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Consumer and Household Finance · Urban Economics · Public Economics

APPOINTMENTS

2023–	Senior Lecturer, School of Economics, University of Cape Town
2022–2023	South African Reserve Bank Research Chair in Financial Stability
2020–2022	Lecturer, School of Economics, University of Cape Town

EDUCATION

2022	PhD in Economics, University of Cape Town
2017	Visiting PhD student, Stern School of Business, New York University
2016	MCom Economics <i>with distinction</i> , Stellenbosch University
2015	BCom (Hons) Economics, Stellenbosch University
2013	BA Value and Policy Studies, Stellenbosch University

VISITING POSITIONS

2019	Visiting Researcher – Department of Finance, Imperial College Business School
2017	Visiting Researcher – Institute for New Economic Thinking, University of Oxford

RESEARCH

Publications

“[Social learning in a Covid-19 Network Model](#)” (with Gideon du Rand, Co-Pierre Georg, Tina Koziol, Joeri Schasfoort) - *Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization* 213, 2023, p. 271–304

Working Papers

“[Diffuse Bunching with Frictions: Theory and Estimation](#)” (with Santosh Anagol, Ben Lockwood and Tarun Ramadorai), October 2022

“[The Cape of Good Homes: Exchange Rate Depreciations, Foreign Demand and House Prices](#)”, May 2020

In Progress

“Without Reserve: Home foreclosure discounts”

Policy-related

1. “Understanding Housing Markets: using municipal data” (with the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance in Africa), *World Bank Report*, 2016
 2. “The consumer credit landscape in South Africa” (with Esti Kemp), *South African Reserve Bank Financial Stability Topical Briefing*, January 2017
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TEACHING

2021–	Econometrics (Postgraduate - ECO4016F), School of Economics, University of Cape Town
2020–	Policy Analysis (Postgraduate - ECO4028S), School of Economics, University of Cape Town
2020-2022	Quantitative Methods in Economics (Undergraduate - ECO3021S), School of Economics, University of Cape Town
2020-2022, 2024	Public Sector Economics (Undergraduate - ECO3023S), School of Economics, University of Cape Town
2017	Risk Management Computing Skills (Postgraduate), AIFMRM, University of Cape Town

SUPERVISION

Honours	Jesse de Jong, Maddie Baldwin, Luthando Sibaya, Michael Hoffman, Aidan Craker, Gabriella Nunes (all completed)
Masters	Ryan Davies (completed), Gemma Earl, J’Mari Kloppers, Jesse de Jong (all ongoing)

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

2023 –	Research Associate, Economic Research South Africa
2022 –	Associate, Financial Innovation Hub, University of Cape Town

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

2024	University of Pretoria, Urban Economics Annual Meeting [#]
2023	ESSA Biennial Conference · International Institute of Public Finance Annual Meeting ^{#*} · New York University [*] · NBER Spring Public Finance Meeting
2022	Ashoka University · NEUDC [*] · University of Pretoria · UNC Charlotte [*] · LMU Munich [*] · CREST [*] · Toulouse School of Economics [*]
2021	Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (LAGV) · University of Cape Town · South African Revenue Services · ERSA Public Finance Seminar · ABM4Policy Seminar [*] · George Mason University [*] · European Bank for Reconstruction and Development [*]
2020	Imperial College Business School [*] · Stellenbosch University [*]
2019	VW & Goethe University: SAFE: Quantitative Easing and Financial (In)stability · Stellenbosch University · South African Reserve Bank Biennial Conference
2018	VW & Waseda University: Quantitative Easing and Financial (In)stability · University of Cape Town
2017	INET Oxford · South African Reserve Bank · National Treasury of South Africa · University of Cape Town · National Treasury Housing and Urban Development Winter School · University of Cape Town

2016 City of Cape Town · VW & University of Cape Town: Quantitative Easing and Financial (In)stability

(*: presentation by co-author, #: scheduled)

DISCUSSIONS

2022 American Finance Association (AFA) Annual Meeting: “How do Taxes Affect the Trading Behavior of Private Investors? Evidence from Individual Portfolio Data” - Buhlmann, Dörrenberg, Loos & Voget

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Refereeing activities

Journal of Economics and Statistics · ERSA Working Paper Series

Organizer

2023 Co-organizer - South African Reserve Bank Financial Stability Conference

2023 Organizer - Special Session on “Housing and Household Finance” at the Economic Society of South Africa (ESSA) Biennial Conference

Academic service

2023–2025 Council member of the Economic Society of South Africa

2022– Degree convener, MPhil in Financial Technology, UCT

2022– Convener, Fintech: Disruption in Finance Short Course, GetSmarter & UCT

2022– Convener, Blockchain and Digital Currency Short Course, GetSmarter & UCT

2022– External examiner, Econometrics, AIFMRM, UCT

2022– External examiner, Econometrics, Cape Peninsula University of Technology

2020–2024 Member of the University of Cape Town Senate

Non-academic service

2024 Member of Statistics South Africa CPI user advisory committee

2023– Academic lead, Spatial Economic Analysis collaboration between the Western Cape Government Spatial Planning Directorate and UCT School of Economics

2023 Member of the reference group for the Institute of Economic Justice on the study titled ‘Taxation of Financial Assets in South Africa’

2021 Statistics South Africa - developing a [Residential Property Price Index](#) for South Africa

2019 Insight2Impact DataHack4FinancialInclusion - Data Science Mentor

2018 UCT GSB FinTech Startup Weekend - Coach

2018 National Treasury of South Africa - geocoding tax administrative data

2009–2011 Junior Mayor, City of Cape Town

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2024	Interledger Foundation Educational Grant
2023	ERSA Research Grant for ‘The role of cities as drivers of growth and employment’
2022-2023	South African Reserve Bank Research Chair in Financial Stability
2020	South African Reserve Bank Financial Stability PhD Scholarship
2018	South African Reserve Bank Financial Stability Research Grant
2017–2019	Volkswagen Foundation & AIFMRM PhD Scholarship
2014	National Research Foundation Research and Innovation Research Grant
2013	Mayor’s Award for Youth Leadership, City of Cape Town

MEDIA COVERAGE

1. [“Here’s what the many different models predict about Covid-19”](#), *The Citizen*, May 2020.
2. [“The blame game”](#), *Business Day Homefront*, June 2017.

CITIZENSHIP

South Africa

Last Update: April 25, 2024