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Employment and Affiliations

Professor, Department of Economics, Norwegian School of Economics	2021-
Affiliated Researchers, Uppsala University	2024-
Affiliate Member, Institute of Labor Economics, IZA	2023-
Affiliate Member, CESifo Research Network	2021-
Researcher, Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality and Rationality, FAIR	2018-
Researcher, Center for Applied Research, SNF	2018-
Research Fellow, Uppsala Center for Labor Studies, UCLS	2018-
Research Fellow, Bolivian Academy of Economic Sciences, ABCE	2017-

Past Employment and Affiliations

Affiliated Researcher, Statistics Norway	2019 - 2022
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Norwegian School of Economics	2018 - 2021

Editorial Activities

Editorial Board, Review of Economic Studies	2025-
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Education

Ph.D. Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University	2018
M.S. Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University	2016
M.P.P. McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University	2013
B.A. Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, Durham University	2011

Working Papers

- The Effect of Labor Market Competition on Firms, Workers, and Communities (with S. Dodini and K. Loken).
Under Revision for American Economic Review.
Also published as NHH Discussion Paper 17 (2022)
- The Career Effects of Union Membership (with S. Dodini, K. Salvanes, and J. Zhu).
Under Revision for American Economic Review.
Also published as IZA Discussion Paper 16185 (2023)
- The Dynamics of Power in Labor Markets: Monopolistic Unions versus Monopsonistic Employers (with S. Dodini and K. Salvanes).
Under Revision for Review of Economic Studies
Also published as CESifo Discussion Paper No. 9495 (2022)
- How Do Firms Respond to Unions? (with S. Dodini and A. Stansbury).
Reject and Resubmit Quarterly Journal of Economics.
Also published as IZA Discussion Paper 16697 (2023)
- Parenthood and the Gender Gap in Commuting (with R. Karadakic and A. Butikofer).
Reject and Resubmit Journal of Public Economics.
Also published as NHH Discussion Paper 11 (2023)
- The Timing of Parental Displacement, Child Development and Family Adjustment (with P. Carneiro, K. Salvanes, and B. Willage).
Also published as CESifo Discussion Paper (2022)
- Employment Protection and Child Development (with B. Willage and J. Riise).
Also published as NHH Discussion Paper 19 (2022)

The Effect of Unions on Immigrant Labor Market Integration (with S. Dodini and J. Zhu).
Also published as NHH Discussion Paper 24 (2023)

Worker Power, Immigrant Sorting, and Firm Dynamics (with M. Silliman).
Also published as IZA Discussion Paper 17208 (2024)

Published Papers

Ginja, Riise, Willage, and Willen (accepted). "Does Your Doctor Matter? Doctor Quality and Patient Outcomes"
Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics.

Landaud, Maurin, Willage, and Willen (accepted). "The Value of A High School GPA"
Review of Economics and Statistics.

Hirshman and Willen (accepted). "Does Increasing Risk Widen Gender Gaps?"
Management Science.

Dodini, Lovenheim, and Willen (accepted). "Understanding the Decline in Private Sector Unionization"
The ILR Review.

Dodini, Lovenheim, Salvanes, and Willen (2024). "Monopsony, Skills, and Labor Market Concentration"
The Economic Journal.

Salvanes, Willage, and Willen (2024). "The Effect of Labor Market Shocks Across the Life Cycle"
Journal of Labor Economics.

Tungodden and Willen (2023). "When Parents Decide: Gender Differences in Competitiveness"
Journal of Political Economy.

Willage and Willen (2022). "Postpartum Job Loss: Transitory Effect on Mothers, Long-Run Damage on Children"
European Economic Review.

Butikofer, Loken and Willen (2022). "Building Bridges and Widening Gaps"
The Review of Economics and Statistics.

Riise, Willage and Willen (2022). "Can Female Doctors Cure the Gender STEMM Gap? Evidence from Randomly Assigned General Practitioners"
The Review of Economics and Statistics.

Johnsen and Willen (2022). "The Effect of Negative Income Shocks on Pensioners"
Labour Economics.

Johnsen, Vaage, and Willen (2022). "Interactions in Public Policies: Spousal Responses and Program Spillovers of Welfare Reforms"
The Economic Journal.

Jaume and Willen (2021). "The Effect of Teacher Strikes on Parents"
Journal of Development Economics.

Willen (2021). "Decentralization of Wage Determination: Evidence From A National Teacher Reform"
Journal of Public Economics.

Blau, Comey, Eng, Kahn, Meyerhofer and Willen (2020). "Culture and gender allocation of tasks: source country characteristics and the division of non-market work among US immigrants"
The Review of Economics of the Household.

Homonoff, Willage and Willen (2020). "Rebates as Incentives: The Effects of a Gym Membership Reimbursement Program"
Journal of Health Economics.

Bohlmark and Willen (2020). "Tipping and the Effects of Segregation"
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics.

Lovenheim and Willen (2019). "The Long-run Effects of Teacher Collective Bargaining"
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy.

Jaume and Willen (2019). "The Long-run Effects of Teacher Strikes"
Journal of Labor Economics.

Some Other Publications

- A new way of measuring labour market concentration, *VOX EU*, March 2, 2023
- The Long-Run Effects of Teacher Strikes: Evidence from Argentina, *Research Briefs in Economic Policy*, Cato Institute, July 25, 2018, no. 123
- A Bad Bargain: How Teacher Collective Bargaining Affects Students Later in Life, *Education next*, Winter 2015, vol. 16, no. 1
- The Swedish Pension System After 20 Years: Mid-course corrections and lessons (with Kent Weaver), *The OECD Journal on Budgeting* 13(3): pp. 1-26 (2014)
- Social Trends and Dynamics of Poverty and Exclusion (with Céline Thevenot, Paul Minty and Céline Ferré), *Employment and Social Development in Europe 2012*: pp. 143-192 (2013)
- The Social Climate Across EU (with Bartek Lassear), *The EU Employment and Social Situation Quarterly Review*: pp. 43-47 (September 2012)

Grants

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| Norwegian Research Council Young Research Talent (\$800k) | 2023-2027 |
| Institute for Evaluation of Labor Market and Education Policy (\$60k) | 2018-2020 |
| Centre for Applied Research (\$50k) | 2019-2020 |
| Cornell University Research Grant in Labor Economics | 2017 |

Fellowships, Honors and Awards

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| Excellence in Refereeing Award, Review of Economic Studies | 2022 |
| Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Award | 2021 |
| IPUMS Time-use Research Award | 2021 |
| Best Paper Award, "The Long-run Effects of Teacher Strikes", ABCE | 2017 |
| Einaudi Center International Research Award | 2016 |
| Dr. Markus Wallenberg Fellowship | 2013, 2014, 2015 |
| Cornell University PAM Fellowship | 2013 |

Teaching

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| Shaping the Future of Work: Technology, Skills, and Power, SAM25 (Undergraduate)* | 2025- |
| Advanced Econometrics II, ECS509 (PhD) | 2019- |
| Introduction to Economics, SAM1 (Undergraduate) | 2019-2022 |
| Personnel Economics, STR435 (MSc) | 2019-2020 |

PhD Students

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| Eppie J. Van Egeraat (Committee Chair) | 2027 (exp.) |
| Daniel Duque (Committee Chair) | 2025 (exp.) |
| Rene Karadacic (Committee Member) | 2023 |
- Placement: Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard School of Public Health

Program Committees

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| The Econometric Society Winter Meeting | 2024 |
| The European Association of Labour Economists | 2024 |
| The Society of Labor Economists | 2024 |
| The European Economics Association | 2024 |
| Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics | 2022 |

Select Professional Services / Organizational Responsibilities

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| Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee | 2024-2025 |
| Faculty Opponent, Ph.D. Defense of J. Sorensen (Aarhus) | 2024 |
| Co-organizer, NHH FAIR Policy Conference | 2024 |

Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee	2023-2024
Chair, Ph.D Defense Committee for S. Abrahamsson (NHH)	2023
Co-organizer, NHH Spring Conference	2023
Member, Bachelor's Program Committee	2023
Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee	2022-2023
Member, Department Retention Committee	2022-2022
Member, Department Tenure-track Committee	2022-2022
Faculty Opponent, Ph.D. Defense of L. Ottosson (Uppsala)	2022
Co-organizer, NHH Spring Conference	2022
Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee	2021-2022
Chair, Junior Faculty Development Program	2021-
Co-organizer, NHH Spring Conference	2021
Member, Board of the Norwegian School of Economics (one-year non-renewable term)	2020-2021
Faculty Opponent, Ph.D Final Seminar of L. Tilley (Uppsala)	2020
Member, Ph.D. Admissions Committee	2020
Member, Master's Program Subcommittee	2020
Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee	2019
Organizer, Department Emerging Research Seminar Series	2019-

Invited Seminars, Conference Presentations, and Workshops

2025	Vienna University of Economics and Business*, University of Glasgow*, Erasmus School of Economics Rotterdam*, University of Nebraska*, Trinity College Dublin*, Uppsala University*
2024	Institute for Fiscal Studies, LERA/ASSA, University of Rochester, Syracuse University, Cornell University, Duke University, BFI Health Economics Initiative (University of Chicago), BECCLE, Lund University, IWH (Leibniz Association), UCLS Annual Meeting , 2nd Oslo Labor Workshop, Bocconi-Cornell Gathering, EALE , Opportunity Insights*, Brown University*
2023	University of Gothenburg, Cornell University, Tinbergen Institute, IAB, European Association of Labour Economists, NBER Summer Institute (Children), Inaugural Nordic Urban Institute
2022	The Frisch Centre for Economic Research, OsloMet, CESifo Area Conference on Labor Economics, Society of Labor Economists, Arne Ryde Workshop on Gender and Family Wellbeing (Lund), Paris Saclay, Swedish Institute for Social Research, UCLS Spring Meeting, FAIR Midway Conference, IZA Workshop: Labor Market Institutions, the 44th Meeting of the Norwegian Association for Economists
2021	Cornell University, University of Copenhagen (CEBI), Society of Labor Economists, Association for Education Finance and Policy, VATT Institute for Economic Research, University of Pittsburgh, University of Texas at Austin, Northeast Labor Synopsis for Early Career Economists, European Economics Association, Utrecht School of Economics, CESifo
2020	ASSA Annual Meeting, SOLE/EALE, Econometrics World Conference, European Economics Association, Central Bank of Lithuania, FAIR NHH
2019	University of Copenhagen, Stockholm University, Uppsala University, Paris School of Economics, Society of Labor Economics, International Health Economics Association, 14th Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics, Statistics Norway, Finance Department of Norway, Aarhus University
2018	Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Austin-Bergen Applied Micro Workshop, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Bank of Mexico, Stockholm School of Economics, University of Bergen, Swedish Institute for Evaluation of Labor Market and Education Policy, Louisiana State University, Norwegian School of Economics, University of Oslo
2017	8th Bolivian Conference on Development Economics (Best Paper Award), Stockholm-Uppsala Education Economics Workshop, Syracuse University, Michigan State University, Cornell University
2016	ZEW Workshop on Assimilation and Integration of Immigrants, Swedish Institute for Evaluation of Labor Market and Education Policy, Stockholm University

* Scheduled

Referee Services

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, American Economic Review, AEJ: Economic Policy, AEJ: Applied Economics, the Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, European Economic Review, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Health Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, ILR Review, Labour Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Economic Geography, IZA Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Capital, American Educational Research Journal, International Tax and Public Finance, AERA Open, International Journal of Comparative Labor Law and IR, The American Journal of Education, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economica

Career Breaks

Parental leave, 6 months

2023

Parental leave, 6 months

2021

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