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## EDUCATION

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Ph.D. Student, Department of Economics 2005 – present

Advisors: Ran Abramitzky (main advisor), Nick Bloom, Avner Greif

University of Canterbury, New Zealand

B.Sc. (Hons), First Class, Economics 1999 - 2002

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Stanford Department of Economics (Fall 2008/2009)

Ric Weiland Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University (2008)

Sean Buckley Memorial Award for best second year research paper, Stanford Department of Economics and SIEPR (2008)

Stanford University Economics Department two year Ph.D. Fellowship (2005)

Motu Economic and Public Policy Research Ph.D. Scholarship (2005)

University of Canterbury Senior Scholarship (2002)

Reserve Bank of New Zealand University Scholarship (2002)

NZFUW Canterbury Branch Trust Board Scholarship (2001)

Economic Society Prize (2001)

Page Memorial Prize for academic achievement in Mathematics (2001)

Archibald Charles Callaway Prize in Economics (2000)

NZEST Scholarship exams: 8<sup>th</sup> in New Zealand over five subjects (first in economics, third in biology) (1998)

## EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Ran Abramitzky, Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Stanford University, April 2007 - present

Head Teaching Assistant for Econ 50, Intermediate Microeconomics, Economics Department, Stanford University, September 2008 - December 2008

Research Assistant for Lawrence Goulder, Professor, Economics Department, Stanford University, September 2006 - November 2007

Research Analyst, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research Trust, Wellington, New Zealand, November 2003 - July 2005

Economic Analyst, Policy Team, Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand, January 2003 - November 2003

Teaching Assistant for third year undergraduate core macroeconomics and core microeconomics, Economics Department, University of Canterbury, New Zealand, February 2002 - November 2002

Summer Intern, Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand, November 2001 - February 2002

## RESEARCH

“Book Translations as Information Flows: How detrimental was Communism to the flow of ideas?” with Ran Abramitzky (2009).

“Trade in Ideas: What drives book translations?” (2008).

“The Dynamics of Adverse Selection in the Market for Slaves,” (2008).

“The Likely Regional Impacts of an Agricultural Emissions Policy in New Zealand: Preliminary Analysis,” with Emma Brunton, Joanna Hendy and Suzi Kerr, *Motu Working Paper 05-08* (2005).

“The Geographical Mobility of Maori in New Zealand,” with Steven Stillman, *Motu Working Paper 05-05* (2005).

“Taxes vs Permits: Options for Price-Based Climate Change Regulation,” with Suzi Kerr and Joanna Hendy, *New Zealand Treasury Working Paper 05/02* (2005).

“Maori Incomes: Investigating Differences Between Iwi,” with David C. Maré, *Motu Working Paper 04-06* (2004).

“Bartercard?” *University of Canterbury Honours Thesis* (2002).