

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016– present. Full Professor at the University of Waterloo
- 2015 – present. Founder and Director of Canadian Labour Economics Forum (CLEF)
- 2013 – 2016. Associate Professor at the University of Waterloo
- 2009–2013 Associate Professor at the University of Calgary  
(2010–2011 visiting professor at the Toulouse School of Economics)
- 2006–2009. Assistant Professor at the University of Calgary
- 2005–2006. Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Calgary
- 1999–2005. Visiting Professor at the University of British Columbia
- 1999–2001. Associate Researcher for the Western Research Network
- 2001– 2012. Independent consultant work (Statistics Canada, World Bank, European Commission)

### RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

- *Director of Canadian Labour Economics Forum* (CLEF) <http://clef.uwaterloo.ca/>
- *External Research Fellow at CReAM*. CReAM is an independent and interdisciplinary research centre located in the Department of Economics at University College London, whose research focusses on the global causes and consequences of migration (<http://www.cream-migration.org/index.php>)
- *Associate Researcher to the Global Network on Child Migration*, Office of Population Research, Princeton University. <http://globalnetwork.princeton.edu/>

### ACADEMIC FORMATION

- 1999. Ph.D. Economics. Boston University. Boston, Massachusetts
- 1997. Master of Arts in Political Economy. Boston University. Boston, Massachusetts
- 1985–1990. Bachelor in Economic Theory. Universidad Autonoma de Madrid

### GRANTS AND AWARDS (last 10 years)

- SHHRC–U. Waterloo seed grant for high ranking in Insight Grant competition (July 2016–July 2018 – \$8,000)
- The John Vanderkamp Prize for the best paper published in 2014 in *Canadian Public Policy/Analyse de Politiques* (“The puzzling effect of Delaying Schooling on Canadian Wages”)
- SHHRC–U. Waterloo seed grant for 4–A status Insight Grant competition (July 2015–July 2017 – \$8,000)
- University of Waterloo, travel grant (2014)
- CLSRN–SSHRC “Improving Immigration Outcomes in British Columbia” (February, 2013 – January, 2014 – \$15,000)
- University of Calgary SSHRC competitiveness preparation grants for the project “Fertility Decisions of Canadian Immigrant Households” (June 1st, 2012 – September 31, 2012)

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Standard Research Grant: “The delay of post-secondary schooling decisions” (May 2011 to March 2013 – \$24,000)
- CLSRN “Education, Training and school-to-work transitions” (September, 2006 – September, 2007 – \$5,000)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Education, Labor Markets, Immigration, Economics of the Family

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- “Occupational Skills and Labour Market Progression of Married Immigrant Women in Canada” (with Alicia Adsera), *Labour Economics*. Vol.39 (2016), pp.88-98.
- "The fertility of married immigrant women to Canada" (with Alicia Adsera), (2016) *International Migration Review*, Volume 50, Issue 2, Pages: 475-505.
- “The Social Rate of Return to Investing in Character: An Economic Evaluation of Alberta's Immigrant Access Fund Small Loan Program” (with Herbert Emery) *Journal of international Migration and Integration* (2015), vol.16(2), pp. 205-224
- “Immigrants and Demography: Marriage, Divorce, and Fertility” (with Alicia Adsera) *Handbook on the Economics of International Migration, Volume 1A*, edited by B. R. Chiswick and P. W. Miller for the “Handbooks in Economics Series”, Kenneth J. Arrow and Michael D. Intriligator eds., Elsevier B.V. 2014
- “Canada’s Immigration Policy: Recent changes and developments” (with Garnett Picot and Craig Riddell), *International Migration Review*, vol. 48(3), pp.846-867. Fall 2014.
- "The Puzzling Effect of Delaying Schooling on Canadian Wages” (with Alicia Menendez), *Canadian Public Policy* (Fall 2014), vol.40(3), pp.197-208. *John Vanderkamp Prize 2014*
- “The Myth of Immigrant Women as Secondary Workers: Evidence from Canada” (with Alicia Adsera) *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* (2014), vol.104(3), pp. 360-364.
- “Factors influencing the fertility choices of child immigrants in Canada” (with Alicia Adsera) *Population Studies* (2014) vol.68(1) pp.65-79
- “Family Friendly Benefits?” (with Lynda Gagne) *Journal of Management and Organization* (2013) vol.10(6), pp.721-747.
- “Fertility Patterns of Child Migrants: Age at Migration and Ancestry in Comparative Perspective”, (with Alicia Adsera, Wendy Sigle-Rushton and Ben Wilson), (2012), *Migrant Youth and Children of Migrants in a Globalized World*, *the Annals of the American Academic of Political Science*, (Sept 2012); vol.643(1), pp.160-189
- “The long term consequences of business cycles for human capital accumulation” (with David Green and Herb Emery), (2012) *Industrial & Labor Relations Review* vol.65(3), pp.708-734
- “Evidence of the Association between Household Food Insecurity and Heating Cost Inflation in Canada from 1998-2001” (with Jesse Matheson, J. Herbert Emery, Aaron C. Bartoo, Sharon I. Kirkpatrick, Valerie Tarasuk, Lynn McIntyre) (2012), *Canadian Public Policy* (2012), vol.38(2), pp. 181-215.
- "Unemployment Insurance Savings Accounts in Latin America: Overview and Assessment" (with Craig Riddell) (2011). In R. Holzmann and M. Voldopivec eds. *Reforming Severance Pay: An International Perspective*. World Bank Publications, Washington D.C. (2011), pp. 211-238 (Previously published as *IZA Working Paper 5577*, 2011)
- “*The Fertility Decisions of Canadian Immigrants*”, (with Alicia Adsera) in *Canadian Immigration: Economic Evidence for a Dynamic Policy Environment*. Ted McDonald, Elizabeth Ruddick, Arthur

