

Brendon McConnell

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Employment

2023–present	City, University of London. Associate Professor (Senior Lecturer) of Economics
2023–2023	University of Southampton. Associate Professor of Economics
2015–2023	University of Southampton. Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics
2013–2015	Institute for Fiscal Studies. Visiting Scholar
2008–2009	University College London. Research Assistant for Jérôme Adda and Imran Rasul
2007–2008	University College London. Research Assistant for Steffen Huck and Imran Rasul
2007	CEP, LSE. Research Assistant for Victor Lavy, Steve Machin, and Olmo Silva
2005–2006	CMPO, University of Bristol. Research Assistant for Simon Burgess
2002–2004	CMPO, University of Bristol. Research Assistant for Simon Burgess and Carol Propper

Education

2015	PhD in Economics, <i>University College London</i> Supervisors: Professor Imran Rasul and Professor Jérôme Adda
2005	MSc in Economics, <i>University of Warwick</i> 75.2% (<i>Distinction</i>). Ranked first in year based on exam performance
2002	BSc in Economics, <i>University of Bristol</i> First Class Honours

Awards and Fellowships

2025	Higher Education Fellow (D2)
2019	ESRC SDAI Grant: "A Unified Approach to Measuring the Costs of Violent Crime Risk" (ES/T00181X/1), £242,299, PI
2010	Royal Economic Society Junior Fellowship Award
2010	UCL IMPACT Award
2004	ESRC 1+3 Studentship (+3 component not used)

Teaching Experience

2024–	Big Data Econometrics (Postgraduate) [<i>City</i>]
2024–	Applied Econometrics (Undergraduate) [<i>City</i>]
2024–2024	Applied Econometrics (Postgraduate) [<i>City</i>]
2016–2023	Quantitative Methods (Postgraduate) [<i>Southampton</i>]
2016–2020	Quantitative Modelling in Economics (Undergraduate) [<i>Southampton</i>]
2011–2012	Applied Economics (Undergraduate) [<i>UCL</i>]
2010–2011	Econometrics (Postgraduate) [<i>UCL</i>]
2008–2010	Issues in Economic Development (Undergraduate) [<i>UCL</i>]
2008–2010	Applied Economics (Undergraduate) [<i>UCL</i>]
2009–2010	Economics of Industrial Relations (Undergraduate) [<i>UCL</i>]
2008–2009	Economics of Labour (Undergraduate) [<i>UCL</i>]

Publications

Going Beyond Simple Sample Size Calculations: a Practitioner's Guide, with Marcos Vera-Hernández, *Fiscal Studies*, forthcoming

How do Parole Boards Respond to Large, Societal Shocks? Evidence from the 9-11 Terrorist Attacks, joint with Kegan Teng Kok Tan and Mariyana Zapryanova, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2024, vol. 238

Contagious Animosity in the Field: Evidence from the Federal Criminal Justice System, with Imran Rasul, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 2021, vol. 39, 739-85

Racial and Ethnic Sentencing Differentials in the Federal Criminal Justice System, with Imran Rasul, *AEA Papers and Proceedings 2018*, vol. 108, 241-245

Crime and the Depenalization of Cannabis: Evidence from a Policing Experiment, with Jérôme Adda and Imran Rasul, *Journal of Political Economy*, 2014, vol. 122(5), 1130-1202

Modelling the Effect of Pupil Mobility on School Differences in Educational Achievement, with Harvey Goldstein and Simon Burgess, *Journal Of The Royal Statistical Society Series A*, 2007, vol. 127(4), 941-954

Girls Rock, Boys Roll: An Analysis of the Age 14-16 Gender Gap in English Schools, with Simon Burgess, Carol Propper and Deborah Wilson, *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*, 2004, vol. 51(2), 209-229

Book chapters

The Impact of School Choice on Sorting by Ability and Socio-economic Factors in English Secondary Education, with Simon Burgess, Carol Propper and Deborah Wilson, *Schools and the Equal Opportunity Problem*, 2007, MIT Press, ISBN-13: 978-0-262-23257-9

Working Papers

Do Remote Workers Deter Neighborhood Crime? Evidence from the Rise of Working from Home, with Jesse Matheson, James Rockey, and Argyris Sakalis, November 2023 [*R&R, Review of Economic Studies*]

More Powerful Cluster Randomized Control Trials, with Marcos Vera-Hernández, April 2024 [*R&R, Economic Development and Cultural Change*]

Beyond Hot Spots: Enhancing Police Effectiveness by Incorporating a Spatial Network Approach, with Corrado Giulietti and Yves Zenou, June 2025

