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Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

BA (Economics and Mathematics) Williams College, Williamstown, MA, May 1983

Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA, December 1990

Supervisor: Randall Wright

POSITIONS HELD

- **Permanent**

Head of Department of Economics, University of Essex, 2009 –

Professor, Department of Economics, University of Essex, 2009–

Reader, Department of Economics, 2001-2009

Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Essex 1998–2001

Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Essex 1990–98.

- **Visiting**

Visiting Scholar, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta,
September 2008 – August 2009

Visiting Professor, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, September 2007 – July
2008

Visiting Professor, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, January-May 2003

Visiting Scholar, Paris II, April 2002

Visiting Professor, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, September 1998–
August 1999.

Visiting Scholar, Canadian International Labor Network (CILN), McMaster
University, Hamilton, Ont. Canada, September-December 1996.

- **Visiting positions held (cont.)**

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada, January-December 1995.

Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN, July-August 1993

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Economic Society, member

Society for Economic Dynamics, member

TEACHING INTERESTS

Labour economics

Macroeconomics

Public economics

Industrial organisation

Microeconomics

RESEARCH

- **Interests**

Labour economics

Macroeconomics

Public economics and industrial organization

- **Publications**

“Job Search with Bidder Memories,” with C. Carrillo-Tudela and G. Menzio, International Economic Review, forthcoming

“A Picture of Stock-Flow Unemployment in the UK,” with M. Coles and P. Jones, Macroeconomic Dynamics, 14:4 (2010), pp 427-53.

“Sector Specific Human Capital and the Distribution of Income”, Journal of Human Capital, 4 (2010), pp. 35-61.

“Price Distributions and Competition” with K. Burdett, Economic Letters, 106 (2010), 180-3.

“Marketplace Matching: Evidence from Individual Unemployment Spells in Britain”, with M-Y Kuo, Labour Economics, 16 (2009) pp. 37-46.

- **Publications (cont.)**

“Limited Duration Employment,” Review of Economic Dynamics, 10 (2007) pp. 444-471.

“Asset Accumulation and Short-Term Employment,” with M. Browning and T. Crossley, Review of Economic Dynamics, 10 (2007), pp. 400-423.

“Opportunistic Matching in the Housing Market”, with J. Albrecht, A. Anderson and S. Vroman, International Economic Review, 48:2 (2007) pp. 641-663.

“Intermediated Search,” Economica, 71 (2004) pp. 619-636

“The Low Skill Trap,” with K. Burdett, European Economic Review, 46:8 (2002) pp. 1439-1451.

“Tax Competition, Income Differentials and Local Public Services” with T. J. Webb, International Taxation and Public Finance, 8:5/6 (2001) pp. 675-91.

“Distributional Dynamics Following a Technological Revolution,” with D. Andolfatto, Canadian Journal of Economics, 34:3 (2001) pp. 739-759.

“Search, Concave Production and Optimal Firm Size,” Review of Economic Dynamics , 2:2 (1999) pp. 456-471.

“Strategic Bargaining with Inventories,” with M. G. Coles, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, 23:1 (1998) pp. 35-54.

“Marketplaces and Matching,” with M.G. Coles, International Economic Review, 39:1 (1998) pp 239-254.

“Cross Section Estimation of the Matching Function: Evidence from England and Wales,” with M. G. Coles, Economica, 63:252 (1996) pp. 589-97.

“Seniority Seating at the Royal Opera House,” with J. Frank, Oxford Economic Papers, 48:3 (1996) pp. 492-98

“Matching and Education,” with K. Burdett in Acquiring Skills: Market Failures, their Symptoms and Policy Responses, A. Booth and D. Snower (eds.) Cambridge University Press, 1996

“Taxation in a Two Sided Search Model,” Journal of Public Economics, 54:3 (1994) pp. 423-36

“Why is Automobile Insurance in Philadelphia so Damn Expensive,” with R. Wright, American Economic Review, 82:4 (1992) pp. 756-772.

- **Working papers and mimeographs**

“Wage Dynamics and Wage Dispersion Within and Across Firms” with Carlos Carrillo-Tudela, IZA Discussion Paper No. 4031, February 2009

“Estimating Multiple Equilibria Models with an Application to Automobile Insurance” with G. Kemp, mimeograph, December 2001.

“Technological Change, Intermediation and the 'Buy-or-Make' Decision,”
University of Essex Institute for Labour Research Discussion Paper Number 97/15

“High and Low Activity Spells in Housing and Labor Markets,” mimeograph, September 2009

- **Work in progress**

“Risky Human Capital and Income Distribution Dynamics” with Pedro Silos

“Search Capital” with Carlos Carrillo-Tudela

- **Conference Presentations (since 2006)**

Conference on Structural Models of the Labor Market and Policy Analysis,
Sandbjerg, Denmark

University of Essex Economics and Music conference

University of Wisconsin-Madison and Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Housing- Labor-Macro-Urban Conference

Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings

Society for Economic Dynamics

National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute

- **Seminar presentations (since 2006)**

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Southern Illinois University, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Michigan State University, University of Notre Dame, Rutgers University, University of Pennsylvania, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, University of Basel, Humboldt University, University of Exeter, IZA (Bonn), University of St. Andrews

- **Grants and related activities**

Institute for Labour Research, University of Essex, funded by the Leverhulme Trust, Member from 1996. Director 2002-2007.

