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Current Employment

2018 – Economist, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission

Education

2012—2018 Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Los Angeles
2008—2011 Graduate Student-at-Large, University of Chicago
2003—2007 B.S.B., Business Economics and Finance, Miami University

Publications

The Disappearing Large-Firm Wage Premium (with Nicholas Bloom, Fatih Guvenen, Jae Song, and Till von Wachter). May 2018. *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 108:317-22.

Working Papers

The Role of Labor Market Entry and Exports in Sorting: Evidence from West Germany. April 2018.

The Effects of Employment Shocks on the Self-Employed: Evidence from Discontinuities in Professional Golf. July 2019.

Job Mobility over the Life Cycle: Evidence from Social Security Records from 1957 to 2014 (with Jae Song and Till von Wachter)

The Anatomy of Labor Cost Adjustment to Demand Shocks: Evidence from Italy and Germany (with Francesco D'Amuri and Salvatore Lattanzio)

Presentations

2019 Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Meetings, Society of Labor Economists Meetings, Conference of the Georgetown Center for Economic Research, Labor and Employment Relations Annual Meetings

2018 13th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Federal Trade Commission, Analysis Group, Charles River Associates

2017 Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference

Teaching Experience

2013—2015 Teaching Assistant, University of California, Los Angeles
Courses: Introduction to Econometrics, Microeconomic Theory I (undergraduate)
Instructors: Till von Wachter, Maria Casanova, Maurizio Mazzocco, Mike Sproul

Prior Research Experience

2015 Summer Research Internship, Social Security Administration, Falls Church, VA
Supervisor: Jae Song

2014—2017 Research Assistant, University of California, Los Angeles
Supervisor: Till von Wachter
Projects: *Firming Up Inequality*, *Long-Term Nonemployment and Job Displacement*,
Social Experiments in the Labor Market

2011—2012 Research Assistant, University of Chicago Booth School of Business
Supervisor: Matthew Notowidigdo
Project: *Duration Dependence and Labor Market Conditions: Evidence from a Field Experiment*

2010—2011 Precision Health Economics, Los Angeles, CA
Supervisors: Darius Lakdawalla, John Romley

2009—2010 Becker Center on Chicago Price Theory, University of Chicago Booth School of Business
Supervisor: Sally Sadoff

Honors, Awards, & Scholarships

2017—2018 Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA
2015—2016 Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA
2015 Price Theory Summer Camp, University of Chicago
2015 Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality, University of Chicago

Professional Activities

2014—2018 Student Affiliate, California Center for Population Research
2016—2017 President, UCLA Graduate Economics Association

References

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