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Education

B.A., Wesleyan University, 1983

Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, May 1992

Dissertation: "Inventions, R&D and Industry Growth," Advisor: Ariel Pakes

Professional Experience

James Burrows Moffatt Professor of Economics, Yale University, 2015-present

Professor of Economics, Yale University, 2012-2015

Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Stanford University, 2018

Professor of Economics, University of Chicago, 2006-2012

Professor of Economics, University of Minnesota, 2004-2006

Visiting Fellow, Department of Research, INSEE-CREST (France), 2005

Associate Professor, University of Minnesota, Department of Economics, 2001-2004

Assistant Professor, Boston University, Department of Economics, 1991-2001

Economist, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 1994-1995

National Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), 1999-2000

Other Positions

Director, Cowles Foundation for Research in Economics, July 2023-present

Member of the Board, NBER, 2018-present

Research Associate, NBER, 2001-2018

Faculty Research Fellow, NBER, 1993-2001

Simmons Visiting Scholar, Rhodes Center, Brown University, 2013-2017

Fellow, CESifo Research Network, 2017-present

Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, 2018-2019

Consultant, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 2008-2012

Visitor, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 2001-2006

Fields of Research

International Economics, Industrial Organization, Macroeconomics

Grants and Honors

- Onassis Prize in International Trade (with Jonathan Eaton), awarded 2018
- Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, elected 2016
- National Science Foundation, Economics Panel, 2015-2017
- Fellow of Branford College, Yale University, 2015
- Fellow of the Econometric Society, elected 2011
- Editor, Journal of Political Economy, 2008-2012
- Frisch Medal (with Jonathan Eaton), awarded 2004
- Associate Editor, European Economic Review, 2004-2006
- National Science Foundation grant, "Intertemporal Trade" (with Jonathan Eaton), 2008-2010
- National Science Foundation grant, "Penetrating Foreign Markets: A Firm and Product-Level Investigation" (with Jonathan Eaton), 2004-2006
- National Science Foundation grant, "Globalization, Productivity, and Growth: Aggregate and Plant-Level Implications" (with Jonathan Eaton), 2000-2002
- National Bureau of Economic Research, National Fellow, 1999-2000
- National Science Foundation grant, "Research, Technology, and Comparative Advantage" (with Jonathan Eaton), 1996-1999
- National Science Foundation grant, "International Technology Diffusion" (with Jonathan Eaton), 1993-1996
- Environmental Protection Agency grant, "Environmental Policy and the Automobile Market" (with Ariel Pakes and Steven Berry), 1992-1994
- Sloan Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 1990
- National Science Foundation grant (with Matthew Shapiro), 1988

Special Lectures and Plenary Talks

- Clair Wilcox Economics Lecture, Swarthmore, 2023
- Hai Wen Lecture, China, 2023
- Ron Jones Lecture, University of Rochester, 2021
- Frank D. Graham Memorial Lecture, Princeton University, 2019
- Onassis Prize Lecture, Cass Business School, London, 2018
- The Prybyla/Riew Lecture, Pennsylvania State University, 2016
- Plenary Lecture, Society for Economic Dynamics, Warsaw, 2015
- C. Woody Thompson Lecture, Midwest Economics Association, Columbus, 2013
- Semi-Plenary Lecture, World Congress of the Econometric Society, Shanghai, 2010

Published Research Papers

- 1. "Technology and the Global Economy" (with Jonathan Eaton), forthcoming *Annual Review of Economics*, 16, 2024
- 2. "Trade, Leakage, and the Design of a Carbon Tax" (with David Weisbach, Michael Wang, and Yujia Yao), Environmental and Energy Policy and the Economy, 4, 2023, 43-90
- 3. "Climate Change Policy in the International Context: Solving the Carbon Leakage Problem" (with David Weisbach), New York University Environmental Law Journal, 31, 2023, 1-64
- 4. "Trade in Goods and Trade in Services" (with Jonathan Eaton) in Lili Yan Ing and Miaojie Yu, eds., World Trade Evolution: Growth, Productivity, and Employment, Routledge, 2019, 82-125
- 5. "The Design of Border Adjustments for Carbon Prices" (with David Weisbach), National Tax Journal, 70(2), 2017, 421-446
- 6. "Trade and the Global Recession" (with Jonathan Eaton, Brent Neiman, and John Romalis), American Economic Review, 106(11), 2016, 3401-3438
- "Obstfeld and Rogoff's International Macro Puzzles: A Quantitative Assessment" (with Jonathan Eaton and Brent Neiman), Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, 72, 2016, 5-23

