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**CURRENT POSITIONS**

Professor, Department of Economics, University of British Columbia, 1999-

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1998-present.

Associated Fellow, Centre interuniversitaire de recherche en analyse des organisations, 1994-present

**PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

Research Associate, Canadian Institute of Advanced Research Program on Social Interactions, Identity and Well-Being, 2007-2009

Director, Team for Advanced Research on Globalisation, Education, and Technology (TARGET), 2002-2007

Visiting Professor, University of California, Berkeley, 2003-2004

Acting Head, Department of Economics, UBC, April 2001-July 2001

National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 1996-1997

Research Associate, Centre de recherche et développement en économique, 1992-2000

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Université de Montréal, 1995-1999.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Université de Montréal, 1992-1995.

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1990-1998.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University, 1991-1992.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1989-1992.

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D.(Economics), Princeton University, October 1989.

M.A.(Economics), Queen's University, November 1985.

B.A.(Economics), Université Laval, June 1984.

## **HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Fellow, Royal Society of Canada, 2010-

Fellow, Society of Labor Economists, 2009-

Keith Hancock Lecture (inaugural lecture), Flinders University, March 2009

Trevor Swan Distinguished Lecture, Australian National University, March 2009

Distinguished University Scholar, University of British Columbia, 2003-

Killam Senior Research Prize, University of British Columbia, March 2003

Innis Lecture, Canadian Economic Association, 2002

Royal Bank Professor of Economics, University of British Columbia, 2001-2003

Canadian Economic Association's Rae Prize for Outstanding Research, 1998

Minnesota Award 1996 (for the paper "Labor Market Institutions and the Distribution of Wages, 1973-1992: A Semi-Parametric Approach")

National Fellowship, Hoover Institution, 1996-1997.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Graduate Scholarship, 1985-1989.

Québec Fonds FCAR Graduate Scholarship, 1985-1988.

## **EDITORIAL ACTIVITY AND ADVISORY BOARDS**

Founding Co-Editor, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2007-

Member, National Statistics Council, Statistics Canada, 2005-

Associate Editor, *American Economic Review*, 2004-2007

Associate Editor, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2003-2007

Associate Editor, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2002-2007

Associate Editor, *Labour Economics*, 2006-2007

Co-editor, *B.E. Journals of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 2003-2005

Co-editor, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 1999 - 2003

Editorial Board Member, *B.E. Journals of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 2001-2003

Associate Editor, *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, 2001 -2003

Editorial Adviser, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 1997 - 2000

Member of the Advisory Panel of Experts on Education and Adult Learning, Human Resources Development Canada, 2000-2002

Member of the Board of the Canadian Employment Research Forum, 1992-2001

## **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

“Regression Discontinuity Designs in Economics” (with David S. Lee), *Journal of Economic Literature* 48(2), June 2010, 281-355.

“The Evolution of the Returns to Human Capital in Canada, 1980-2005” (with Brahim

Boudarbat and Craig Riddell), *Canadian Public Policy* 36(1), March 2010, 63-89.

“Unconditional Quantile Regressions” (with Sergio Firpo and Nicole Fortin), forthcoming in *Econometrica*, 2009 (earlier and longer version available as NBER Technical Working Paper No. 339, November 2006)

“Performance Pay and Wage Inequality” (With Bentley MacLeod and Daniel Parent), *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 124(1), February 2009, 1-49

“L’évolution des inégalités dans les pays industrialisés: le point sur la situation” forthcoming in *Actualité Économique* 84(3), September 2008, 1-23.

“Regression Discontinuity Designs: A Guide to Practice” (with Guido Imbens), *Journal of Econometrics* 142(2), February 2008, 807-828.

“Incentive Effects of Social Assistance: A Regression Discontinuity Approach” (with Kevin Milligan), *Journal of Econometrics* 142(2), February 2008, 615-635.

“The Changing Nature of Wage Inequality” *Journal of Population Economics*, 21(1), January 2008, 21-48.

“The Impact of Unionization on the Incidence of and Sources of Payment for Training in Canada” (with David Green), *Empirical Economics* 32(2-3), May 2007, 465-489.

“Increasing Residual Wage Inequality: Composition Effects, Noisy Data, or Rising Demand for Skill?,” *American Economic Review* 96(3), June 2006, 461-98.

