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Academic Positions

Professor, Department of Economics, Norwegian School of Economics 2021 - present
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Norwegian School of Economics 2018 - 2021

Professional Affiliations

Research Network Affiliate, IZA 2023-
Research Network Affiliate, CESifo 2021-
Affiliated Researcher, Statistics Norway 2019- 2022
Researcher, FAIR - Center for Empirical Labor Economics 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-

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

Fields

Labor Economics, Economics of Education

Published Papers

Dodini, Lovenheim, Salvanes, and Willen (accepted). Monopsony, Tasks, and Labor Market Concentration
The Economic Journal.

Landaud, Maurin, Willage, and Willen (accepted). The Long-term Effects of High School GPA
Review of Economics and Statistics.

Salvanes, Willage, and Willen (forthcoming). 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 (with B. Willage).
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.

Working Papers

Does Your Doctor Matter? Doctor Quality and Patient Outcomes (with R. Ginja, J. Riise, and B. Willage).
Revisions Requested, Journal of Political Economy: Micro.
Also published as CESifo Discussion Paper No. 9788 (2022)

Understanding the Decline in Private Sector Unionization (with S. Dodini and M. Lovenheim).
Revisions Requested, The ILR Review.
Also published as NHH Discussion Paper 2021/7 (2021)

The Dynamics of Power in Labor Markets: Monopsonistic Unions versus Monopsonistic Employers (with S. Dodini and K. Salvanes).
Also published as CESifo Discussion Paper No. 9495 (2022)

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)

The Effect of Labor Market Competition on Firms, Workers, and Communities (with S. Dodini and K. Loken).
Also published as NHH Discussion Paper 2022/17 (2022)

Does Increasing Risk Widen Gender Gaps? (with S. Hirshman).
Also published as NHH Discussion Paper 2022/20 (2022)

Employment Protection and Child Development (with B. Willage and J. Riise).
Also published as NHH Discussion Paper 2022/19 (2022)

Parenthood and the Gender Gap in Commuting (with R. Karadakic and A. Butikofer)
Also published as NHH Discussion Paper 2023/11 (2023)

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

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

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

Introduction to Economics, SAM1 (Undergraduate)	2019-
Advanced Econometrics II, ECS509 (PhD)	2019-
Personnel Economics, STR435 (MSc)	2020

PhD Students

Daniel Duque (Committee Chair)	2025 (exp.)
Rene Karadakic (Committee Member)	2023
• Placement: Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard School of Public Health	

Presentations & Conferences

2024	Institute for Fiscal Studies*, LERA*, SOLE*
2023	University of Gothenburg, Cornell University, Tinbergen Institute, IAB, European Association of Labour Economists, NBER Summer Institute (Children)
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, 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, the Economic Journal