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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, McGill University, expected May 2022
M.A. Economics, Paris School of Economics, France, 2014
B.S. Mathematics, Université de Rennes II, France, 2012

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Primary: Labor Economics
Secondary: Economics of Education, Development Economics

DISSERTATION

Essays in Applied Microeconomics

Committee: Prof. Fabian Lange (Chair), Prof. Fernando Saltiel,
Prof. Sonia Laszlo, Prof. Christopher Rauh.

JOB MARKET PAPER

“The Long-Term Effects of Financial Aid and Career Education: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment”

Sole-authored. [Link](#).

I study the effects of the Future to Discover Project, a randomized experiment in which Canadian high school students were either invited to participate in career planning workshops or were made eligible for an \$8,000 college grant. By matching the experimental data to post-secondary institution records and income tax files, I am able to examine the effects of the interventions on college enrollment, graduation, and earnings in adulthood. I show that the career education intervention greatly improved students' outcomes in the long run by improving academic matching. In contrast, the college grant had no long-term monetary benefits despite increasing college enrollment, which is consistent with classical models of human capital investment in the absence of credit constraints. My findings suggest that informational frictions and behavioral obstacles—rather than financial constraints—represent the primary barrier to four-year college enrollment faced by low-income students. And that they explain a large part of the gap in four-year college enrollment between high- and low-income students.

Policy report for the Research Initiative on Education + Skills forthcoming February 2022.

Media: [Experimental Evidence on Student Assistance](#) by Alex Usher

WORKING PAPERS

“The Impact of After-School Care on Maternal Labor Market Outcomes”.

Joint with Ailin He and Nagham Sayour. **R&R at Labour Economics**. [Link](#).

“How to Measure Parenting Styles?”.

Joint with Christopher Rauh. **R&R at The Review of Economics of the Household**. [Link](#).

“Conditional Cash Transfers and Women's Reproductive Choices”.

Joint with Sonia Laszlo and Muhammad Farhan Majid. Working Paper. [Link](#).

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Income Gradient in College Enrollment: Structural Estimates from a Randomized Experiment”

“Admission Exams or GPA? The Effects of Admission Criteria on Student Educational Outcomes”

Joint with Andra Hiriscau and Andrei Munteanu

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Microeconomic Analysis and Applications, McGill University, 6 terms, 2016-2021

Teaching Assistant, Topics in Economic Policy, McGill University, 2 terms, 2019-2021

Teaching Assistant, Economic Development, McGill University, 3 terms, 2017-2018

Teaching Assistant, Economic Statistics, Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas, 2 terms 2013-2014

RESEARCH AND RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Fabian Lange, 2019

Research Assistant, Sonia Laszlo, 2016–2019

Data Scientist at [eXplain](#) (Supervisor: Vincent Pons), Paris, 2014–2016

GRANTS AND AWARDS

QICSS Entrance Scholarship, 2021

CRDCN Emerging Scholars Grant, 2021

Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award, 2021

FRQSC Research Scholarship, 2019–2021

Graduate Mobility Award, 2018

Top 10 Finish, Econometric Game, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2018

McGill Graduate Scholarship 2016-2020

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2022 University of Copenhagen (scheduled), AEFP (scheduled)

2021 European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (scheduled), Ronald Coase Institute Workshop (scheduled), EEA Annual Congress; Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society; SOLE Conference; Annual Conference of the CEA; GEEZ Seminar; AMIE Workshop; CIREQ Lunch Seminar

2020 CIREQ Lunch Seminar

2017 CEA Annual Conference

LANGUAGES

French (native), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

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