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### EDUCATION

- 2004            PhD in Economics, University College London.  
Thesis Title: Essays on Education and Work Choices in Developing and Developed Economies.  
Supervisors: Professors Costas Meghir and Orazio Attanasio.  
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- 1997            Higher Diploma in Education, University College Dublin (First Class Honours).
- 1996            MA in Economics, University College Dublin (First Class Honours).
- 1995            Bachelor of Actuarial and Financial Studies, University College Dublin (Second Class Honours).

### EMPLOYMENT

- 2005-            Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies.
- 2004-2005        Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies.
- 2000-2003        Part-time Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies.
- 1998-1999        Assistant Lecturer, Dept of Economics, University College Dublin.
- 1997-1998        Secondary School Teacher, Dublin.

### PUBLICATIONS IN BOOKS/REFEREED JOURNALS

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### **WORKING PAPERS**

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Dearden, L, Fitzsimons, E, and G. Wyness. “*The impact of Higher Education Finance on university participation in the UK*”, mimeo 2010.

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### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Fitzsimons, E. and M. Vera-Hernández. “*A practitioner’s guide to evaluating the impacts of labor market programs*”, World Bank Employment Policy Primer Issue No.12, December 2009.

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Dearden L, Fitzsimons E, and A. Goodman, “*An Analysis of the Higher Education Reforms*”, IFS Briefing Note No.45, January 2004.

Battistin E, Dearden L, Emmerson C, Fitzsimons E, Meghir C, et al. “*The Evaluation of Education Maintenance Allowance Pilots: Three Years’ Evidence. A Quantitative Evaluation*”, Department for Education and Skills 2004 Research Report 499, 256pp.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS**

2010-2011 Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB). Worker Rights, Livelihoods, and Coping Strategies in Malawi. Role: joint principal investigator.

2009-2012 ESRC RES-062-23-1548. Early Childhood Development: Identifying Successful Interventions and the Mechanisms behind them. Role: principal investigator.

2008-2011 ESRC/Hewlett RES-183-25-0008. Effects of Reproductive Health on Poverty in Malawi. Role: co-investigator.

2008-2010 ESRC RES-000-22-2877. How Family Size Affects Children’s Schooling and Work in Mexico. Role: principal investigator.

2006-2009 ESRC/DFID RES-167-25-0124. Human Capital Accumulation and Poverty Reduction in Developing Countries. Role: co-investigator.

2006-2007 ESRC RES-000-22-1742. School Supply and the Effectiveness of Conditional Cash Transfers. Role: co-investigator.  
1999-2004 ESRC PhD Scholarship, Institute for Fiscal Studies.  
1999 IFLS Small Grants Award. RAND and U.S. National Institute of Child Health and Development. The Effects of Risk on Education in Indonesia.

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