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Education:

2006-Present Ph.D. Candidate, Economics, Columbia University
2006 M. Phil Economics, Columbia University
2003 M.A. Economics, University of Tokyo
2001 B.A. Economics, University of Tokyo

Honors:

2006-09 Teaching/Dissertation Fellowship, Columbia University
2006-08 Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship, Institute for Social and
Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University
2006.12 Wueller Pre-dissertation Proposal Award, Department of Economics,
Columbia University
2006.2 Runner-up prize for the 8th ISER-Moriguchi Prize, Osaka University
2004-06 Japan-IMF scholarship for Advanced Studies, IMF Institute
2003-04 Faculty Fellowship, GSAS, Columbia University

Teaching and Research Fields:

Labor Economics
Applied Microeconomics
Demographic Economics
Public Economics

Dissertation:

Title: Long-term Effects of Labor Market Conditions in Youth
Co-sponsors: Professor Janet Currie / Professor Till von Wachter
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Job Market Paper: “Female labor market conditions and family formation”

Abstract: Slack labor market conditions for women relative to men increase marriage rates for young women. One concern is that this increase may be from marginal

marriages due to some females lowering their reservation match quality, and so lead to future divorces and possibly to increases in female headship and poverty. This paper examines the long-term consequences of such marriages using data from the Survey of Income and Program Participation and the Panel Study of Income Dynamics. I find that the marriages induced by relatively poor economic conditions for women reflect shifts in the timing of marriage among young women who would eventually marry anyway. Labor market conditions at age 18-20 do not affect the fraction of women who will marry by age 30. Further, labor market conditions at marriage are uncorrelated with the probability of divorce or with spouses' characteristics, and marrying young in response to labor market shocks does not significantly affect a woman's fertility or labor supply. These findings are consistent with a model in which economic conditions affect women's search intensity without affecting their reservation match quality.

Publications:

“Long-term effects of a recession at labor market entry in Japan and the United States” with Yuji Genda and Souichi Ohta, accepted for publication by *Journal of Human Resources*

“Does the First Job Really Matter? State Dependency in Employment Status in Japan”, *Journal of the Japanese and International Economies*, 21 (September 2007)

Working Paper:

“Differential Effects of Graduating during a Recession across Race and Gender”, ISERP Working Paper 07-05, October 2008, under review

Work in Progress:

“Japan’s lost decade and the declining marriage rate,” joint with Yuki Hashimoto

Teaching Experience:

Columbia University (TA)

Fall 2008, Introduction to Econometrics, Prof. Dennis Kristensen

Spring 2007, Economics of Race in the U.S., Prof. Brendan O’Flaherty

Fall 2006, Political Economy, Prof. Alessandra Casella

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo (TA)

Winter 2002/03, Graduate Microeconomics, Prof. Taejong Kim

University of Tokyo, Tokyo (TA)

Summer 2002, Microeconomics, Prof. Masahiro Okuno-Fujiwara

Research Experience:

Summer 2006, Summer Internship, International Monetary Fund
“Debt Sustainability in HIPC Countries” supervised by Mr. Manrique Saenz
Spring 2005, Research Assistant for Prof Lalith Munasinghe (Barnard College)
Summer 2004, Research Assistant for Prof. Wojciech Kopczuk and Prof. Till von Wachter

Conference presentations:

2008. 8 Econometric Society European summer meeting, Milan, Italy
2008. 7 Western Economic Association International, Honolulu, HI
2008. 6 Econometric Society North American summer meeting, Pittsburgh, PA
2008. 6 Japanese Economic Association spring meeting, Sendai, Japan
2008. 3 Eastern Economic Association, Boston, MA
2007. 6 Japanese Economic Association spring meeting, Osaka, Japan
2007. 2 RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics, Dortmund, Germany
2005. 6 Japanese Economic Association spring meeting, Kyoto, Japan
2003. 6 Japanese Economic Association spring meeting, Oita, Japan

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Economic Inquiry, Labour Economics

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