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Academic appointment:

Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Uppsala University 2020.9.-

Research areas:

Family Economics, Labor economics, Political Economics, Economics of Gender

Other affiliations:

Faculty Fellow, Uppsala Center for Fiscal Studies, 2020.9 -

Faculty Fellow, Uppsala Center for Labor Studies, 2020.9 -

Visiting Researcher, Center for Research and Education in Program Evaluation (CREPE),
University of Tokyo, 2021.7 -

Researcher, Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research 2021.10 – 2023.06.

Visiting Researcher, Institute of Economics Research, Hitotsubashi University 2021.12. –
2022.2.

Education:

Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, 2020

Committee: Ebonya Washington (Chair), Joseph Altonji, Costas Meghir

M.Phil., Economics, Yale University, 2017

M.A., Economics, Yale University, 2016

M.A., Economics, University of Tokyo, 2014

B.A., Economics, University of Tokyo, 2012

Publication/Forthcoming:

“Empowering Women Through Radio: Evidence from Occupied Japan”, forthcoming in *the Journal of Development Economics*

“Spousal earnings and household dynamics: Evidence from a promotion reform” with Erik Grönqvist, Lena Hensvik and Anna Thoreson Conditionally accepted by *the Journal of Public Economics*

Selected Working Papers:

“Intrahousehold Welfare: Theory and Application to Japanese Data” with Pierre-André Chiappori and Costas Meghir (latest version: February 2025) submitted

“Unpacking the Child Penalty: Evidence from Personnel Data” with Shintaro Yamaguchi and Takeshi Murooka (latest version: August 2025) submitted

“Electoral institutions, women’s representation, and policy outcomes” with Ayumi Sudo
(latest version: October 2022)

Research Grants:

Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius foundation and Tore Browaldhs foundation (co-applicant, 3.5MSEK), 2024-2026
Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius foundation and Tore Browaldhs foundation (co-applicant, 2MSEK), 2022-2024
Suntory Foundation Grant for Groundbreaking Young Researchers (main PI, 1MJPY), 2022
Hitotsubashi University Institute for Economic Research Joint Research Program (main PI, 1MJPY), 2022
Research Fellowship for Young Scientists DC1, 2014
Japan Society for Promotion of Sciences, 2014

Fellowships, Honors and Awards:

University Dissertation Fellowship, 2019-2020, Yale University
Overbrook Fellowship, Yale University, 2015-2018
University Fellowship, Yale University, 2014-2018
Cowles Foundation Fellowship, 2014-2018
Nakajima Foundation Scholarship, 2014-2019
Repayment exemption for graduate students with excellent achievements, Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship (JASSO), June 2014

Teaching Experience:

Uppsala University

Policy Evaluation (Master’s program)
Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025
Topics in Microeconomics (Master’s program)
Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Yale University

Introduction to Econometrics and Data Analysis I,
Teaching Fellow for Professor Nicholas Ryan, Fall 2018, Yale College
Econometrics and Data Analysis II,
Teaching Fellow for Professor Joseph Altonji, Spring 2018, Yale College
Econometrics and Data Analysis I,
Teaching Fellow for Professor Edward Vytlačil, Fall 2017, Yale College
Econometrics and Data Analysis I,
Teaching Fellow for Professor Nicholas Ryan, Spring 2017, Yale College

University of Tokyo

Microeconomics (undergraduate),
Teaching Assistant to Professor Akihiko Matsui, Winter 2012, University of Tokyo

Teacher Training Completion:

Academic Teacher Training Course Spring 2022 (Uppsala University)
Teaching in the American Classroom 2016 (Yale University)

Student supervision:

Ph.D. students, assistant supervisor

Henrik Hällersfors (Uppsala University), Fall 2023 –

Tram Pham (Uppsala University), Fall 2022 -

Master students, main supervisor

Josefin Moisiola (Uppsala University), Spring 2025

Rebecca Cardebring (Uppsala University), Spring 2023 (Awarded a
thesis prize from the SOM Institute, Gothenburg University)

Vincent Kalberg Hague (Uppsala University), Spring 2022

Conference presentations and seminar talks

(*cancelled or postponed due to the global pandemic):

2025. Kochi University of Technology,

Linnaeus University,

ECARES, Université libre de Bruxelles,

Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics (Uppsala),

Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference (Becker Friedman Institute for
Economics)

2024. Stockholm School of Economics,

SOFI, Stockholm University,

Swedish Conference in Economics,

European Association of Labour Economists Conference in Bergen,

International Conference on Gender and Economy in Tokyo

2023. Southern Economic Association 93rd Annual Meeting (New Orleans),

SOFI, Stockholm University,

Stockholm School of Economics,

Lund University,

Society of Economics of the Household Society of Household Economics (SEHO)
annual meeting (Copenhagen),

New Advances in Family Economics workshop (Ravello, Italy),

Columbia University,

Waseda University

2022. Gender and Political Representation in Asia and Beyond,

GSE-OSIPP-ISER Joint Conference in Economics,

Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA),

Paris World Congress of Economic History,

Copenhagen Business School,

Uppsala Center for Labor Studies (UCLS) Spring Meeting,

Norwegian Business School in Oslo,

Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics,

Australian Gender Economics Workshop,
Tokyo Labor Economics Workshop,
Tohoku University,
Keio University

2021. POLECONUK Webinar,
Hitotsubashi University,
V-Dem East Asia/Keio CP seminar,
NBER Japan meeting,
The Center for Japanese Studies (CJS) of the University of Michigan,
University of California Berkeley,
ASSA Chicago,
Virtual Economic History Seminar,
Stockholm School of Economics,
Economic History Society annual conference
2020. Gender Economics Webinar,
Kobe University Economic History seminar,
NBER Japan meeting † ,
Fifth Annual JEN Conference†,
Uppsala (The Department of Government),
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
2018. Kyoto Summer Workshop on Applied Economics
2014. Japanese Economic Association Spring Meeting

Refereeing Journals

Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review: Insights, American
Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of
Public Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Population Economics,
Review of Economics of the Household, Economics Letters

Languages

Japanese (native), English (fluent), Swedish (basic)