Sweetman, and Christopher Worswick, eds. 2010, (Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, Queen's Policy Studies Series), pp: 283-310

- “Marriage Market Imbalances and the Labor Force Participation of Canadian Women” (with Herb Emery) (2009). *Review of Economics of the Household*: vol 7(1): pp 43-57
- “Should Workers Care about Firm Size?” (with Stephanie Lluís) (2008). *Industrial Labor Relations Review* vol. 62 (1): pp 104-125
- “Education, Credentials and Immigrant Earnings” (with Craig Riddell) (2008) *Canadian Journal of Economics*, vol. 41(1): pp 186-216
- “Housing, Neighbourhoods and Canadian Children’s Development Outcomes”, (with Lynda Gagne) (2006). *Canadian Public Policy*, vol. 32(3): pp.275-300
- “The Effect of Literacy on Immigrant Earnings”, (with David Green and Craig Riddell) (2006). *The Journal of Human Resources*, vol.41(2), pp.380-410.
- “Signaling, Inequality and the Social Structure” (2005), *Economica*, vol. 72(287), Page 515-529,
- “The Role of Credentials in the Canadian Labor Market”, (with Craig Riddell) (2002). *Canadian Journal of Economics*; 35(4): 879-905
- “*Sheepskin Effects and the Returns to Education*” (with Craig Riddell) (2002). [Towards Evidence-Based Policy for Canadian Education](#), edited by Patrice de Broucker and Arthur Sweetman, John Deutchs Institute of Economic Policy, Queen's University. McGill-Queen's Press 2002, pp. 423-445

#### **WORKING PAPERS (under review in Journals)**

- “The Effect of Housing Price Changes on Fertility: Evidence from Canada” (with Jeremy Clark), CLEF working paper #7 (<http://clef.uwaterloo.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/CLEF-007-2016-Fall-Clark-Ferrer.pdf>), RePec WP series#1623 (<http://www.econ.canterbury.ac.nz/RePEc/cbt/econwp/1623.pdf>)
- “Speeding up for a son? Fertility transitions among Migrants to Canada” (with Alicia Adsera), CLEF working paper #1 (<http://clef.uwaterloo.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/CLEF-001-2016-Spring-Adsera-Ferrer.pdf>)
- “The Effect of Linguistic Proximity on the occupational assimilation of immigrant men in Canada” (with Alicia Adsera). *IZA working paper #9499*, <http://ftp.iza.org/dp9499.pdf>; *CREAM DP series #17-15* [http://www.cream-migration.org/publ\\_uploads/CDP\\_17\\_15.pdf](http://www.cream-migration.org/publ_uploads/CDP_17_15.pdf)
- “Educational Attainment and Labor Market Performance: an Analysis of Immigrants in France”, (with Mehtap Akgüç). *IZA DP No. 8925* (<http://ftp.iza.org/dp8925.pdf>)

#### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- “The Effects of English Proficiency on the Health of North American Immigrants” (with Meltem Daysal and Mircea Trandafir)
- “The gender wage gap and returns to skills” (with Tammy Schirle and Andres Arcila-Vasquez)
- “A Comparative Analysis of the Labour Market Performance of University-Educated Immigrants in Australia, Canada, and the United States” (with Mikal Skuterud and Andrew Clarke)

