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## **CURRENT APPOINTMENTS**

Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Economics, UC Irvine, 2016-present  
Research Associate, NBER (National Bureau of Economic Research), since September 2013  
International Research Fellow, IFS (Institute for Fiscal Studies), London, since September 2013  
Research Fellow, IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor), Bonn, since July 2005

## **PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS**

Visiting Scholar, Columbia University, Sep 2022- Sep 2023  
Visiting Assistant Professor, University College London, June-July 2013  
Faculty Research Fellow, NBER, February 2008 – September 2013  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, UC Irvine, 2013-2016  
Assistant Professor, Department of Policy and Management, Cornell University, 2011-2013  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Princeton University, 2009-2011  
Visiting Faculty Research Fellow, NBER Cambridge Fall 2008  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Florida, August 2005-2011  
Visiting Research Fellow, Center for Labor Economics, U.C. Berkeley, January 2003-August 2005

## **EDUCATION**

Nuffield College, Oxford, D.Phil. Economics, 2002, M.Phil. Economics, 1997.  
Newcastle University, BA Economics, 1994

## **FIELDS OF INTEREST**

Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Public Economics, Applied Econometrics

## **WORKING PAPERS & SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS**

“Why Do Parents Care So Much About Peers? Social Wellbeing, Perceived Peer Effects and School Choices”, with Paco Martorell and Matthew Wiswall.

“Measuring Residential Sorting Responses to Local Taxes for School Operational Spending”, with Robert Ainsworth.

“Place-Based Priorities in Centralized School Choice Systems: A Mixed-Methods Analysis”, with Paco Martorell, Adriana Villavicencio, Tiffany Wu, and Paul Yoo.

“A Generalized Analysis of the Direct and Spillover Effects of Test-based Retention Policies”, with David Card, Laura Giuliano and Umut Ozek.

## **PAPERS PUBLISHED & BEING REVISED FOR PUBLICATION**

Clark, D and S Coate (2025), “An Efficiency Case for Equity-Based School Priorities”, Journal of Public Economics, 250(C).

Clark, D (July 2023), “School Quality and the Return to Schooling in Britain: New Evidence from a Large-Scale Compulsory Schooling Reform”, Journal of Public Economics, 223, Pages 104902.

“Using Goals to Motivate College Students: Theory and Evidence from Field Experiments” (with David Gill, Victoria Prowse and Mark Rush), Review of Economics and Statistics, 102(4): 648-663. October 2020.

“Peer Preferences, School Competition and the Effects of Public School Choice” (with Levon Barseghyan and Stephen Coate), American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 11(4) 124-158. November 2019.

The Long-Run Effects of Attending an Elite School” (with Emilia del Bono), American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 8(1) 150-176, January 2016.

The Signaling Value of a High School Diploma” (with Paco Martorell), Journal of Political Economy, 122(2) 282-318, April 2014.

“The Effect of Education on Adult Health and Mortality: Evidence from Britain” (with Heather Royer), American Economic Review, 103(6) 2087-2120, October 2013.

“Do Recessions Keep Students in School? The Impact of Youth Unemployment on Enrolment in Post-Compulsory Education in England”. Economica, 78 (311), 523-545, July 2011.

“The Impacts of Tougher Education Standards: Evidence from Florida” (with Edward See), Economics of Education Review, 30(6), 1123-1135, December 2011.

“Selective Schools and Academic Achievement”, The B. E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy: Vol 10.: Issue 1 (Advances), Article 9, 2010.

“The Performance and Competitive Effects of School Autonomy” Journal of Political Economy, 117(4), 745-783, August 2009.

“Education and the Age Profile of Literacy into Adulthood” (with Elizabeth Cascio and Nora Gordon), Journal of Economic Perspectives, 22(3), 47-70, Summer 2008.

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS/REVIEWS/INVITED PAPERS**

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Review of “Improving School-to-Work Transitions”. Edited by David Neumark. The Journal of Economic Literature, June 2009.

“Qualifications”. With G. Conlon and F. Galindo-Rueda. In Machin (ed.) ‘What’s the Good of Education? The Economics of Education in the UK’, Princeton University Press, 2005.

#### **GRANTS**

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Institutes of Educational Sciences (US Department of Education) grant “A Generalized Analysis of the Direct and Spillover Effects of Test-based Retention Policies”. co-P.I. with P.I. Laura Giuliano and co-P.Is David Card and Umut Ozek. Award Number R305A240041, \$1,681,418.  
WT Grant Foundation, “A Lever for More Equitable Access to Schools”, PI with co-PIs Adriana Villavicencio and Matt Wiswall. Award Number 190500. \$519,868.

National Institutes of Health (NIH) RO1 grant “The Intergenerational Transmission of Education”. co-PI with PI David Figlio and co-PIs Paco Martorell and Heather Royer \$993,208.  
Institutes of Educational Sciences (US Department of Education) grant “The Impact of High School Exit Exams”. P.I. with co-P.I. Paco Martorell. Award Number R305R060096, \$367,081.

#### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Excellence in Refereeing: Journal of Human Resources (2024), Journal of the European Economic Association (2013), American Economic Review (2012), Quarterly Journal of Economics (2011).  
UC Irvine Excellence in Teaching Award, 2019.  
UC Irvine Faculty Mentoring Award, 2015-2016.  
National Academy of Education/Spencer Post-Doctoral Research Fellow 2007-2008.  
European Economic Association Young Economist Award, August 2005.

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES**

2026: Simon Fraser University, Workshop on Education Economics and Policy (Trondheim, Norway), CESifo Area Conference on Economics of Education, University of Florida.  
2025: University of Cambridge, Erasmus School of Economics, UT Austin, Texas A&M, Deakin University, University of Melbourne, Monash University  
2024: University of Florida Winter Workshop, UCL CEPEO, UNLV Economics, NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Tinbergen Institute, Amsterdam.  
2023: Community College Research Center (Columbia University), SOFI (Stockholm University), Uppsala University, University of Copenhagen, Teachers College, Cornell University, University of Rochester, Syracuse University, SUNY Buffalo, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Annenberg Institute (Brown University), International Workshop in Applied Economics of Education, CESifo Area Conference in the Economics of Education, University of York.  
2022: Bristol Workshop on Education Markets (Bristol University), Annual Northeastern Economics of Education Workshop, Essex University  
2021: UC Riverside, Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), London. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, University of Florida, San Diego State University.  
2020: AEA “New Research on School Choice”, Georgia State University, UC Irvine Labor-Public.  
2019: UC Irvine Labor-Public, Paris School of Economics Labor and Public Econ.  
2018: Duke University Public Econ, UC Merced, UC Riverside, Columbia University Econ and Ed.  
2017: UC Irvine Transport-Urban-Environment. University of Toronto “Frontiers in Economics of Education” conference, University of Toronto.  
2016: RAND, University of Denver, Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
2015: University of Michigan, UC Irvine Education, UC Berkeley, Duisberg-Essen, Paderborn, Dusseldorf, Wuppertal, Bochum, University of Gothenberg, Uppsala University, IZA, Tinbergen Institute, UC Riverside.  
2014: UC Irvine Applied Micro, University of Florida, University of Southern California, Stockholm University, Bristol University.  
2013: UC Irvine, RAND Corporation  
2012: Stanford School of Education, SUNY Binghamton, Rochester, Cornell PAM, APPAM  
2011: Cornell PAM, U Florida, Office for National Statistics (UK), World Bank conference on school autonomy (Mexico City), Princeton Labor Seminar, Princeton Labor Lunch, NY Federal Reserve, CLSRN 2011 Summer School and Research Workshop, Ivalua conference on education (Barcelona).  
2010: Princeton Labor, Columbia Applied Micro, Harvard Labor, Brown Applied Micro, U Florida, Rutgers, U Pompeu Fabra, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, Institute of Education, London, SOLE, NBER Summer Institute, Bristol University.

2009: Teachers College, NYC Department of Education, Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), University of Florida, Florida Department of Education, Princeton Labor Lunch, National University of Singapore, Northwestern University, University of Toronto Applied Micro, Bristol University, LSE.  
2008: University of Florida, National Academy of Education/Spencer Post-Doctoral Fellows Retreat, American Education Finance Association Meetings, Royal Holloway, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, APPAM, Dartmouth Applied Micro.  
2007: MIT Public Finance, APPAM conference, McGill University, NBER Summer Institute (joint with Heather Royer), Bocconi/IGIER MILLS workshop, Bristol University, Institute of Education, Lancaster University, UC Berkeley Labor Lunch, NBER Spring Education Meetings, SOLE, NYU.  
2006: Invited speaker, United Way workshop “Focus on Early Education” (Gainesville, FL), University of British Columbia, University of Florida, UC Berkeley Lunch, RAND.  
2005: Bristol University, Madrid Education Quality Conference (co-organized by CEMFI and UCL), Columbia University Applied Micro, Oxford University Labor, European Society for the Study of Labor Economics (ESSLE) conference, European Economic Association (EEA) conference, NBER Summer Institute, University of Florida, University of Rochester, University of Toronto, McGill University, LSE.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### Undergraduate:

Economics of Education: UCI (various), Princeton (Spring 2011), U Florida (various); Labor Economics: Princeton (Fall 2009). Multiple Regression Analysis: Cornell (Spring 2013).

### Graduate:

Labor Economics: UCI (various), Advanced Methods for Applied Microeconomics: UCI (various), Empirical Methods for Applied Microeconomics: UCI (various), Cornell (various); U Florida (various). Econometric Methods and Models (core graduate econometrics course). U Florida (Spring 2008).

### Masters of Public Policy:

Microeconomics for Public Policy: UCI (various)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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Editor: American Economic Journal: Applied Economics (Editorial Board), Journal of Human Resources (Associate Editor), Journal of the European Economic Association (Associate Editor)

Referee: American Economic Review, American Economic Journals, BEP Economic Analysis and Policy, Demography, Econometrica, Economica, Economic Journal, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Labour, NSF, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Economic Papers, Oxford University Press, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies.