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PhD Warwick University 2006

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

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Education: BSc. Economics & Management, Brunel 2000

MSc. Economics, Warwick 2001

PhD Economics, Warwick (awarded July, 2006) "On the Use of Subjective Well-being Data in Economic Analysis: An Empirical Study Using Developed and Developing Countries Data"

Academic post held:

01/2011- Assistant Professor, Division of Economics, Nanyang Technological University

10/2010 Visiting Researcher, Department of Economics, University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce

2008-2010 Lecturer, Department of Economics and Related Studies, University of York

2007-2008 Research Officer (Grade 8), Centre for Economics of Education, Institute of Education, University of London

2005-2007 Research Officer (Grade 7), Centre for Economics of Education, Institute of Education, University of London

2. RESEARCH

Research interests

Applied micro-econometrics. Health economics. Labour economics. Behavioural economics. Experimental economics. Happiness data. Quantitative social science.

Book

The Happiness Equation: The Surprising Economics of Our Most Valuable Asset. Icon Books, UK.

Selected peer-reviewed publications and R&R

2011

1. Putting different price tags on the same health problem: Re-evaluating the well-being valuation approach (with Bernard Van Den Berg), *Journal of Health Economics* (in press)
2. Thinking about it: A note on attention and well-being losses from unemployment (with Paul Dolan), *Applied Economics Letters* (in press).
3. Jobless, friendless, and broke: What happens to different areas of life before and after unemployment? *Economica* (in press).
4. Anticipation, free rider problem, and adaptation to trade union: Re-examining the curious case of dissatisfied union members, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* (in press).
5. Destruction and distress: Using a quasi-experiment to show the effects of the September 11 attack on subjective well-being in the UK (with Robert Metcalfe and Paul Dolan), *Economic Journal*, 121(550), F81-F103.

2010

6. Does education reduce the risk of hypertension? Estimating the biomarker effect of compulsory schooling in England, *Journal of Human Capital*, 4(2), 173-202.
7. How much does money really matter? Estimating causal effects of income on happiness, *Empirical Economics*, 39(1), 77-92.
8. Daughters and leftwing voting, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 92(2), 213-227 (**published as the leading article**) (with Oswald A J).

2009

9. What happens to people before and after disability? Focusing effects, lead effects, and adaptation in different areas of life, *Social Science and Medicine*, 69, 1834-1844.
10. How important is rank to individual perception of economic standing? A within-community analysis, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 7(3), 225-248.
11. I can't smile without you: Spouse correlation in life satisfaction, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 30(4), 675-689.
12. The socio-economic gap of university drop out, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, 9(1), 19. (with Anna Vignoles).
13. Think having children will make you happy? *The Psychologist*, 22(4), 308-311.
14. Ill-health as a household norm: Evidence from other people's health problems, *Social Science and Medicine*, 68, 251-259.

2008

15. Death, happiness equations, and the calculation of compensatory damages, *Journal of Legal Studies*, 37(S2), S217-S252. (with Oswald A J)
16. Mental health of parents and life satisfaction of children: A within-family analysis of intergenerational transmission of well-being, *Social Indicators Research*, 88(3), 397-422. (with Vignoles A)
17. Putting a price tag on friends, relatives, and neighbours: Using surveys of life satisfaction to value social relationships, *Journal of Socio-Economics*, 37(4), 1459-1480.

18. Does happiness adapt? A longitudinal study of disability with implications for economists and judges, *Journal of Public Economics*, 92, 1061-1077. (with Oswald A J)

2007

19. Obesity, unhappiness, and the challenge of affluence. *Economic Journal*, 117, F441-454. (with Oswald A J)
20. Feeling richer or poorer than others: A cross-sectional and panel analysis of subjective economic status in Indonesia. *Asian Economic Journal*, 21, 169-194.
21. Are there geographical variations in the psychological cost of unemployment in South Africa? *Social Indicators Research*, 80, 629-652.

2005

22. Unhappiness and crime: Evidence from South Africa. *Economica*, 72, 531-547.

Book Chapter

1. Happiness and the standard of living: The case of South Africa. In Bruni, L. and Porta, P.L. (eds.) *Handbook on the Economics of Happiness* (pp. 447-486). Edward Elgar: UK, 2007
2. Death, happiness equations, and the calculation of compensatory damages. In (eds) Posner, E.A. and Sunstein, C.R. (eds.) *Law and Happiness*. University of Chicago Press, 2010.

Book Review

1. **Book review** for Bernard Van Praag and Ada Ferrer-i-Carbonell's *Happiness Quantified: A Satisfaction Calculus Approach. Revised Version*. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 47(1), 204-207.

Citations since 2005 (as of 29/05/2011)

Web of Science: 114

Scopus: 123

Google Scholar: 678

3. OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Teaching

(1) Nanyang Technological University

2011-present **Econometrics II: Applied Econometrics (PhD)**

(2) University of York

2009-2011 **Economics I: An Introduction Course to Economics (1st year UG)**

Lecturer (400+ students). Have complete control over the contents of lectures and seminar questions on microeconomics.