“Postsecondary Education and Increasing Wage Inequality,” *American Economic Review (Papers and Proceedings)* 96(2), May 2006, 195-199.

“Comparative Advantage, Learning, and Sectoral Wage Determination,” (with Robert Gibbons, Lawrence Katz, and Daniel Parent), *Journal of Labor Economics* 23, (October 2005) 681-724

“Unions and Wage Inequality” (with David Card and Craig Riddell), *Journal of Labor Research*, Fall 2004, v. 25, iss. 4, pp. 519-62. (symposium on “What Do Unions Do – A Retrospective After Two Decades”)

“Decomposing Wage Distributions: a Unified Approach” *Canadian Journal of Economics* 35 (4), November 2002, 646-88.

"Alcohol, Marijuana, and American Youth: the Unintended Consequences of Government Regulation," (with John DiNardo), *Journal of Health Economics* 20, November 2001, pp. 991-1010.

“Draft Avoidance and College Attendance: The Unintended Legacy of the Vietnam War” (with David Card) *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* 91, May 2001, pp. 97-102.

"Can Falling Supply Explain the Rising Return to College for Younger Men? A Cohort-Based Analysis" (with David Card), *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 116, May 2001, pp. 705-46.

"Education, Earnings, and the Canadian G.I. Bill"(with David Card), *Canadian Journal of Economics* 34, May 2001, pp. 313-344.

"Supply Side Hysteresis: The Case of Unemployment Insurance in Canada," (with W. Bentley MacLeod), *Journal of Public Economics* 78, October 2000, 139-70.

"What is Happening in the Youth Labour Market in Canada?" (with Paul Beaudry and Daniel Parent), *Canadian Public Policy* 26, July 2000, S59-S83.

"Are Women's Wage Gains Men's Losses? A Distributional Test" (with Nicole Fortin), *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* 90, May 2000, 456-460.

"Changes in the Relative Structure of Wages and Employment: A Comparison of the United States, Canada, and France" (with David Card and Francis Kramarz), *Canadian Journal of Economics* 32, August 1999, pp. 843-877

"The Evolution of the Female Participation Rate in Canada, 1976-1994: A Cohort Analysis"(with Paul Beaudry), *Canadian Business Economics* 7, May 1999, pp. 57-70

"Rank Regressions, Wage Distributions, and the Gender Gap" (with Nicole Fortin) *Journal of Human Resources* 33, Summer 1998, pp. 610-643.

"Estimating the Effects of Unions on Wage Inequality in a Panel Data Model with Comparative Advantage and Non-Random Selection," *Journal of Labor Economics* 16, April 1998, pp. 261-291.

"Changes in Wage Inequality in Canada and the United States: Do Institutions Explain the Difference?" (with John DiNardo) *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 50, July 1997, pp. 629-651.

"Choix Occupationnels et offre de travail lorsque les salaires sont fonction du nombre d'heures de travail"(french version of "The Estimation of Occupational Choices when Wages Depend on Hours of Work"), *Actualité Économique* 73, March-June-September 1997, pp. 99-126.

"Institutional Changes and Wage Inequality: Is there a Linkage?" (with Nicole Fortin), *Journal of Economic Perspective*, Spring 1997, pp. 75-96.

"Recent Trends in the Economic Status of North American Youth" (with David Card), *Industrial Relations Research Association 49th Annual Proceedings*, 1997, pp. 98-105.

"Wage Dispersion, Returns to Skill, and Black-White Wage Differentials" (with David Card), *Journal of Econometrics*, Vol. 74, No. 2, October 1996, pp. 319-361.

"Labor Market Institutions and the Distribution of Wages: A Semi-Parametric Approach" (with John DiNardo and Nicole Fortin), *Econometrica* 64, September 1996, pp. 1001-1044.

"Le chômage des années 1980: que nous apprennent les comparaisons internationales?" (with Paul Beaudry) french version of "Unemployment in the 1980s: Learning from International Comparisons," *Actualité Économique* 72, September 1996, pp. 291-304.

"Labor Market Institutions and Gender Differences in Wage Inequality" (with Nicole Fortin), *Industrial Relations Research Association 48th Annual Proceedings*, 1996, pp. 28-36.