- 8. "International Trade: Linking Micro and Macro" (with Jonathan Eaton and Sebastian Sotelo) in Daron Acemoglu, Manuel Arellano, and Eddie Dekel, eds., Advances in Economics and Econometrics Tenth World Congress, Volume II: Applied Economics, Cambridge University Press, 2013, 329-370
- 9. "On Deficits and Unemployment" (with Jonathan Eaton and Brent Neiman), Revue Économique, 64(3), May 2013, 405-420
- 10. "Unilateral Carbon Taxes, Border Tax Adjustments, and Carbon Leakage" (with Joshua Elliott, Ian Foster, Gita Khun Jush, Todd Munson, and David Weisbach), *Theoretical Inquiries in Law*, 14(1), 2013, 207-244
- 11. "Putting Ricardo to Work" (with Jonathan Eaton), Journal of Economic Perspectives, 26(2), Spring 2012, 65-90
- 12. "An Anatomy of International Trade: Evidence from French Firms" (with Jonathan Eaton and Francis Kramarz), *Econometrica*, 79(5), September 2011, 1453-1498
- 13. "Trade and Carbon Taxes" (with Joshua Elliott, Ian Foster, Todd Munson, Fernando Pérez Cervantes, and David Weisbach), American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings, 100, May 2010, 465-469
- 14. "Global Rebalancing with Gravity: Measuring the Burden of Adjustment" (with Robert Dekle and Jonathan Eaton), *IMF Staff Papers*, 55(3), September 2008, 511-540
- 15. "Patents and Information Diffusion" (with Jonathan Eaton) in Keith Maskus, ed., Intellectual Property, Growth, and Trade, Elsevier, 2008, 87-121
- 16. "Unbalanced Trade" (with Robert Dekle and Jonathan Eaton), American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings, 97, May 2007, 351-355
- 17. "Innovation, Diffusion, and Trade" (with Jonathan Eaton), in Eytan Sheshinski, Robert J. Strom, and William J. Baumol, eds., Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and the Growth Mechanism of the Free-Enterprise Economies, Princeton University Press, 2007, 276-299
- 18. "Moore's Law and the Semiconductor Industry: A Vintage Model" (with Ana Aizcorbe), Scandinavian Journal of Economics, 107(4), 2005, 603-630
- 19. "Innovating Firms and Aggregate Innovation" (with Tor Jakob Klette), Journal of Political Economy, 112(5), 2004, 986-1018

- "Dissecting Trade: Firms, Industries, and Export Destinations" (with Jonathan Eaton and Francis Kramarz), American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings, 94, May 2004, 150-154
- 21. "International Patenting and the European Patent Office: A Quantitative Assessment" (with Jonathan Eaton and Josh Lerner) in *Patents, Innovation and Economic Performance: OECD Conference Proceedings*, OECD, 2004, 27-52
- 22. "Plants and Productivity in International Trade" (with Andrew Bernard, Jonathan Eaton, and J. Bradford Jensen), American Economic Review, 93(4), 2003, 1268-1290
- 23. "Technology, Geography, and Trade" (with Jonathan Eaton), Econometrica, 70(5), 2002, 1741-1779
 Reprinted in S. Katayama and K. Miyagiwa, eds., New Developments in International Trade: Theoretical and Empirical Investigations, Kobe University, 2003
- 24. "A Rising Tide Raises All Ships: Trade and Diffusion as Conduits of Growth" (with Jonathan Eaton) in Luigi Paganetto and Edmund Phelps, eds., Finance, Research, Education and Growth, Palgrave, McMillan, 2003, 75-89
- 25. "Are All Patent Examiners Equal? Examiners, Patent Characteristics and Litigation Outcomes" (with Iain Cockburn and Scott Stern) in Wesley Cohen and Steven Merrill, eds., Patents in the Knowledge-Based Economy, National Academies Press, 2003, 19-53
- 26. "Trade in Capital Goods" (with Jonathan Eaton), European Economic Review, 45(7), 2001, 1195-1235
- 27. "Technology, Trade, and Growth: A Unified Framework" (with Jonathan Eaton), European Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings, 45 (4-6), 2001, 742-755
- 28. "Assessing the Contribution of Venture Capital to Innovation" (with Josh Lerner), RAND Journal of Economics, 31(4), 2000, 674-692