#### **Other non-refereed contribution**

- “The gender wage gap and returns to skills: Evidence from Ontario” (with Tammy Schirle and Andres Arcila-Vasquez), Laurier Centre for Economic Research & Policy analysis (LCERPA), LCERPA Commentary # 2016-2), [http://www.lcerpa.org/public/papers/LCERPA\\_C2016\\_2.pdf](http://www.lcerpa.org/public/papers/LCERPA_C2016_2.pdf)
- “Are Married Immigrant Women Secondary Workers?” *IZA World of Labor 2014* <http://wol.iza.org/articles/are-married-immigrant-women-secondary-workers>

- “Evidence from Canada contradicts the common notion that migrant women are secondary workers” (with Alicia Adsera) The LSE’s daily blog on American Politics and Policy, June 24 2014 <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/category/authors/alicia-adsera/>
- “The Effect of Age and Background on the Fertility Patterns of Child Migrants”, *Population Change and Lifecourse Cluster Research Brief* N. 16, Sept. 2013
- “*Economic Outcomes of Adult Education and Training*”, (with Craig Riddell) Prepared for the International Encyclopaedia of Education, third edition, Oxford: Elsevier. 2010. Also appears as a Chapter in “*Adult Learning and Education*”, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition. K.Rubenson Ed. Elsevier 201, pp. 299-304 (ISBN: 9780123814890)

#### RECENT PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS (past 4 years)

- Presented Paper “A Comparative Analysis of the Labour Market Performance of University-Educated Immigrants in Australia, Canada, and the United States”
  1. 2017, September 21, 29th EALE conference (St. Gallen, Switzerland)
  2. 2017, June 14, European Society of Population Economics-ESPE- Annual Conference (Glasgow, Scotland)
  3. 2017, February 17, invited seminar, Dalhousie University (Halifax, NS)
- Presented Paper “Construction and Childcare: Revisiting the Gender Wage Gap in the Context of Occupational Segregation”
  1. 2016, June 2, Canadian Economics Association Meetings (Ottawa, Canada)
- Presented Paper “Linguistic proximity and work patterns of immigrant men”
  1. 2017, March 10, invited seminar, University of Manitoba (Winnipeg, MA)
  2. 2016, September 2, European Population Conference, (Mainz, Germany)
  3. 2016, August 22, European Economic Association Annual Meetings (Geneva, Switzerland)
  4. 2016, June 15, European Society of Population Economics-ESPE- Annual Conference (Berlin, Germany)
  5. 2016, June 8, Barcelona, GSE forum (Barcelona, Spain)
  6. 2016, June 3, *Immigration, Gender Roles and National Economies Conference*, (Princeton, US)
  7. 2016, May 2, Society for Labor Economics-SOLE- Annual Conference (Seattle, US)
  8. 2016, March 4, Invited seminar, Wilfrid Laurier University (Waterloo, Canada)
  9. 2015, May 30, Canadian Economics Association Meetings (Toronto, Canada)
- Presented Paper “The Myth of Immigrant Women as Secondary Workers”
  1. 2015, April 17, Guest speaker at “Gender Wage Gap Workshop”: <http://www.lcerpa.org/event-2015-gender-gap.html> (Guelph, Canada)
- Presented Paper “Linguistic proximity and work patterns of Canadian immigrants”
  1. 2014, May 30, Annual CLSRN conference (Vancouver, Canada)
  2. 2014, October 4, Invited seminar, Ryerson University, (Toronto, Canada)
  3. 2014, October 24, Invited seminar, Dalhousie University, (Halifax, Canada)
- Presented Paper “Canadian immigrant women in the labour market”
  1. 2014, June 25, European Population Conference (Budapest, Hungary)
  2. 2014, June 18, European Society for Population Economics (Braga, Portugal)
  3. 2014, May 30, Canadian Economics Association Meetings (Vancouver, Canada)
  4. 2014, March 21, Invited seminar, Saskatoon University (Saskatoon, Canada)
  5. 2014, February 7, Invited seminar, McMaster University (Hamilton, Canada)
  6. 2014 January 4. American Economic Association annual meetings (Philadelphia, USA)
  7. 2013 October. Conference on the Economics of Immigration: Canada in a Globalized World: Maximizing the Economic Contribution of Migration to Canada (Ottawa, Canada)
  8. 2013 October. CRDCN National Conference: Canadian Data: Looking back, moving forward (Waterloo, Canada).
  9. 2013 April. Migration, Global Development, New Frontiers. CREAM conference (London, England)
  10. 2013 April. Guest Speaker. Prentice Institute Seminar Series (Lethbridge, Canada)
- Presented Paper “International perspective on immigrant fertility”
  1. 2015, Jan 3, American Economic Association annual meetings (Boston, USA)
- Presented Paper “Canada’s Immigration Policy and Labour Shortages”

- i. 2013, March. Guest speaker at “Income, Health, and Social Programs in an Aging Population”, Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster Conference (Ottawa).