"Changing Wage Structure and Black-White Wage Differentials: A Longitudinal Analysis," (with David Card) *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* 84, May 1994, pp. 29-33.

"The Effect of Taxes on Labor Supply in the Underground Economy," (with B. Fortin and P. Fréchette) *American Economic Review* 84, March 1994. pp. 231-254.

"The Effects of Product Market Competition on Collective Bargaining Agreements: The Case of Foreign Competition in Canada," (with J. Abowd) *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 108, November 1993, pp. 983-1014.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

"Decomposition Methods in Economics" (with Sergio Firpo and Nicole Fortin), forthcoming in D. Card and O. Ashenfelter, eds., *Handbook of Labor Economics*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Elsevier North Holland, 2010, pp. 1-102.

"What Do We Really Know about Changes in Wage Inequality?", forthcoming in K. Abraham, M. Harper, and J. Spletzer (eds.), *Labor in the New Economy*, University of Chicago Press, 2009.

"Recent Trends in Wage Inequality and the Wage Structure in Canada," (with Brahim Boudarbat and W. Craig Riddell, in D. Green and J. Kesselman (eds.), *Dimensions of Inequality in Canada*, UBC Press, 2006, pp. 269-306.

"The Mincer Equation Thirty Years after *Schooling, Experience, and Earnings*," in S. Grossbard (ed.) *Jacob Mincer, A Pioneer of Modern Labor Economics*, Springer Verlag, 2006, pp. 127-145.

"Trade Liberalization and the Labour Market", in R. Harris and T. Lemieux (eds.) *Social and Labour Market Aspects of North American Linkages*, University of Calgary Press for Industry Canada, 2005, pp. 119-46.

"Overview of the Volume", in R. Harris and T. Lemieux (eds.) *Social and Labour Market Aspects of North American Linkages*, University of Calgary Press for Industry Canada, 2005, pp. 1-21.

"Labor Market Reforms and Wage Inequality in the United Kingdom and the United States" (with Amanda Gosling), in R. Blundell, D. Card, and R. Freeman (eds.) *Seeking a Premier Economy: The Economic Effects of British Economic Reforms, 1980-2000*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press for NBER, 2004, pp. 275-312

"Unions and the Wage Structure" (with David Card and Craig Riddell), in John T. Addison and Claus Schnabel (eds.) *The International Handbook of Trade Unions*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2003, 246-92.

"Dropout and Enrollment Trends in the Post War Period: What Went Wrong in the 1970s?" (with David Card), in J. Gruber (ed.) *An Economic Analysis of Risky Behavior Among Youth*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press for NBER, 2001, pp. 439-482.

"The Causal Effect of Education on Earnings in Canada," in A. Sweetman and P. de Broucker (eds.), *Towards Evidence-Based Policy for Canadian Education*, Statistics Canada and John Deutsch Institute for the Study of Economic Policy, Queen's University, 2002, page 105-116.

"Downward Nominal Wage Rigidity: A Critical Assessment and Some New Evidence for Canada" (with Jean Farès), in A. Crawford (ed.) *Proceedings of the Bank of Canada Conference on Price Stability and the Long Run Target for Monetary Policy*, 2001, pp. 3-48.

"Income Redistribution in Canada: Minimum Wages versus other Policy Instruments" (with Nicole Fortin) in W.C. Riddell and F. St-Hilaire (eds.) *Public Policies in a Labour Market in Transition*, IRPP 2000, pp. 211-247.

"Adapting to Circumstances: The Evolution of Work, School, and Living Arrangements Among North American Youth" (with David Card) in D. Blanchflower and R. Freeman (eds.) *Youth Employment and Joblessness in Advanced Countries*, University of Chicago Press and NBER, 2000, pp. 171-213.

"Minimum Wages and Youth Employment in France and the United States" (with John Abowd, Francis Kramarz, and David Margolis) in D. Blanchflower and R. Freeman (eds.) *Youth Employment and Joblessness in Advanced Countries*, University of Chicago Press and NBER, 2000, pp. 427-72.

"Public versus Private Provision of Worker's Benefits: Are Spanish Underground Workers and American Uncovered Workers In the Same Situation?" (with Sara de la Rica), in R. Blank (ed.) *Social Protection and Economic Flexibility: Is There a Tradeoff?*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press for NBER, 1994, pp. 265-299.

