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EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

2020 – present Senior Research Fellow, Melbourne Institute – The University of Melbourne
2014 – 2020 Research Fellow, Melbourne Institute – The University of Melbourne
2010 – 2015 Ph.D. in Economics, Maastricht University
2009 – 2010 M.Sc. in Econometrics, Maastricht University
2008 - 2009 M.Sc. in Financial Economics, Maastricht University
2004 - 2008 B.Sc. in Economics, Universidad de Los Andes

OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS & AFFILIATIONS

2016 – present Research Affiliate, IZA Institute for Labor Economics
2014 - present Research Fellow, ARC CoE for Children and Families over the Life Course (LCC)

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK UNDER REVIEW

Parental Responses to Children's Achievement Test Results with Deborah Cobb-Clark and Tiffany Ho.

[[Latest working paper version](#)]

On the Mechanisms of Ability Peer Effects with Alexandra de Gendre.

[[Latest working paper version](#)]

Parents' Response to Teacher Qualifications with Simon Chang and Deborah Cobb-Clark - *R&R Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*

[[Latest working paper version](#)]

Stability of risk preferences: New evidence from developed and developing countries with Buly Cardak, Edwin Ip and Joe Vecci.

How Individuals React to Defined Benefit Pension Risk with Andries de Grip and Olaf Sleijpen.

[[Latest working paper version](#)]

The Dynamic Properties of Economic Preferences

[[Latest working paper version](#)]

Intergenerational Disadvantage: Learning about Equal Opportunity from Social Assistance Receipt with Deborah Cobb-Clark, Sarah Dahmann, and Anna Zhu.

[[Latest working paper version](#)]

[Media coverage: [The Guardian](#), [The Age](#), [SMH](#)] [Policy impact: [Australian Government – Productivity Commission](#)]

Measuring Financial Wellbeing with Self-Reported and Bank-Record Data with Carole Comerton-Forde, John de New, David C. Ribar, Andrea Nicastro and James Ross – *R&R Economic Record*

[[Latest working paper version](#)]

WORK IN PROGRESS

A meta-analysis on role models in education with Alexandra de Gendre, Jan Feld, and Ulf Zölitz

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

[*COVID-19 labour market shocks and their inequality implications for financial wellbeing*](#) – *Journal of Population Economics* (2021) with Ferdi Botha, John P. de New, Sonja C. de New and David C. Ribar
[[Ungated version](#)]

[*Locus of Control and Investment in Risky Assets*](#) – *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* (2020), 177: 548-568 with Andries de Grip, Didier Fouarge, and Raymond Montizaan.
[[Ungated version](#)]

[*Are Professors Worth It? The Value-added and Costs of Tutorial Instructors*](#) – *Journal of Human Resources* (2020), 55(2): 836-863 with Jan Feld and Ulf Zölitz.
[[Ungated version](#)]
[Media coverage: [IZA Newsroom](#), [The Conversation](#), [JHR News & Research Highlights](#), [ScienceGuide](#)]

[*Students are Almost as Effective as Professors in University Teaching*](#) – *Economics of Education Review* (2019), 73(101912) with Jan Feld and Ulf Zölitz.
[[Ungated version](#)]
[Media coverage: [James G. Martin Centre](#)]

[*Parenting Style as an Investment in Child Development*](#) – *Journal of Population Economics* (2019), 32: 1315-1352 with Deborah Cobb-Clark and Anna Zhu.
[[Ungated version](#)] [[Online Appendix](#)] [[Erratum](#)]

[*A Short Note on Discrimination and Favoritism in the Labor Market*](#) – *The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics* (2017), 17(1) with Jan Feld.
[[Ungated version](#)]

[*Endophilia or Exophobia: Beyond Discrimination*](#) – *Economic Journal* (2016), 126: 1503–1527 with Jan Feld and Daniel S. Hamermesh.
[[Ungated version](#)]
[Media coverage: [The Telegraph](#), [RES Media Briefings](#), [WSJ](#)]

OTHER PUBLICATIONS/REPORTS

[*Coping with COVID-19: Rethinking Australia*](#) co-edited with Barbara Broadway and A. Abigail Payne

[*Improving the Commonwealth Bank of Australia - Melbourne Institute Observed Financial Wellbeing Scale*](#) with John Haisken-DeNew, David Ribar, Andrea Nicastro and James Ross.

[*Using Survey and Banking Data to Understand Australians' Financial Wellbeing*](#) with John Haisken-DeNew, David Ribar, and Andrea Nicastro.

[*Using Survey and Banking to Measure Financial Wellbeing*](#) with Carole Comerton-Forde, Edwin Ip, David Ribar, James Ross and Sam Tsiaplias.

Introduction, [*Policy Forum: Public Investment in Disadvantaged Children*](#) – *Australian Economic Review* (2017), 50(3): 327–328 with Anna Zhu.

An Employment Programs Mapping: the current situation in Victoria with Barbara Broadway, Reuben Finighan, Guyonne Kalb, Claire Thibout, Jeff Borland, Mark Considine and David Ribar.

