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EMPLOYMENT

- July 2015 -** Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Zurich
February 2016 - Assistant Professor of Finance, Department of Finance, Copenhagen Business School
May 2014 – Jan 2016 Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Copenhagen Business School

AFFILIATIONS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS

- May 2016 -** Member of the Icelandic Fiscal Policy Council

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Fields: Household Finance, Personal Finance, Behavioral Finance and Labor Economics.

EDUCATION

- 2012-2014** Visiting Ph.D. Student, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley (Sponsor: David Card)
2009- 2014 Ph.D. in Economics – Stockholm School of Economics.
Advisors and references: Magnus Johannesson, Paolo Sodini, David Card and Juanna Joensen
2005-2008 B.Sc. in Economics - University of Iceland (Summa Cum Laude)

PUBLICATIONS

Household Financial Distress and Initial Endowments: Evidence from the 2008 Financial Crisis - *forthcoming in Health Economics*

Peer Effects and Academic Achievement: Regression Discontinuity Approach *Economics of Education Review*, 2013, 36 (0), 108 -121.

The Impact of Classroom Peers in a Streaming System – *Economics of Education Review*, 2015, 49 (0), 110 -128.

WORKING PAPERS

The Liquid Hand-to-Mouth: Evidence From Personal Finance Management Software - (with Michaela Pagel, Columbia University) – ***Revision requested by Review of Financial Studies***

This project has been awarded a grant of \$300,000 from The Danish Social Sciences Research Council (FSE).

How Does Daddy at Home Affect Marital Stability? (with Herdis Steingrimsdottir, Copenhagen Business School) - *Revision requested by the Economic Journal*

Bargaining over Risk: The Impact of Decision Power on Household Portfolios
(with Tomas Thörnqvist, Stockholm School of Economics)

Payday Borrower's Consumption: Revelation of Self-Control Problems?
(with Michaela Pagel, Columbia University)

Gender Identity and Assortative Mating
(with Andreas Steinhauer, University of Edinburgh)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Domestic Violence and Gender Identity
(with David Card, UC Berkeley and Gordon Dahl, UC San Diego)

It's Double the Giggles and Double the Grins, How to Manage Your Portfolio When You Have Twins? (with Tobin Hanspal and Jimmy Martinez-Correa, Copenhagen Business School) *This project has been awarded a grant of \$270,000 from The Carlsberg Foundation*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2015	Irrationality, Economics and Finance: A Behavioral and Experimental Approach (MSc) – Copenhagen Business School
Fall 2014	Microeconomics (undergraduate) – Copenhagen Business School
Spring 2012	Applied Econometric Time Series (MSc) – Teaching Assistant, Stockholm School of Economics.
Spring 2011	Econometrics (PhD) – Teaching Assistant, Stockholm School of Economics and Stockholm University.
Fall 2010	Microeconomics (undergraduate) – Teaching Assistant, Stockholm School of Economics.
Spring 2009	Econometrics II (undergraduate) – Teaching Assistant, University of Iceland.
Spring 2009	Macroeconomics III (undergraduate) – Teaching Assistant, University of Iceland.
Spring 2009	Microeconomics II (undergraduate) – Teaching Assistant, University of Iceland.
Fall 2008	Macroeconomics I (undergraduate) – Teaching Assistant, University of Iceland.
Fall 2008	Microeconomics, market failure and the role of government (masters) – Teaching Assistant, University of Iceland.
Spring 2008	Microeconomics II (undergraduate) – Teaching Assistant, University of Iceland.
Fall 2007	Macroeconomics I (undergraduate) – Teaching Assistant, University of Iceland.

RELEVANT POSITIONS

2009 Special Investigation Commission (SIC), established by the Icelandic Parliament to investigate and analyse the processes leading to the collapse of the three main banks in Iceland. The commission delivered its report to the parliament on April 12 2010: <http://rannsoknarnefnd.is/>.

2009	Central Bank of Iceland, Research and Forecasting Division.
2008	University of Iceland, research assistance.
Summer 2007	Central bank of Iceland, Research and Forecasting Division.
2006-2008	Institute of Economic Studies, University of Iceland, research assistant.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2016-2017	DFE-MOBILEX grant, Danish Council for Independent Research, 2-year individual research project “Consumption, Excess Sensitivity, and Income Fungibility ” - awarded \approx \$300,000
2014-2017	Carlsberg research grant, Carlsberg Foundation, individual research project “Household Risk Management and Family Composition ” - awarded \approx \$270,000
2013-2014	Jan Wallander Research Grant
2013	Inga och Sixten Holmquist stipendiefond for studies abroad
2012	Iceland Chamber of Commerce – Scholarship awarded to graduate students abroad
2012-2013	Tom Hedelius Research Grant for studies abroad
2011	Landsbankinn – scholarship awarded by an Icelandic bank.
2008	Fulbright Scholarship from the Icelandic Fulbright Commission for the 2009-2010 academic year (declined).
2008	Glitnir Bank – scholarship awarded by an Icelandic bank.
2007	Kaupthing Bank – scholarship awarded by an Icelandic bank.
2008	Economics Department at the University of Iceland – Most outstanding undergraduate award.
2006	Economics department at the University of Iceland – award for highest GPA after completing the first year of undergraduate study.
2004	Commercial College of Iceland – Most outstanding student award.
2004	Icelandic Mathematical Society – award for excellence in mathematics.
2004	Science fund of the Commercial College of Iceland – award for excellence in physics.
2004	The German Embassy in Iceland – award for excellence in German.
2004	The Danish Embassy in Iceland– award for excellence in Danish.
2002	Walter's Fund – Most outstanding student award, The Commercial College of Iceland.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS (including scheduled) (* by coauthor)

2017	AFA Annual Meeting, AEA Annual Meeting, University of Innsbruck
2016	University of Southern California, UC Berkeley*, Stockholm School of Economics, Columbia GSB, University of St. Gallen, University of Zurich, London Business School*, WFA, Boulder Summer Conference on Consumer Financial Decision Making*, Behavioral Economics Annual Meeting (BEAM)*, Cornell University*, University of Konstanz*, Humboldt-University Berlin*, Leibniz-University Hannover*, Boston Fed*, National University of Singapore*,

Tilburg University*, European Household Finance Conference, University of Copenhagen, Stanford University*

2015 Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Aarhus University, Lund University, Goethe University Frankfurt, Western Economic Association Annual Meeting, Western Economic Association International Meeting, International Institute on Public Finance, EEA Annual Meeting, CEPR Workshop on Household Finance and Economic Stability, UNED/UPF/CRES workshop on consequences of the economic crisis on health and health care systems, Workshop on Family Economics – University of Copenhagen, Goethe University Frankfurt*, University of Pennsylvania Wharton*, University, Institute of Economics (IdEP) - University of Lugano, University of British Columbia*, Carnegie Mellon University*

2014 University of Alberta, Ryerson University, Simon Fraser University, Dartmouth College, University of Pittsburgh, Copenhagen Business School, Norwegian School of Economics (NHH), Uppsala University, the Melbourne Institute, Stockholm University (IIES), Society of Labor Economists - SOLE - Annual Meeting, Stockholm School of Economics, FINet/HCEO/CEAR/IFS - Risk and Family Economics Conference, 26th Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists – EALE, Lund University

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee

Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Banking and Finance, Labour Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, Economics of Education Review, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Family and Economic Issues

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: Icelandic
Language skills: Icelandic (native), English (fluent), Swedish (advanced), Danish (good), German (good)