Health Economics (3rd year UG)

Lecturer (30+ students). Teach the Economics of Obesity, Cost-Benefit Analysis, and Behavioural Health Economics. Have complete control over the content of the lectures.

2008-2011

Health Economics (PG)

Lecturer (40+ students). Teach the Economics of Obesity and Chronic Ill-Health and Disability. Have complete control over the content of the lectures.

Labour Economics (3rd year UG)

Lecturer (20+ students). Teach Labour Supply, Labour Market Equilibrium, Trade Union, Determinants of Job Satisfaction, and Economics of Education. Have complete control over the contents of the lectures.

(3) Institute of Education, University of London

2005-2007

Quantitative Evaluation Method (QEM) (PG). Had a lecture on instrumental variables to MSc and PhD students.

(4) University of Warwick

2001-2004

Seminar leader for Economics I, Foundation in Economics, and Mathematical Techniques

Administrative duties and services

At NTU, I have been in charge of renovating and helped redesigning the entire website of the economics division. I have also given many public talks, including the Economics Society of Singapore and to JC students.

Award

1. Annual award for Educational Excellence in Social Science given by the Anglo-Thai Society, UK, to one person each year (2007).

Research grants

“Fooled by Randomness: An Experiment”, Start-up grand (SG\$30k)

“Innovation and Well-Being”, with Paul Dolan, NESTA (£900)

“Priming and Public Goods: A Pilot Study”, University of York, Pump-Priming funds (£728)

“Happiness and Morality”, *British Academy* (£6,000), 2010

PhD supervision

I have supervised Hasan Basarir, a PhD candidate in Economics at the University of York.

Other achievements

Co-founding editor *International Journal of Well-Being (IJW)*

Top 200 Young Economists in REPEC

Consistently ranked in the top 10 Economists in Singapore in REPEC

IZA Research Fellow

Nanyang Assistant Professorship Finalist (ranked the top 5% out of 500 applicants)

Presentations at Conferences:

1. Happiness, adaptation, and prediction conference at Harvard University, USA, organised by Andrew Oswald, Richard Easterlin, and Daniel Gilbert (September, 2007).
2. Policies for Happiness International Conference, University of Siena, Italy (June, 2007).
3. Royal Economics Society Annual Conference, University of Nottingham (March, 2005).
4. International Association for Research in Income and Wealth Conference, Cork, Ireland (August, 2004).
5. Poverty Reduction and Human Development in Africa” Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference, Oxford University (March, 2004).
6. International Conference on Paradoxes of Happiness in Economics, University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy (March, 2003).

Invited talks and departmental seminars:

1. Happiness, Ideal Weight, and Obesity, Cass Business School, City University (June, 2010)
2. Keep it in the family: Daughters, leftwing voting, and risky health behaviours, University of Loughborough (March, 2010).
3. An introduction to the economics of happiness. A guest lecturer for students doing MSc in Applied Positive Psychology, University of East London (September, 2009).
4. What happens to different areas of life before and after unemployment?, San Francisco Federal Bank (September, 2009).
5. Anticipation, free-rider problem, and adaptation to trade union, University of Kent (April, 2009).
6. Attention and adaptation in happiness research, University of Reading (March, 2008).
7. Mental health of parents and life satisfaction of children, Princeton University, USA (February, 2008)
8. Does happiness adapt? A longitudinal study of disability with implications for economists and judges, Sheffield University (February, 2008).
9. Happiness and adaptation workshop, Brunel University, West London (November, 2007)

10. International committee for the International Conference Happiness in Global Perspectives and Local Interpretations: The Implication to Alternative Development Paradigm and Public Policy, Bangkok, Thailand (July, 2007).
11. A guest lecturer on “The economics of happiness: An introduction to the paradox of development” at Chulalongkorn University, Kasetsart University, and the Ministry of Finance, Bangkok, Thailand (August, 2006).
12. Panel discussant for the Symposium on the Economics of Happiness, The University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA (March, 2006).

Media: Research featured in *The London Times*, *The Guardian*, *The New York Times*, *The Daily Mail*, *Psychologies magazine*, *The Herald*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Foreign Policy magazine*, *The Washington Post*, *The Financial Times*. Given 50+ radio interviews to date, and have written a blog for *Nature.com*.

Statistical Software Packages: STATA, SPSS, and MLwiN (Multilevel Modelling for Windows)

Refereeing services for *Economica*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Review of Social Economy*, *Health Economics*, *Review of Economics & Statistics*, *International Economic Review*, *Bulletin of Economic Research*, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Empirical Economics*, *Oxford Economic Paper*, *Research in Applied Quality of Life*, *Social Indicators Research*, *Education Economics Journal*, *Population and Development Review*, *World Development*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *ESRC Research Grant*