RESEARCH FUNDING

- 2021 – present R. I. Downing Fellowship
The University of Melbourne
- 2020 – present Chief Investigator, Building Resilience: Communities, Schools and Parental Investment
Life Course Centre Research Funding
- 2017 – present Chief Investigator, Intergenerational Disadvantage: Causes, Pathways, and Consequences
Australian Research Council
- 2017 – present The Commonwealth Bank of Australia/Melbourne Institute Financial Wellbeing Scales
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- 2014 – present Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course
Australian Research Council
- 2017 – 2018 Chief Investigator, Early Career Research Grant: The Dynamics and Effects of Parenting Style
University of Melbourne
- 2014 Seed Funding Grant, *Gothenburg University*
- 2013 - 2014 Rotman ICPM Research Grant, *University of Toronto*

CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS

- 2021 *Seminars:* The University of Melbourne, LCC Melbourne Node Seminar; *Conferences:* NBER's Children Program Spring Meeting, ESPE, Econometric Society Australasian Meeting, Labour Econometric Workshop, IZA Workshop: The Economics of Education
- 2020 *Seminars:* CEPAR/UNSW; *Conferences:* IZA Junior/Senior Symposium (Cancelled)
- 2019 *Seminars:* University of Zürich, UCD Geary Institute; *Conferences:* ISER Labor and Family Economics Workshop (Essex, UK), EUI Effectiveness of Children's Education around the Globe Workshop (Florence, Italy), IWAE (Catanzaro, Italy), MI Intergenerational Paths to Self-Sufficiency Workshop (Melbourne, Australia), MI Public Economic Forum on Intergenerational Disadvantage (Canberra, Australia), SEHO (Lisbon, Portugal), briq/IZA Behavioral Economics of Education Workshop (Bonn, Germany)
- 2018 *Seminars:* Monash University, OECD, University of Sydney; *Conferences:* CBA Executive Round Table Discussion (Sydney, Australia), ESPE (Antwerp, Belgium), IWAE (Catanzaro, Italy), IZA Economics of Education Workshop (Bonn, Germany), IZA World Labor Conference (Berlin, Germany), LCC Researcher Week (Brisbane, Australia), ANU/TTPI Behavioural Economics and Public Policy (Canberra, Australia)
- 2017 *Seminars:* University of Wollongong, University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology; ISER - University of Queensland; *Conferences:* SOLE (Raleigh, USA), ESPE (Glasgow, Scotland), SEHO (San Diego, USA), EEA/ESEM (Lisbon, Portugal), AASLE (Canberra, Australia), LCC International Life Course Conference (Sydney, Australia), IWAE (Catanzaro, Italy), MI Public Economic Forum (Canberra, Australia), UoM Applied Micro-Econometric Research Workshop (Melbourne, Australia)
- 2016 *Seminars:* University of Technology Sydney, Monash University, CPB Netherlands, RWI Essen, Victoria University of Wellington; *Conferences:* SOLE (Seattle, USA), EEA/ESEM (Geneva, Switzerland), IAREP/SABE (Wageningen, The Netherlands), NCLD (Canberra, Australia)
- 2015 *Seminars:* University of Queensland, University of Sydney, Maastricht University, Gothenburg University, MI University of Melbourne; *Conferences:* SOLE/EALE (Montreal, Canada), ESPE (Izmir, Turkey)
- 2014 *Seminars:* Universidad Javeriana, MI University of Melbourne; *Conferences:* PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics (Potsdam, Germany)

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Reviewer for *Education Economics*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Economic Journal*, *European Economic Review*, *IZA Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Labour Economics*, *Rationality and Society*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *The Economic Record*, *The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, and *Southern Economic Journal*.

Co-editor of the [Melbourne Institute Research Insights](#), (2020 – present)

Chair of the Melbourne Institute Professional Development Committee, (2020 – 2021)

Member of the Melbourne Institute Data & Analytics Advisory Committee, (2020 – 2021)

Member of the Capacity Building Portfolio Committee, [Life Course Centre](#), (2018 – 2019)

Co-organizer for the [Childhood, Education and Welfare: Research and Policy Insights Workshop](#) (2017)

Guest co-editor, Policy Forum: Public Investment in Disadvantaged Children – *Australian Economic Review* (2017)

Co-organizer of the Children and Adolescent Development Workshop (2016)

Co-organizer for the [Melbourne Institute Seminar Series](#) (2015-2016)

Visiting scholar at *IZA Institute of Labor Economics* and *The University of Zürich* (April – September, 2019)

Visiting scholar at the *Behavior and Inequality Research Institute - briq* (July, 2016)

Visiting scholar at the *University of Texas at Austin* (September – December, 2013)

COURSES TAUGHT

2018 Econometrics 1 (2nd year undergraduate), University of Melbourne

2012 Financial economics (3rd year undergraduate), Maastricht University

Teaching Assistant for:

2012 Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), Maastricht University

2011 International economic relations (Undergraduate), Maastricht University

2010 Business and economics (Undergraduate), Maastricht University

2008 Valuation of financial options (Undergraduate), Universidad de Los Andes

2007 Statistics and probability (Undergraduate), Universidad de Los Andes

SUPERVISION

Michael Panozzo, Honours thesis, The University of Melbourne (2020)

The Effect of Care Time Arrangements on Academic Achievement for Children of Separation

Carolyn Yao, Honours thesis, The University of Melbourne (2017)

The income gradient in child health: Effective parenting as a protective factor

OTHER FUNDING

2013 Maastricht GSBE Visiting Scholar grant

2010 Maastricht GSBE METEOR PhD grant

2009 - 2010 KNAW Research Assistantship grant

2008 - 2009 Colfuturo Scholarship Program for Graduate Studies

PERSONAL

Citizenship: Colombian / Australian

Languages: Spanish, English, French (advanced)