 Extended versions appear as: "Does Venture Capital Spur Innovation?" in G. Libecap, ed., Entrepreneurial Inputs and Outcomes, Volume 13, Amsterdam, Elsevier Science, 2001 and "Venture Capital and Innovation: Clues to a Puzzle" in J. McCahery and L. Renneborg, eds. Venture Capital Contracting and the Valuation of High Technology Firms, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2003

 Reprinted in M. Wright, H. Sapienza, and L. Busenitz, eds. Venture Capital, Edward Elgar, 2003
- 29. "International Technology Diffusion: Theory and Measurement" (with Jonathan Eaton), *International Economic Review*, 40(3), 1999, 537-570

 Translated as "La Diffusion de la Technologie au Niveau International: Theorie et

- Mesures" A. Bouët and J. Le Cacheux, eds., Globalisation et Politiques Économiques: Les Marges de Manoeuvre, Paris, Economica
- Reprinted in H. Singer, N. Hatti, and R. Tandon, eds., Globalization, Technology and Trade in the 21st Century, New Delhi, India, B.R., 2001
- 30. "European Technology Policy" (with Jonathan Eaton and Eva Gutierrez), *Economic Policy*, 27, 1998, 403-438
- 31. "Stronger Protection or Technological Revolution: What is Behind the Recent Surge in Patenting?" (with Josh Lerner), Carnegie-Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy, 48, 1998, 247-304
 Reprinted in condensed form, Research Policy, 28, 1999, 1-22
- 32. "Technological Specialization in International Patenting" (with Jonathan Eaton, Robert Evenson, Poorti Marino, and Jonathan Putnam) in Gary Saxonhouse and T.N. Srinivasan, eds., Development, Duality, and the International Regime: Essays in Honor of Gustav Ranis, University of Michigan Press, 1999, 301-329
- 33. "Research, Patenting, and Technological Change," *Econometrica*, 65(6), 1997, 1389-1419
- 34. "Assigning Patents to Industries: Tests of the Yale Technology Concordance" (with Jonathan Putnam), *Economic Systems Research*, 9(2), 1997, 161-175
- 35. "Engines of Growth: Domestic and Foreign Sources of Innovation" (with Jonathan Eaton), Japan and the World Economy, 9(2), 1997, 235-259
- 36. "Environmental Change and Hedonic Cost Functions for Automobiles" (with Steven Berry and Ariel Pakes), *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 93(23), 1996, 12731-12738
- 37. "Measuring Technology Diffusion and the International Sources of Growth" (with Jonathan Eaton), Eastern Economic Journal, 22(4), 1996, 401-410
- 38. "Trade in Ideas: Patenting and Productivity in the OECD" (with Jonathan Eaton), Journal of International Economics, 40, May 1996, 251-278

 Reprinted in J. Oxley and B. Yeung, eds., Structural Change, Industrial Location and Competitiveness, Cheltenham, U.K., Edward Elgar, 1998 and in H. Singer, N. Hatti, and R. Tandon, eds., Technological Diffusion in the Third World, New Delhi, India, B.R., 1999
- 39. "Equilibrium R&D and the Patent-R&D Ratio: US Evidence," American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings, 83, May 1993, 450-457