“The Low Skills Trap” UBC-HSS Small Grants, University of British Columbia, 1995

“Targeting by Seniority Allocation Procedures: The Case of Council Housing” with J. Frank, Research Promotion Fund, University of Essex, 1993

Labour Market Imperfections Group, CEPR, member (funded by the Leverhulme Trust and the Department of Employment grants), 1992-94

- **Conference organisation**

“Economics and Music Conference in Honour of Ken Burdett”, 20-22 May 2010. Held at University of Essex.

“Economics and Music Conference”, 15-16 May 2009. Held at University of Essex.

“Economics and Music Conference”, 19-20 May 2008. Held at University of Essex.

“Economics and Music Conference”, 21-22 May 2007. Held at University of Essex.

“Economics and Music Conference”, 19-21 October 2005. Held at University of Essex.

“Economics and Music Conference”, 21 January 2005. Held at University of Essex.

“Economics and Music Conference”, 16-17 October 2003. K. Burdett and E. Smith co-organisers. Held at University of Essex.

European Economic Society, Programme Committee, 2003

Royal Economic Society, Programme Committee, 1999-2001

“Information Uncertainty and Labour Dynamics”, 24-25 November 1994. K. Burdett and E. Smith co-organisers. Held at University of Essex.

“Education and Work in an Evolving Society”, 24-25 November 1993. K Burdett organiser, M Coles and E Smith assistant organisers. Held at University of Essex.

“Job Creation and Job Destruction”, 19 November 1993. K Burdett, J Frank, E Smith organisers. Held at CEPR in London in conjunction with Department of Employment.

EXTERNAL SERVICE

External PhD Examiner, Vasillios Gionakis, London School of Economics, October 2006; Yong Jin Kim, London School of Economics, June 2003

Socrates Exchange, University of Helsinki, 2002

External Examiner, Honors in Economic Theory, Swarthmore College, 1998

- **Refereed papers**

American Economic Review, Bulletin of Economic Research, British Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Journal, Economic Theory, Economica, Econometrica, European Economic Review, Finnish Economic Papers, German Economic Review, International Economic Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Economic Integration, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Economics and Business, Journal of the Japanese and International Economies, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Labour, Labour Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Economic Papers, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- **PhD supervision**

Graduates: Konstantinos Eleftheriou – completed 2008, Mien-Yun Kuo – completed 2005, Paul Jones (joint with M. Coles) – completed 2003

- **Graduate lectures**

Industrial Economics (EC930)

Public Economics (EC934)

Computing Methods (EC521)

- **Undergraduate lectures**

Introduction to Economics (EC100 and EC111)

Mathematical Introduction to Economics (EC112)

Joint Seminar in Political Economy (GV281)

Public Economics (EC355 and EC356)

Human Resources and Financial Performance (EC364)

Industrial Economics (EC365 and EC366)

Computing for Projects (EC831)

- **Undergraduate classes**

Microeconomics (EC202)

Introduction to Quantitative Methods (EC504)

- **Administrative Positions**

Head of Department, August 2009 –

Director of Graduate Studies, Autumn 1997, Autumn-Spring 1999-2000

Director of First Year Studies, Spring-Summer 1997, Spring 2001-Summer-2002, Autumn 2003-2007

Director of Institute of Labour Research, 2002-2007

Visit Day Co-ordinator, 1996-7, 2006-7

International Programmes Representative, 1992-4

Admissions Officer, 1992-4

External Seminar Organiser, 1991-2, 2003-4

- **Committee Memberships**

University

University Senate member, Autumn 2004-7

Accommodation Group, Autumn 2004-7

Sports Advisory Group/Physical Recreation Committee, 1997-8, 2000-7, 2009 – .
Chair October 2003 - 7

Swimming Pool Subcommittee, 1997

Review Committee for BA in Accounting Finance and Economics, 1994

Economics Hiring Committee, 1996, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007

External Hiring Committee – Sports Centre 2004, Sports Science 2005, Government
Dept 2006

Periodic Review of the Government Department, 2004

Social Science School Board, 2005/6

Economics

Graduate Curriculum Committee (Chair) 1997, 1999-2000

Teaching and Learning Committee, 1999-2000

Research Student Progress Committee, 1997, 1999-2000

Departmental Review Committee, 1999

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee 2000-2001