Financial Incentives and Public Safety: The Role of Blood Plasma Donation Centers in Crime Reduction, with Samuel Kang and Mariyana Zapryanova, May 2025

Dissecting Demand-Side Welfare Manipulation, with Jaime Millán-Quijano, March 2025

On the Marriage Wage Premium, with Arnau Valladares-Esteban, February 2025

It Takes a Village: The Impact of the New York City Community School Initiative on Student Behavior, with Parunjodhi Munisamy and Mariyana Zapryanova, October 2024

The Reluctant Bureaucrat: Decision-Making and Justification in Shifting Legal Contexts, with Isaac Dalke, September 2024

Kicking You When You're Already Down: The Multipronged Impact of Austerity on Crime, with Corrado Giulietti, April 2024

Can't See the Forest for the Logs: On the Perils of Using Difference-in-Differences With a Log-Dependent Variable, February 2024

Do Homebuyers Value Energy Efficiency? Evidence From an Information Shock, with Arpita Ghosh and Jaime Millán-Quijano, January 2024

Do Employers Positively Discriminate Married Workers?, with Arnau Valladares-Esteban, January 2023

Racial Sentencing Disparities and Differential Progression Through the Criminal Justice System: Evidence From Linked Federal and State Court Data, April 2022

The Result of 11 Plus Selection; An Investigation into Equity and Efficiency of Outcomes for Pupils in Selective LEAs, with Adele Atkinson and Paul Gregg, *CMPO Discussion Paper 06/150*, 2007

Professional Service

2022-2023	Scientific Committee Member – Society of the Economics of the Household (SEHO) 2022, 2023 Conference
2022	Organiser – The Economics of Crime over Time and Space 2022 Doctoral Summer School
2021-present	Departmental Workshop Organiser
2019-2021	Programme Lead – BSc Economics with Data Science
2017-2020	University of Southampton Departmental Seminar Organiser - Applied Micro
2015-present	Referee for journals including American Economic Review, The Review of Economic Studies, The Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of the European Economic Association, The Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, European Economic Review
2010	EALE/SOLE 3rd Joint Meeting Organisation Committee
2009-2010	ENTER Student Co-ordinator
2008-2010	UCL Student Lunch Seminar Organiser

Seminar and Conference Presentations

2024	NCID Seminar, Pamplona; EEL Seminar, Madrid
2023	Urban Economics Association Conference, Milan; National (England and Wales) Burglary Taskforce Meeting; AERE@OSWEET
2022	Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS2020); Exeter LEEP Seminar
2021	EEA-ESEM Virtual Congress; ESPE Annual Conference; SEHO Annual Conference; The Causes and Consequences of Inequality Workshop, EUI; Virtual Crime Economics (ViCE) Seminar
2020	Online Discrimination and Disparities Seminar
2019	Berlin Applied Micro Seminar, Berlin; Departmental Seminar, St. Gallen; The Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Warwick; Economics of Crime Workshop, Brunel; CMPO Legacy Workshop, Bristol
2018	GEP Seminar, Nottingham
2017	2nd Workshop on Labour and Family Economics, York
2016	6th Annual Meeting of AL CAPONE, Buenos Aires; 15th IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists, Munich; 8th Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, Stockholm
2015	Edepo Seminar, Institute for Fiscal Studies
2014	Student Work-in-Progress Seminar, UCL
2013	3rd Annual Meeting of AL CAPONE, Medellin; 7th Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, Bogota; Sussex University
2012	IZA 4th Annual Meeting on the Economics of Risky Behaviors, Istanbul; EALE, Bonn
2011	Norface Migration Network Conference on “Migration: Economic Change, Social Challenge”, London; IZA 3rd Annual Meeting on the Economics of Risky Behaviors, Bonn; RAND, Santa Barbara, Student Work-in-Progress Seminar, UCL
2010	ENTER Jamboree, Toulouse; CMPO Seminar, Bristol; Student Lunch Seminar, UCL; IZA Summer School, Munich; NBER Summer Institute (Crime), Boston; Bonn & Paris Workshop on Law and Economics, Bonn
2009	European Economic Association, Barcelona
2008	PhD Transfer Seminar, UCL
2007	The Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Warwick
2006	CMPO seminar, Bristol
2005	The Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Nottingham
2004	CMPO seminar, Bristol
2003	CMPO seminar, Bristol

References

Professor Imran Rasul	Department of Economics, University College London, Gower Street, London, UK, WC1E 6BT
Professor Marcos Vera-Hernández	Department of Economics, University College London, Gower Street, London, UK, WC1E 6BT
Professor Corrado Giulietti	Department of Economics, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton, UK, SO17 1BJ