at University of Bristol & IFS; ISNE, University College Dublin; International Econometric Games

Refereeing

Journal of the Royal Statistical Society (Series A), European Economic Review, Economics of Education Review, Nuffield Foundation, Fiscal Studies, Education Policy, Education Endowment Foundation, Journal of Human Capital