Published Comments and Miscellany

- 1. "Fencing Off Silicon Valley: Cross-Border Venture Capital and Technology Spillovers" Journal of Monetary Economics, 141, 2024, 40-41
- 2. "A Solution to the Leakage Problem" (with David Weisbach) in U.S. Energy & Climate Roadmap: Evidence-based Policies for Effective Action, EPIC, The University of Chicago, 2021, 64-75
- 3. "Comment: 'Productivity and Potential Output before, during, and after the Great Recession' (by John Fernald)," (with Unni Pillai) in J. Parker and M. Woodford, eds., NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2014, University of Chicago Press, 2015, 52-59
- 4. "Discussion: 'Trade Wedges, Inventories, and International Business Cycles' (by George Alessandria, Joseph Kaboski, and Virgiliu Midrigan)," *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 60(1), January 2013, 21-24
- "Comment: 'Competition and Innovation' (by Michele Boldrin, Juan Correa Allamand, David K. Levine, and Carmine Ornaghi)," Cato Papers on Public Policy, 1, 2011, 159-164
- 6. "Comment: 'Diversity and Technological Progress' (by Daron Acemoglu)," in J. Lerner and S. Stern, eds., *The Rate and Direction of Inventive Activity Revisited*, University of Chicago Press, 2012, 357-360
- 7. "Comment on 'Analytical General Equilibrium Effects of Energy Policy on Output and Factor Prices' The B.E. Journal of Analysis & Policy, 10 (2), 2010, Article 16
- 8. "Trade, Technology Diffusion, and Growth" (with Jonathan Eaton) in Lawrence Blume and Steven Durlauf, eds., *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, Second Edition, Macmillan, 2008
- 9. "Comment: TRIPS and Technology Transfer Evidence from Patent Data" in K. Maskus and J. Reichman, eds., *International Public Goods and Transfer of Technology under a Globalized Intellectual Property Regime*, Cambridge University Press, 2004, 282-287
- 10. "Comment: 'Importing Technology' (by Francesco Caselli and Daniel Wilson)," *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 51, 2004, 33-38
- 11. "Review of Networks and Markets (by James E. Rauch and Alessandra Casella)," Journal of International Economics, 61, 2003, 249-252
- 12. "An R&D Roundtable," *Economics of Innovation and New Technology*, 13, 2004, 349-363

- 13. "Comment: 'Taxation and the Sources of Growth: Estimates from United States Multinational Corporations' (by Jason Cummins)," in James Hines, Jr., ed., *International Taxation and Multinational Activity*, University of Chicago Press, 2001, 259-263
- 14. "Competitiveness and Invention: Some Simple Measures" (with Jonathan Eaton) in Patrick Darlap and Heinz Handler, eds., Future Competitiveness of Europe, Austrian Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs, 1998
- 15. "Comment: '1974' (by Jeremy Greenwood and Mehmet Yorukoglu)," Carnegie-Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy, 46, 1997, 96-105
- 16. "Discussion: 'Microeconomic Policy and Technological Change' (by Edwin Mansfield)," in Jeffrey C. Fuhrer and Jane S. Little, eds. *Technology and Growth*, Conference Series No. 40, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, 1996, 201-207

Unpublished Research Papers

- "Firm-to-Firm Trade: Imports, Exports, and the Labor Market" (with Jonathan Eaton and Francis Kramarz), conditionally accepted, *Econometrica* (revised from *NBER Working Paper 29685*)
- "Optimal Unilateral Carbon Policy" (with David Weisbach), Cowles Foundation Discussion Paper 2311
- "Accounting for Intangibles" (with Jonathan Eaton)
- "Dissecting the French Export Wage Premium" (with Jonathan Eaton, Francis Kramarz, and Raul Sampognaro)
- "Staggered Adjustments and Trade Dynamics" (with Jonathan Eaton and Costas Arkolakis)
- "Capital Services in Microprocessor Production: Quantitative Implications of a Vintage Model," (with Ana Aizcorbe and Unni Pillai)
- "Unraveling the Patent Paradox" (with Josh Lerner)
- "Comparative Advantage in Research" (with Jonathan Eaton and Eva Gutierrez)
- "Patents and Productivity Growth in U.S. Manufacturing Industries" (with Saul Lach)
- "Estimating an Equilibrium Model of R&D"

- "Value Function Approximation in an Estimation Routine"
- "Can a Search Model Account for the Time Series Behavior of R&D and Patenting?," in *Econometrics in Tel Aviv, 1993: Workshop and Lecture Series*
- "R&D, Patents and the Progress of Technology in a Search Model," Boston University Department of Economics Working Paper # 17, 1991
- "Least Squares Disaggregation of Consumption: Alternative Estimates of Personal Consumption Expenditure by Type of Product"

Manuscript in Progress

• Technology and the Global Economy: A Framework for Quantitative Analysis (with Jonathan Eaton) manuscript in progress for Princeton University Press