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EMPLOYMENT

Senior Scientist

Uber Technologies

July 2022 -

Associate Director for Research

Center for the Economics of Human Development, University of Chicago

May 2021 - July 2022

Research Fellow

TrygFonden's Center for Child Research, Aarhus University, Denmark

August 2017 - July 2022

Assistant Professor

Department of Economics, Aarhus University, Denmark

August 2017 - May 2021

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

August 2017

M.A in Economics, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

May 2013

B.A. in Economics and Mathematics, New York University, New York, NY

May 2011

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Labor Economics; Applied Econometrics.

Secondary: Structural Modeling; Computational Methods; Causal Machine Learning; Intergenerational Mobility; Genetics; Inequality.

RESEARCH

Published and Forthcoming Papers:

Genes and Academic Achievement in Primary School

(with Mikkel Aagaard Houmark, Esben Agerbo, Preben Bo Mortensen, and Michael Rosholm)

- Conditionally Accepted at *The Economic Journal*

Intergenerational Effects of Early-Life Advantage: Lessons from a Primate Study

(with Amanda M. Dettmer, James J. Heckman, Juan Pantano, and Stephen J. Suomi)

- Forthcoming at *Journal of Political Economy*, 2024

The Nurture of Nature and the Nature of Nurture: How Genes and Investments Interact in the Formation of Skills

(with Mikkel Houmark, and Michael Rosholm)

- *American Economic Review* 114(2), 2024

The Lasting Effects of Early-Childhood Education on Promoting the Skills and Social Mobility of Disadvantaged African Americans and Their Children

(with Jorge L. Garcia, and James J. Heckman)
- *Journal of Political Economy* 131(6), 2023

Family Disadvantage, Gender and the Returns to Genetic Human Capital

(First Author - with Esben Agerbo, Dorthe Bleses, Preben Bo Mortensen, Anders Børglum, David M. Hougaard, Ole Morse, Merete Nordentofte, Thomas Wergee, and Michael Rosholm)
- *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics* 124(2), 2022

Working Papers:

The Economic Value of Breaking Bad: Misbehavior, Schooling and the Labor Market

(with Nicholas Papageorge and Yu Zheng)
- Submitted Fall 2024

Gender Differences in the Genetics of Skill Formation

(with Mikkel Aagaard Houmark)

Work in Progress:

Intergenerational Dynamic Complementarity

(with Juan Pantano and Carolina Vera Rivera)

Evaluating Character Skills in Schools

(with Tanja Florenthal, Nicholas Papageorge, and Yu Zheng)

PRESENTATIONS

2025 (scheduled): Gordon Research Conference on Genes, Behavior and Society.

2022: Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute, University of Minnesota; ROCKWOOL Foundation; Lifecycle Working Group, University of Chicago.

2021: Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting; University of Bristol, MRC Integrative Epidemiology Unit; Conference on Genes, Social Mobility, and Inequalities across the Life-Course; Center for Economic and Social Research, University of Southern California; The Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences (IGSS) Conference, Demography Workshop at the University of Chicago, Frontiers in Economic Analysis with Genetic Data.

2020: University of Cyprus.

2019: ISER, University of Essex; Stony Brook University; Johns Hopkins University; Griffin Applied Economics Incubator Workshop, University of Chicago; University of Alicante.

2018: American Economic Association Annual Meeting; DePaul University; Center for the Economics of Human Development, University of Chicago; European Society for Population Economics Annual Meeting; European Association of Labour Economists Conference; NORFACE Kick-off Meeting, Erasmus University; Joint NCCR/Econ Workshop, Aarhus University.

2017: Université de Montréal; Insper; Escola de Economia de São Paulo; Aarhus University; IZA Workshop on Gender and Family Economics (poster); Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting.

2016: Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting; Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop, Western Economic Association International.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

The National Science Foundation Grant, 2018-2022

“Developmental Consequences of Early Life Adversity”, Consultant.

The British Academy Leverhulme Small Research Grants, £9,758.52, 2020

“A Task-Based Approach to the Evaluation of Character Skills in Schools”, Co-applicant with Yu Zheng.

TrygFonden’s Centre for Child Research Seed Money Grant, 150,000 DKK, 2018

“The Nature of Nurture and the Nurture of Nature: How Genes and Environments Interact in the Formation of Skills and Development of Health”, Principal Investigator.

Clarence M. Guggenheimer Award, Johns Hopkins University, 2015

Given to a graduate student who has exhibited outstanding performance in their work toward a Ph.D.

Departmental Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Economics, 2011-2017.

TEACHING

Aarhus University:

Applied Micro Econometrics (Graduate)

Labour Economics (Graduate)

Johns Hopkins University:

Econometrics (Graduate)

Elements of Macroeconomics (Undergraduate)

SERVICE

Refereeing: Journal of Political Economy; Quarterly Journal of Economics; American Economic Review; Economics of Education Review; European Economic Review; Journal of Labor Economics; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America.

Consultant: Home Visiting Applied Research Collaborative (HARC).

Conference Organizer: Frontiers in Economic Analysis with Genetic Data, Fall 2021

Seminar Organizer: The Donald J. Bogue Demography Workshop at the University of Chicago, Fall 2021.

Seminar Organizer: TrygFonden’s Child Research Seminar Series, 2017-2021.

SKILLS

Programming: L^AT_EX, MATLAB, Python, R, SAS, Stata, SQL, PySpark.

Languages: Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent).