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EMPLOYMENT

Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of New York 2020 –

FIELD INTERESTS

Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Public Policy

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Economics, Cornell University 2014 – 2020
M.Litt., Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin 2013 – 2014
M.Sc., Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin 2012 – 2013
B.A., Economics & Psychology, Trinity College Dublin 2007 – 2011

WORKING PAPERS

“Choice-Set-Dependence in Consumer Choice: An Experimental Test”
“Program Recertification Costs: Evidence from SNAP” (with Tatiana Homonoff) [*R&R AEJ: Policy*]
“Quantifying Brand Loyalty: Evidence from the Cigarette Market” (with Philip DeCicca, Donald Kenkel, and Feng Liu)
“Surplus Identification with Non-Linear Returns” (with Pete Lunn)

PUBLISHED WORK

O’Donoghue, E. & Somerville, J. (2018). Modeling Risk Aversion in Economics. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*. 32(2): 1–25.
Somerville, J. & McGowan, F. (2016). Can Chocolate Cure Blindness? Investigating the Effect of Preference Strength and Incentives on the Incidence of Choice Blindness. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*. 61(4): 1–11.
McLaughlin, O. & Somerville, J. (2013). Choice Blindness in Financial Decision Making. *Judgement and Decision Making*. 8(5): 561-572.

RESEARCH GRANTS

“Choice Set Distortions: Theory and Evidence”. Funded by the Russell Sage Foundation Behavioral Economics Small Grant, 2017. \$4,500

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Cornell University

Head Teaching Assistant, Principles of Business Management (Undergrad) *Summer 2017, 2018, 2019*
Teaching Assistant, Principles of Business Management (Undergrad) *Summer 2016*
Teaching Assistant, Behavioral Economics (Undergrad) *Spring 2016*
Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Mathematical Economics (Graduate) *Fall 2015*

Trinity College Dublin

Teaching Assistant, Economy of Ireland (Undergrad) *Fall 2012, 2013; Spring 2013, 2014*

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 University of California San Diego (Economics), University of Utah (Eccles Business School), Purdue University (Economics), Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Carnegie Mellon University (Social and Decision Sciences)
- 2019 Economic and Social Research Institute, WEAI Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop, ESA World Meeting, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (Psychology and Economics), ESA North America Meeting, Cornell University (Economics)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Jacobs Fellowship, Cornell University	<i>2016–2019</i>
L.R. Wilson Prize in Economics, Cornell University	<i>2018</i>
Tapan Mitra Economics Prize, Cornell University	<i>2017</i>
Professor Herbert Joseph Davenport Outstanding Teaching Award, Cornell University	<i>2016</i>
Sage Fellowship, Cornell University	<i>2014–2015</i>
Scholar, Trinity College Dublin	<i>2009–2014</i>
Terence Gorman Postgraduate Award, Trinity College Dublin	<i>2013</i>
M.Sc. in Economics Scholarship, Trinity College Dublin	<i>2012</i>
Gold Medal, Trinity College Dublin	<i>2011</i>
Entrance Exhibition Award, Trinity College Dublin	<i>2007</i>

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: Ireland

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