"Unions and Wage Inequality in Canada and in the United States," in D. Card et R. Freeman (eds.) *Small Differences that Matter: Labor Markets and Income Maintenance in Canada and the United States*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press for NBER, 1993, pp. 69-107.

"The Effects of International Trade on Collective Bargaining Outcomes: a Comparison of the

United States and Canada,"(with John Abowd), in J. Abowd and R. Freeman eds. *Immigration, Trade, and Labor Markets*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press for NBER, 1991, pp. 343-367.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Occupational Tasks and Changes in the Wage Structure” (with Sergio Firpo and Nicole Fortin), unpublished manuscript, September 2009

“Performance Pay, Wage Flexibility, and Hours of Work” (with Daniel Parent and W. Bentley MacLeod), unpublished manuscript, October 2008

“Why are the Relative Wages of Immigrants Declining? A Distributional Approach” (with Brahim Boudarbat), unpublished manuscript, October 2007

“Population aging and human capital investment by youth” (with Nicole Fortin), unpublished manuscript, June 2005

“Did Draft Avoidance Raise College Attendance during the Vietnam War?” Center for Labor Economics Working Paper No. 46, UC Berkeley, February 2002.

"Globalisation, Unions, and Labor Market Rents", unpublished manuscript, April 1998.

"Job Switchers, Dual Job Holders, and Union Wage Differences," unpublished manuscript, April 1991.

## **BOOKS AND JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES**

“The Regression Discontinuity Design: Theory and Applications” (co-editor with Guido Imbens), *Journal of Econometrics* 142(2), February 2008, 240 pages

Labour Market Economics, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (with D. Benjamin, M. Gunderson , and W.C. Riddell), Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 2007.

Social and Labour Market Aspects of North American Linkages (co-editor with Richard Harris), University of Calgary Press for Industry Canada, 2005.

L'économie souterraine au Québec: mythes et réalités (with Bernard Fortin, Gaétan Garneau, Guy Lacroix, and Claude Montmarquette), Québec: Presses de l'Université Laval, 1996.

## **BOOK REVIEWS AND COMMENTS**

“For Equality, Education Matters” Review of “The Race Between Education and Technology” by Claudia Goldin and Lawrence F. Katz, *Science* 321(5897), September 2008, p. 1779

Review of: “*The Paradox of American Unionism*” by Seymour M. Lipset and Noah M. Meltz, *Journal of Economic Literature* 42, September 2007, pp. 761-63.

Review of: "Forging Business-Labour Partnerships: The Emergence of Sector Councils in Canada" edited by M. Gunderson and A. Sharpe, *Journal of Economic Literature* 34, June 1999, pp. 691-92.

Comments on "Unemployment and Labor Force Attachment: A Multistate Analysis of Nonemployment" by Stephen Jones and Craig Riddell, in the *Labor Statistics Measurement Issues*, University of Chicago Press, 1999, pp. 152-55.

Review of "Aspect of Labour Market Behaviour: Essays in Honour of John Vanderkamp" edited by Louis N. Christofides, E. Kenneth Grant, and Robert Swidinski, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 50, January 1997, pp. 356-57.

Review of "Differences and Changes in Wage Structures" edited by R. Freeman and L. Katz, *Journal of Economic Literature* 34, September 1996, pp. 1369-71.

Review of "The Economics of Earnings" by Polachek and Siebert, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 48, January 1995, pp. 362-363.

"Comments on Gueron's and Rydén's Papers" in E. Reynolds (ed.) *Income Security in Canada: Changing Needs, Changing Means*, Montreal: IRPP, 1993, pp. 203-210.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

"Special Issue Editors' Introduction: The Regression Discontinuity Design: Theory and Applications" (with Guido Imbens), *Journal of Econometrics* 142(2), February 2008, 611-614.

"Disparités de revenu et croissance de l'emploi: y-a-t'il un <<tradeoff>>" Actes du congrès de l'ASDEQ de 1998.

"Le chômage et le travail au noir," *Policy Option / Options Politiques*, July/August 1996, pp. 69-72.

Introduction (in french) to the Canadian Economics Association 1994 Annuals (special issue of the *Canadian Journal of Economics*, June 1996).