

EDUCATION

- 2006-Present **LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**
PhD in Economics – Expected graduation: September 2011.
Research interests: Behavioural Decision Theory, the Resource Curse, Political Economy.
- 2005-2006 **LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**
MSc in Economics & Philosophy – with distinction.
- 2004-2005 **BIRKBECK UNIVERSITY, London**
Postgraduate Certificate in Economics & Mathematical Economics – with distinction
- 1995-1998 **OTAGO UNIVERSITY, Dunedin, New Zealand**
BA (Hons) Philosophy (First Class)
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TEACHING

- 2007- **LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**
Teaching assistant, EC210 Macroeconomics
Teaching assistant, EC315 Trade and International Economics
- 1998 **OTAGO UNIVERSITY**
Teaching assistant, PHIL 105, Critical Thinking
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RESEARCH

REFEREED PAPERS

Leader Behaviour & the Natural Resource Curse (with Francesco Caselli) (Revise and resubmit: *Oxford Economic Papers*; presented at the December 07 OXCARRE conference)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Diminishing Sensitivity versus Flexible Sensitivity

Evaluates the evidence for diminishing sensitivity in behavioural decision theory models (esp. prospect theory and hyperbolic discounting), and contrasts with a flexible sensitivity explanation.

Accounting for the Resource Curse

Re-evaluates evidence for the resource curse using data on mean-reversion in resource output.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- 2007-Present Michael Oughtred PhD Scholarship
2008 Russell Sage Summer Institute in Behavioural Economics

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Summer 2007	Co-organised 2007 international “Decisions Games and Logic Workshop”
2008-Present	Organise LSE Friday Macro group (internal & external speakers) Referee: The Economic Journal, Oxford Economic Papers. I write regular economics commentary for the online edition of the Guardian newspaper.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Expertise in SQL, PHP, Stata, and Excel; experience with Matlab, Access, C, perl, Linux, and HTML.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summer 2007 London	ZOOPLA LTD., Consultant Advice and programming work for a house-price prediction web startup. Reference: Simon Kain (CTO) simon.kain@zoopla.co.uk .
Summer 2007 Summer 2006 London	EUROPE ECONMICS, Analyst Research, analysis and writing for reports on various topics including European industry structure, money market funds, subprime mortgages, & consumer credit intermediation. Reference: Andrew Lilico (Managing Director) (020) 7831 4717, a.lilico@europe-economics.com
2003-2005 London	LOVEFILM UK, Programmer, Manager & Data Analyst Management and implementation of many projects, especially: reporting systems, data warehousing, data mining, database conversion, stock warehousing processes, and external development using programmers based in Ukraine. Reference: William Reeve (President & COO) (020) 8951 9861, wreeve@videoisland.com .
2002-2003 Dunedin, NZ	EQUILLIA LTD., Programmer & Manager (CRM software) Planning, development, and maintenance of a 10,000-line online CRM (Customer Relationship Management) application; management of a 3-person team; organization of patent applications. Reference: Garth Lucas (Director) (+64) 3477 8080, garth@lucas.co.nz .
1999-2002 Dunedin, NZ	SELF-EMPLOYED, Computer Programmer