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I am an industrial economist with over ten years' research and teaching experience. My research interests include vertical restraints, recommended retail prices, merger policy, tacit and explicit collusion. I teach microeconomics and competition policy and have a keen interest in using technology to enhance teaching and learning.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

DOB: 28/04/1980. Male, British citizen.

EDUCATION

2009-2011: Postgraduate Certificate of Professional Practice in Higher Education, Aston University.

2002-2009: **PhD Economics**, University of East Anglia. Title: Firm numbers, asymmetries and competition. Supervisor: Professor Stephen Davies.

2001-2002: **MA Industrial Economics**, University of East Anglia. Dissertation title: Cost raising strategies: an investigation into the role of transfer fees and player wages in the football industry.

1998-2001: BA Economics (2:1), University of East Anglia.

EMPLOYMENT

2009-Present: **Lecturer**, Economics & Strategy Group, Aston Business School, Aston University.

2002-2009: **Research Associate**, University of East Anglia, ESRC Centre for Competition Policy.

2002-2009: Teaching Assistant, University of East Anglia, School of Economics.

2006-2007: INTO, University of East Anglia, Lecturer, Course Convenor, and Seminar Leader for International Foundation Programme.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Associate member of the ESRC Centre for Competition Policy

European Association for Research in Industrial Economics

Network of Industrial Economists

Fellow of Higher Education Academy

PUBLICATIONS

Tacit collusion, firm asymmetries and numbers: evidence from EC merger cases (with S.Davies and H.Coles), *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, 29(2), 221-31, 2010.

Assessing the efficacy of structural merger remedies: choosing between theories of harm? (with S.Davies), *Review of Industrial Organization*, 37, 83-99, 2010.

Tacit versus overt collusion. Firm asymmetries and numbers: what's the evidence? (with S.Davies), *Competition Policy International*, 4(2), Autumn, 175-200, (invited submission), 2008.

An evaluation of the impact upon productivity of ending resale price maintenance on books (with S.Davies, C.Ball and C.Wilson), Report for the OFT, No. 981, 2008.

Benefits from competition: some UK cases (with S.Davies), *Economic Review*, 24(1), 17-21, 2006.

Benefits from competition: some illustrative UK cases (with S.Davies, H.Coles, C.Pike and C.Wilson), Report for the DTI, Economics Paper No. 9, 2004.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW AND WORKING PAPERS

Unilateral versus coordinated effects: comparing the impact on consumer welfare of alternative merger outcomes, 2012.

The impact of recommended retail prices on bilateral bargaining and retail pricing, 2012.

Raising rivals' fixed costs (with M.Hviid), 2012.

Chain-store pricing and the structure of retail markets, CCP Working Paper 06-7, 2006.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Can resale price maintenance make exclusion more likely?

E-book and paperback prices under free pricing and resale price maintenance (with S.Davies).

LEARNING AND TEACHING RESEARCH

Using an online resource to set assessed weekly quizzes, Aston Business School Good Practice Guide in Learning and Teaching, 9, 32-4, 2012.

Assessed group presentation in a final year module (with D.Saal), *Aston Business School Good Practice Guide in Learning and Teaching*, 8, 26-7, 2011.

Evaluating the impact of a web-based resource on student learning, 2011.

MyEconLab case study. Pearson Educator Success Stories, 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2009-Present: **Lecturer** Aston Business School – undergraduate modules: Introduction to Microeconomics (1st year), Competition Policy and Economic Regulation (4th year).

2011-Present: main PhD supervisor for Joseph Bromfield - Maverick firms.

2010-Present: support **PhD supervisor** for Yupu Lin - Cross-border mergers and acquisitions under the context of globalisation.

2011-Present: **Placement supervision** for 3rd year undergraduates at the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets.

2011-Present: **Moderator** for Economics module on the Foundation Degree in Business and Education Management, and Competition and the Economics Environment module on the International Foundation Programme, Aston University.

2006-2007: INTO, **Lecturer, Course Convenor and Seminar Leader -** International Foundation Programme Microeconomics, University of East Anglia.

2007: **Seminar Leader** - Norwich Law School, Masters in International Law and Competition Policy.

2002-Present: Teaching Assistant, University of East Anglia, School of Economics. **Seminar leader for undergraduate modules:** Industrial Organisation (2nd/3rd year), Principles of Microeconomics (2nd year), Methods of Economic Research (2nd year), Principles of Corporate Strategy (2nd/3rd year), Introductory Economics (1st year), Economics for Business (1st year).

2003-2006: **Seminar Leader and Organiser -** International Foundation Programme Economics, University of East Anglia.

PRESENTATIONS

International

European Association for Research in Industrial Economics Conference, Stockholm, (2011); International Industrial Organization Conference, Vancouver (2010); Jornadas de Economica Industrial Conference, Valencia (2011); European Association for Research in Industrial Economics Conference, Ljubljana (2009); ACLE Workshop on EC Competition Enforcement Data, Amsterdam (2008); Competition Law and Economics European Network Workshop on the Law and Economics of Competition Policy, Bonn (2007); European Association for Research in Industrial Economics Conference, Amsterdam, (2006).

UK

Office of Fair Trading, (2011); Centre for Competition and Regulatory Policy Workshop, Birmingham (2011); Centre for Competition Policy New Researchers Workshop, Norwich (2010); Competition Law and Economics European Network New Researchers Workshop, Norwich, (2008); Centre for Competition Policy PhD Workshop, Norwich, (2007); Royal Economic Society PhD Presentation Meeting, London (2009); Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Warwick (2008); Network of Industrial Economists Conference, Norwich (2007); 3rd Leicester University PhD Conference on Economics, (2006); Centre for Competition Policy PhD Workshop, Norwich, (2005); BA Festival of Science, Norwich, (2006).

Learning and Teaching

Association of Business Schools Learning and Teaching Conference, Manchester (2012); Developments in Economic Education Conference, London (2011).

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Referee: Oxford Economic Papers, International Review of Law and Economics.

Textbook reviewer: Pearson, McGrawHill, Cengage and Oxford University Press.

Product development: supplementary material and online resources for McGrawHill and Pearson.

Professional Development:

Attended Bank of England/Government Economic Service Conference: What post-crisis changes does the economics discipline need?, London (2012).

Teaching courses attended: Economics Network Workshop, University of East Anglia (2006); Teaching Skills for Postgraduate Students, University of East Anglia (2002).

Courses attended: Econometric Methods for Demand Systems, Queen Mary University, London, (2010); Introductory Micro-econometrics, Centre for Microdata Methods and Practise, UCL Economics Department, (2006); Maximum-Likelihood and Limited Dependent Variables, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis course (2004). I have considerable experience with data analysis and econometrics in Excel, STATA and SPSS statistical packages.

Blog: regular contributor to The Sloman Economics News Site.

Media Coverage:

Press coverage of 'Chain-store pricing and the structure of retail markets' in: the Daily Mail and the ESRC Edge magazine. Articles in Centre for Competition Policy newsletter: 'Unilateral versus coordinated effects', 2010; 'Changes in productivity from ending Resale Price Maintenance on book' (with S.Davies), 2008 and 'The benefits from competition: some illustrative UK cases' (with S.Davies), 2004.

Organisation of Seminars and Workshops:

Involved in organising the international Centre for Competition Policy Young Researchers Workshop on Tacit Collusion and Cartels, 2009. Organised the Centre for Competition Policy 2nd Annual PhD Students' Workshop, 2006 and the Economics PhD students' internal seminar series for the academic year 2003-04.

REFERENCES

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