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Research interests

International labour mobility and knowledge transfers, international migration, human capital, graduate labour market, skills, imperfect labour markets

Publications

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- Tani, M. and Vines, P. (2009c). "Law students attitudes to education: pointers to depression in the legal academy and the profession?", *Legal Education Review*, 19(1-2), 3-40.
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Academic Responsibilities

2012 - 2013 Program Co-ordinator Master of Commerce – Macquarie University Faculty of Business and Economics

2011 -2013 Appointed member Senate Teaching and Learning Committee

2009 - 2012 Director, Higher Degree Research – Department of Economics

Teaching Experience

2013 - **University of New South Wales Canberra**
School of Business: Professor of Finance. Courses taught: Finance and Investment Appraisal.

2007 - 13 **Macquarie University, Sydney**
Department of Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics: Associate Professor
Courses taught: *Advanced Macroeconomics (p/g), International Financial Management (p/g); Business Macroeconomics (u/g), Macroeconomics Principles (u/g 1st year).*
2010: *Faculty and University (Vice-Chancellor) Awards for teaching excellence*

2002 - 7 **University of New South Wales @ Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra**
School of Business: Senior Lecturer
Courses taught: *Project Management (u/g), Applied Economics (u/g), Finance and Investment Appraisal (graduate: face-to-face, intensive, and distance mode), Business Economics (p/g Master of Business and Technology).*
Delivered intensive courses in finance and economics for the Department of Defence

2001-2 **Australian National University, Canberra**
Faculty of Economics: Associate Lecturer
Courses taught (tutorials): *Microeconomics 1 and 2, Macroeconomics 1 and 2*
Centre for Continuing Education: designed and taught courses in Finance and Investments.

1995-8 **Centre for Economic Performance (London School of Economics), London**
Research Assistant in the Discontinuous Change program (Director: Prof. Richard Freeman).

Teaching Awards

2011 Vice-Chancellor Award for Teaching Excellence (1 award across Macquarie University)

2011 Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence (1 award for each of the 4 faculties)

Supervision

2012: PhDs: David Carroll (Australia's graduate labour market – submitted); Matias Vaira (migrants' remittances – awarded August 2013); Yuling Cui (Rural-urban migration in China – awarded August 2013); Onur Ates (co-supervisor: Cultural capital – awarded May 2013)
Hons: Paul Crosby (International aid and school enrolment – awarded June 2013);

2011: Hons: Gavin Chan (The international transferability of human capital); Christopher Ell (Do physical and human capital Granger-cause economic growth?)

2009: J. Hossain (The productivity effect of ARC Linkage International grants - completed)

2007 (all completed): J. Hall (On defence of central bank obfuscation); K. Wyett (Terms of trade and economic growth in Australia – Co-supervision with C. Heaton)

2006 (all completed): G. Upstill (Innovation and foreign scientists in Australia – co-supervision with P. Hall); B. Freyens (Hiring and firing costs in Australia – co-supervision with P. Oslington)

2005 (all completed): C. Eng (Theory of the firm applied to Singapore's ICT firms), and A. Mugam (Fiscal policy and economic growth - Co-supervision with K. Sharpe)

2004 (completed): A. Hearn (Bilateral trade Malaysia-Australia)

Referee for

Economic Inquiry, Journal of Labor Economics, The Economic Journal, The Manchester School, American Economic Review, Agenda, CESInfo, Journal of Population Economics, Australian Journal of Political Science, International Journal of the Environment Research and Public Health, Defence and Peace Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, The Economic Record, Scientometrics, Australian Economic Papers, Economic and Labour Relations Review, Australian Bulletin of Labour, Higher Education Research and Development Studies, Small Business Economics, Journal of Business Ventures, Economics of Education Review, International Migration Review, Education Economics, IZA Journal of Migration.

Work Experience

1993-98 **JP Morgan Chase, London**
Vice President, Insurance Group (Corporate Finance).
Responsible for the accounts of large insurance companies in France, Italy, the Benelux, and Portugal.

1989- 91 **Morgan Stanley International, London**
Financial Analyst, Corporate Finance and Insurance Departments.

Education

- 2004 **University of New South Wales, Sydney**
Graduate Certificate in University Learning and Teaching
- 2000 - 2 **Australian National University, Canberra**
Research School of Social Science: PhD in Economics (International migration across the European Union). Panel: Prof. Bob Gregory (Chair), Prof. Steve Dowrick, Prof. Warwick McKibbin.
- 1991-92 **London School of Economics, London**
MSc in Economics
- 1984-9 **Universita' Commerciale "Luigi Bocconi", Milan**
Laurea in Economics and Business (110 cum laude/110)
Academic semester abroad at New York University, New York, 1987.