## Policy Contributions

- Participant in Symposium on “**Labour Market Policy for a Vibrant Canadian Future**” organized by the School of Public Policy, University of Calgary. Ottawa, Ontario on February 25, 2016.
- Participant in Panel discussion “The State of Labour Market Data in Canada: Challenges, Developments, and Opportunities” (Canadian Economics Association Meetings, Toronto, May 2015); Participant as immigration expert in the webinar on the Comprehensive Ranking System and its methodology to initiate consultation on survey development on Express Entry immigrants’ experience in Canada (Nov. 2014)
- Participant in the consultation “Express Entry: A New Way of Attracting Skilled Immigrants”, (Citizenship and Immigration Canada, November 2014)
- Participant in Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP) Round Table on Temporary Migration (2012)

## Teaching and Advising

- **PhD Advisor:** Andres Arcila-Vasquez (On going University of Waterloo); Yazhuo Pan (Co-supervisor; On-going, University of Waterloo); Allison Mascella (On-going, University of Waterloo, Prospectus 2015)
- **PhD. Committees:** Hongxiu Li’, University of Waterloo, Prospectus 2015; Hang Gao University of Waterloo, Prospectus 2015
- **Graduated PhD students:** Cecilia Garcia (Co-advisor. University of Calgary, grad. 2013); Alexander Smith (Co-advisor. University of Calgary, grad. 2010)
- **MA thesis advisor:** Klayton Goncalvez, (University of Waterloo, 2017); Idris Ademuyiwa (University of Waterloo, 2016); Adam Page, (University of Waterloo, 2014)
- **U Waterloo Honours Essay Advisor:** Bill W2017); Christine (W2017); Jing Wang (F2016); Lise (W2016), Gao (S2015); Goncalves (W2015); Khawaja (W2015); Lin (W2015); Law (W2015); Yang (W2015); Gu (F2014);
- **External Examiner:** Pamr (University of Calgary, Sociology, 2012); Phillip Leonard (McMaster University, Economics, 2012); Wen Ci (Carleton University, Economics 2013); Jennifer (Jiayuan) Teng (Guelph University, 2015);
- **Graduate courses:** "Economics of Inequality", "Labor Economics", "Applied Economics", **Undergraduate courses,** Majors Program: "Economics of Poverty and Inequality", "Economics of Social Problems", "Labor Economics", "Applied Economics", "Statistics in Economics".

## Media

- Research on the gender gap featured in *The ObserverXtra* “Mind the gap” by Whitney Nellson, April 21 2016
- Research on the fertility of Immigrants features in *Ottawa Citizen* - 9 August 2013, “Immigrant birthrate significant: study”; *Vancouver Sun*, August 8, 2013 “High birthrate among immigrant women has implications for Canada” <http://www.vancouversun.com/High+birthrate+among+immigrant+women+implications+Canada/8766093/story.html>
- The returns to postsecondary education research featured in: “Economic, career benefits of taking a gap year touted”, CBC radio, BC Almanac. (May 15, 2016) (<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/gap-year-benefits-1.3582330>); *The Vancouver Sun*, March 25, 2012 “A second chance to be teacher’s pet. More adults are choosing to go back to school for continuing studies”; *The Huffingtonpost Business* October 5, 2011 “Education in Canada: It pays to take time out of school – But only if you work”; Radio interview for the Simi Sara Show (CKNW News Talk 980) October 6, 2011; *The Georgia Straight*, October 7, 2011; “Where are the boys?” Alberta Views, September 2011

## Academic Contributions

- Chair of the Program Committee for the Annual Conference of the Canadian Labour Economic Forum (CLEF) (2016); Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network (CLSRN) (2014);
- Referee for *Empirical Economics*, *American Economic Journal-Applied Economics*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Labor Economics*, *Industrial Labor and Relations Review*, *Economica*, *Canadian Public Policy*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Demography*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal of International Migrations and Integrations*, *International Journal of Manpower*, *Healthcare Policy*, *Regional Studie*, and the *Statistics Canada Research Paper Series*
- Referee for applications to SSHRC competition grants, the Research Data Center, and peer reviewer for Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy and the Canadian Labor Market and Skills Researcher Network