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**Personal**

Citizenship: British

Date of birth: 28 January 1977

**Education**

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Bristol, 2007. Thesis title: "Empirical essays on the allocation of resources within the family in the UK". Supervisors: Prof. Simon Burgess and Prof. Carol Propper.

Research student, University of Oxford, Wolfson College, 2003-2004.

M.Sc. in Economics (with commendation), University of Bristol, 2001. 80.2% (highest overall mark in year).

B.A. (Hons) in Economics, Clare College, University of Cambridge, 1998.

**Employment**

Research Associate, Centre for Market and Public Organisation, University of Bristol, since 2004.

Columbia Population Research Center Associate, since December 2009.

Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, the Free University, Amsterdam, 2008-2009.

Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, 2007-2008.

Research Assistant, Centre for Market and Public Organisation, University of Bristol, 2001-2003.

**Grants, fellowships and awards**

Co-Principal Investigator, "A Cross-Country Study of the Effect of Parental Resources and Public Policies on Inequality in Early Child Outcomes". June 2009-Sept 2010. Grant from the Russell Sage Foundation, \$71,360. (co-PIs Bruce Bradbury, University of New South Wales, Miles Corak, University of Ottawa, and Jane Waldfogel, Columbia University).

Co-Principal Investigator, "Income-Related Gaps in School Readiness". October 2008-October 2009. Small grant from the Sutton Trust £15,000. (co-PIs John Hills, LSE, and Jane Waldfogel, Columbia University).

Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship. 2007-2009. £52,000. One of around 50 Fellowships awarded each year. Project: Child poverty and child development in the US and the UK

ESRC-SSRC Collaborative Visiting Fellowship. 2007. \$10,000. Research funding for academic visit to Columbia University 2007-2008.

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Studentships. 2003-2006 (Ph.D. funding), 2000-2001 (M.Sc. funding)

## **Publications**

### **Published articles**

‘The Timing of Mothers’ Employment after Childbirth’ (with Wen-Jui Han, Christopher Ruhm and Jane Waldfogel). Monthly Labor Review 131(6): 15-27 (June 2008). *Selected as the best article this year in Monthly Labor Review by authors outside the Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

‘Maternity Rights and Mother's Return to Work’ (with Simon Burgess, Carol Propper, and Paul Gregg). Labour Economics 15(2): 168-201 (April 2008)

‘Family Expenditures Post-Welfare Reform in the UK: Are Low-Income Families Starting to Catch Up?’ (with Paul Gregg and Jane Waldfogel). Labour Economics 13(6): 721-746 (December 2006)

‘The Effects of Early Maternal Employment on Child Development in the UK’ (with Carol Propper, Paul Gregg and Simon Burgess). Economic Journal vol 115, F48-80, (February 2005)

### **Book chapters**

‘That's the Way the Money Goes: Expenditure Patterns as Real Income Rise for the Poorest Families with Children’ (with Paul Gregg and Jane Waldfogel) in J Hills and Kitty Stewart (eds) A More Equal Society? New Labour, Poverty, Inequality and Exclusion (2005) Policy Press

### **Discussion papers and manuscripts**

‘Income-Related Gaps in School Readiness in the U.S. and the U.K.’ (with Jane Waldfogel). Paper prepared for the IRP Working Conference on Intergenerational Mobility (IGM) within and across Nations. University of Wisconsin–Madison. September 20-22, 2009

‘Public policies and women's employment after childbearing’ (with Wen-Jui Han, Christopher J Ruhm and Jane Waldfogel). NBER Working Paper No. 14660 and IZA Discussion Paper No. 3937 (January 2009)

‘Early Years Policy’ (with Jane Waldfogel). In *Social Mobility and Education: Academic papers presented a high level summit sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Sutton Trust, 1-3 June 2008.*

‘Understanding the relationship between parental income and multiple child outcomes: A decomposition analysis’ (with Paul Gregg and Carol Propper). LSE STICERD Research Paper No. CASE129 (December 2007).

‘Explaining the Gender Division of Labour: The Role of the Gender Wage Gap’ CMPO Working Paper No. 07/174 (September 2007)

‘Fathers, Childcare and Children’s Readiness to Learn’ CMPO Working Paper No. 07/175 (September 2007)

### **Reports for government**

‘Inequalities in educational outcomes among children age 3 to 16’ (with Alissa Goodman and Luke Sibieta). Commissioned report for the National Equalities Panel. (September 2009)

‘Aspirations and attainment in deprived communities’ Social Exclusion Task Force (Cabinet Office). Major contributor to discussion paper and supervisor of commissioned empirical analyses by a Government Statistician. (December 2008).

‘Up to Age 7: Family Background and Child Development Up to Age 7 in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC)’ (with the CMPO Research Team). Research Report 808 for the Department for Education and Skills

### **Current projects**

‘A Cross-Country Study of the Effect of Parental Resources and Public Policies on Inequality in Early Child Outcomes’ (with Bruce Bradbury, Miles Corak and Jane Waldfogel).

‘The socio-economic gradient in child outcomes: The role of attitudes, behaviours and beliefs’. Project for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Joint with CMPO and the Institute of Fiscal Studies

‘Family breakdown and childhood mental disorders’ (with Maarten Lindeboom, Gerard van den Berg, and Stephanie Scholder).

‘Social banking, poverty and infant mortality in India’ (with Sonia Bhalotra and Jon Temple).

### **Professional activities**

Member, Steering Committee, University of Bristol Population Health Research Theme, since August 2009

Conference Organizer, ‘The Economics of Diet and Obesity’ One-day Workshop. University of Bristol, May 2009.

CMPO Weekly Seminar Series Organizer, 2008-2009.

### **Presentations**

Association for Applied Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Fall Conference, Washington D.C., November 2009

VU University Faculty of Economics and Business Administration internal seminar, Amsterdam, November 2009

Persistence in Health conference: The influence of early life conditions and intergenerational transmission, Bristol, October 2009

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, Boston, May 2009

Royal Economics Society Annual Meeting, Surrey, April 2009

Population Association of America Annual Conference, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009

The Avon Local Group of the Royal Statistical Society, Bristol, May 2009

H.M. Treasury, invited presentation on Family Background and Child Outcomes, March 2009

Early Life Conditions and Later Outcomes Conference, Geary Institute, University College Dublin, February 2009.

Family Background and Child Development: The Emerging Story Conference, London School of Economics, July 2006

NPC/EU Conference, Changing Social Policies for Low-Income Families and Less-Skilled Workers in the EU and the U.S., National Poverty Center, University of Michigan, April 2005

Columbia University School of Social Work seminar, 2006, 2007

Institute of Public Policy Research Forum on Social Mobility and Life Chances, Oxfordshire, December 2004

CMPO seminar, annually from 2002.

### **Teaching**

Quantitative Methods in Economics, 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate course. Teaching Assistant for Dr Edmund Cannon, 2007-2008

### **Referee**

Demography, Economica, Economic Journal, Economic and Social Research Council, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Population Economics