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EDUCATION

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Ph.D., Economics 2005 – 2011

Dissertation: Insights from book translations on the international diffusion of knowledge

Advisors: Ran Abramitzky (primary advisor), Nick Bloom, Avner Greif

University of Canterbury, New Zealand

B.Sc. (Hons), First Class, Economics 1999 - 2002

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

B.F. Haley and E.S. Shaw Fellowship for Economics (2010/11)

John E. Rovensky Fellowship for dissertation research in American business and economic history (2010/11)

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Stanford Department of Economics (Fall 2008/09)

Ric Weiland Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University (2008)

Sean Buckley Memorial Award for best second year research paper, Stanford Department of Economics and SIEPR (2008)

Stanford University Economics Department two year Ph.D. Fellowship (2005)

Motu Economic and Public Policy Research Ph.D. Scholarship (2005)

University of Canterbury Senior Scholarship (2002)

Reserve Bank of New Zealand University Scholarship (2002)

NZFUW Canterbury Branch Trust Board Scholarship (2001)

Economic Society Prize (2001)

Page Memorial Prize for academic achievement in Mathematics (2001)

Archibald Charles Callaway Prize in Economics (2000)

NZEST Scholarship exams: 8th in New Zealand over five subjects (first in economics, third in biology) (1998)

EXPERIENCE

Fellow, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research, Wellington, New Zealand, January 2012 - present

Research Assistant for Ran Abramitzky, Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Stanford University, April 2007 - June 2011

Head Teaching Assistant for Econ 50, Intermediate Microeconomics, Economics Department, Stanford University, September 2008 - December 2008

Research Assistant for Lawrence Goulder, Professor, Economics Department, Stanford University, September 2006 - November 2007

Research Analyst, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research, Wellington, New Zealand,
November 2003 - July 2005
Economic Analyst, Policy Team, Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand,
January 2003 - November 2003
Teaching Assistant for third year undergraduate core macroeconomics and core
microeconomics, Economics Department, University of Canterbury, New Zealand,
February 2002 - November 2002
Summer Intern, Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand, November 2001 -
February 2002

RESEARCH

“Book Translations as Idea Flows: The effects of the collapse of Communism on the diffusion of knowledge,” with Ran Abramitzky (2011).
“The Gravity of Ideas: How distances affect translations,” (2011)
“The Dynamics of Adverse Selection in the Market for Slaves,” (2008).
“The Likely Regional Impacts of an Agricultural Emissions Policy in New Zealand: Preliminary Analysis,” with Emma Brunton, Joanna Hendy and Suzi Kerr, *Motu Working Paper 05-08* (2005).
“The Geographical Mobility of Maori in New Zealand,” with Steven Stillman, *Motu Working Paper 05-05* (2005).
“Taxes vs Permits: Options for Price-Based Climate Change Regulation,” with Suzi Kerr and Joanna Hendy, *New Zealand Treasury Working Paper 05/02* (2005).
“Maori Incomes: Investigating Differences Between Iwi,” with David C. Maré, *Motu Working Paper 04-06* (2004).
“Bartercard?” *University of Canterbury Honours Thesis* (2002).

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2011: UC Irvine: Theory, History and Development Seminar, Economics Department
2011: The Association for the Study of Religion, Economics & Culture (ASREC) Annual Meeting 2011, Washington DC
2011: University of Maryland: Development, Trade, Institutions and Politics Seminar, Economics Department
2011: Population Association of America 2011 Annual Meeting, Washington DC
2011: Motu Economic and Public Policy Research, Wellington, New Zealand
2011: Northwestern University: Economic History Seminar, Economics Department
2010: SF Fed Applied Micro Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
2010: Cliometrics Conference, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
2009: University of Canterbury, New Zealand: Economics Department Seminar
2009: All-UC Group in Economic History Graduate Student Workshop, UCLA
2009: Stanford University: Economic History Seminar, Economics Department