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EDUCATION

- Oct 92 – Sep 95** **PhD in Economics, University College London** (awarded December 1995). Thesis: *Education, Training and Earnings in Australia and Britain*. Awarded the inaugural Institute for Fiscal Studies research scholarship in applied microeconomics (1992-1994) and ORS scholarship (1993-1994).
- Oct 90 – July 91** **MSc in Economics, London School of Economics**. I obtained distinctions in 3 of my 4 subjects. Winner of the Australian Department for Employment, Education and Training Postgraduate Study Award, January 1990.
- Mar 80 – Dec 86** **Bachelor of Laws, Australian National University.**
- Mar 80 – Dec 83** **Bachelor of Economics (Honours in Econometrics), Australian National University, Div 2A.** Honours Thesis: *The Causality Structure of the Australian Labour Market*.
- Jan 78 – Dec 79** **ACT Year 12 Certificate**, Hawker College, Canberra, ACT, Australia.
- Jan 74 – Dec 77** **ACT Year 10 Certificate**, Belconnen High School, Canberra, ACT, Australia.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Sep 08 –** **Academician, Academy of Social Sciences**
- July 08 – Aug 11** **IZA Fellow**
- Sep 07 –** **Director, ADMIN Node of ESRC's National Centre for Research Methods.**
- Sep 05 –** **Research Fellow, Institute for Fiscal Studies**
- Jan 05 –** **Professor of Economics and Social Statistics, Department of Quantitative Social Science, Faculty of Policy and Society, Institute of Education, University of London.**
- Oct 00 –** **Deputy Director, Centre for the Economics of Education (CEE).**
- Jan 97 – Sep 00** **Programme Director – Institute for Fiscal Studies.** I have directed the Personal Sector; Education, Employment and Evaluation Sector and currently direct the Education Sector.
- Jan 95 – Dec 96** **Programme Co-ordinator – Personal Sector, Institute for Fiscal Studies.**
- Oct 93 – Jun 94** **Senior Research Officer – Personal Sector, Institute for Fiscal Studies**
- Sep 86 – Aug 92** **Part-time Research Officer, University College London.**
- Dec 83 – Sep 86** **During this time I held a number of positions in the economic policy area of the Australian Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) and the former Department of Employment and Industrial Relations (DEIR).**
- Dec 83 – Sep 86** **Research Assistant, Economics Department, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University and Part-time Tutor, Statistics Department, Australian National University.**

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Journals

- (2011), 'What determines private school choice? A comparison between the United Kingdom and Australia', *Australian Economic Review*, vol. 44, no. 3, 308-320, (with Luke Sibieta and Christopher Ryan).
- (2011), 'Measuring School Value Added with Administrative Data: The Problem of Missing Variables', *Fiscal Studies*, vol. 32, no. 2, 263-278, (with Alfonso Miranda and Sophia Rabe-Hesketh).
- (2011), 'The Effectiveness of English Secondary Schools for Pupils of Different Ability Levels', *Fiscal Studies*, vol. 32, no. 2, 225-244, (with Anna Vignoles and John Micklewright).
- (2011), 'Schools, markets and league tables', *Fiscal Studies*, vol. 32, no. 2, 179-186, (with Anna Vignoles).
- (2011), " 'The socio-economic gradient in early child outcomes: evidence from the Millennium Cohort Study'", *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 1, pp 19-40, (with Kathy Sylva and Luke Sibieta).
- (2010) 'Administrative data and economic policy evaluation', *Economic Record*, 86 (s1), 18–21.
- (2009), "Conditional cash transfers and school dropout rates", *Journal of Human Resources*, 44(4): 827–857 (with Carl Emmerson, Chris Frayne and Costas Meghir).
- (2009) 'Economics of education research: a review and future prospects', *Oxford Review of Education* 35(5): 617–632 (with S. Machin and A. Vignoles).
- (2008), "Higher Education Funding Policy", *Economic Journal*, vol. 118, no.526, F100-F125, (with Emla Fitzsimons, Alissa Goodman and Greg Kaplan)
- (2006), "The impact of training on productivity and wages: Evidence from British panel data", *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, vol. 68, issue 4, pp 397-422 (with Howard Reed and John Van Reenen).
- (2006), "Ethnic Differences in Birth Outcomes in England", (2006), *Fiscal Studies*, vol. 27., no. 1, pp. 17-46 (with Alice Mesnard and Jonathan Shaw).
- (2005), "Evaluating the impact of education on earnings: Models, methods and results from the NCDS", *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A*, vol. 168, Issue 3, 473-512 (with Richard Blundell and Barbara Sianesi).
- (2002), "The returns to academic and vocational qualifications in the UK", *Bulletin of Economic Research*, vol.54, no.3, 249-274, (with Steve McIntosh, Anna Vignoles and Michal Myck).
- (2002), "The effect of school quality on educational attainment and wages", *Review of Economics and Statistics*, February, vol. 84, no. 1, 1-20, (with Costas Meghir and Javier Ferri).
- (2000), "The Returns to Higher Education: Evidence from a British cohort", *Economic Journal*, vol. 110, F82-F99 (with R. Blundell, A. Goodman and H. Reed).
- (1999), "The effects of families and ability on men's education and earnings in Britain", *Labour Economics*, vol. 6, pp 551-567.
- (1999), "Public Finance, Employment and Labor Markets", *International Tax and Public Finance*, vol. 6, pp. 235-237 (with R. Blundell and R. Griffith).

- (1999), "Human Capital Investment: The returns from education and training to the individual, the firm and the economy", *Fiscal Studies*, vol. 20, no. 1, pp 1-23 (with R. Blundell, C. Meghir and B. Sianesi).
- (1997), "Intergenerational Mobility in Britain", *Economic Journal*, vol. 107, 47-66 (with S. Machin and H. Reed).
- (1997), "An examination of education and training in the UK", *Economic Review*, vol. 14(3), pp 2-3.
- (1996), "Income Support and Staying in School: What can we learn from Australia's AUSTUDY Experiment?", *Fiscal Studies*, vol. 17, no. 4, 1-30 (with A. Heath).
- (1993), "Through a Rear-View Mirror Darkly: Occupational Change, 1971-1986", *Australian Bulletin of Labour*, Vol. 19, 97-113, (with P. Aungles, T. Karmel and C. Ryan).
- (1988), "Social Security in a 'Moral Economy': An Empirical Analysis for Java", *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. LXX, 36-44, (with M. Ravallion).

Chapters in Books

- (2010), 'Ethnic Differences in Child outcomes', in: K. Hansen, S.Dex and H.Joshi (eds.), *Children of the 21st Century (vol2): The first five years*, Bristol: Polity Press (with Luke Sibieta).
- (2010), 'The economics of vocational education and training', in *International encyclopedia of education*: vol. 8, eds P Peterson, E Baker & B McGaw, Elsevier, Oxford, pp.255-261 (with Pedro Carneiro and Anna Vignoles).
- (2010), 'The contribution of the economics of education to education', in Furlong, J and Lawn, M. (Eds) *Disciplines of Education: Their Role in the Future of Education Research*, Routledge: London. (with Anna Vignoles and Stephen Machin).
- (2005), "Provision and Cost of Childcare", Chapter 8 in Chote, R., Emmerson, C. and Oldfield, Z (eds), *Green Budget 2005*, Institute for Fiscal Studies, London, (with Claire Crawford and Mike Brewer).
- (2005), "Measuring the Returns to Education", Chapter 7 in Machin and Vignoles (eds), *Whats the Good of Education? The economics of education in the UK*, Princeton University Press, Princeton and Oxford, 117-145 (with Richard Blundell and Barbara Sianesi).
- (2003), "Income and Living Standards", Chapter 6 in Ferri (et. al.), *Changing Britain, Changing Lives*, Institute of Education, University of London (with Alissa Goodman and Phillipa Saunders).
- (2000), "Estimates of the impact of improvements in basic skills on aggregate wages, employment, taxes and benefits", Part 2 of John Bynner (ed.), *The social benefits of basic skills*, Centre for the Wider Benefits of Learning, Institute of Education (with Howard Reed and John Van Reenen)
- (1996), "Education and Training Policy", Chapter 12 in A. Dilnot and C. Giles, *Options for 1997: The Green Budget*, Institute for Fiscal Studies Chapter, October 1996 (with Howard Reed).

Books

- (2007), *When you are born matters: the impact of date of birth on child cognitive outcomes in England*, (2007), Institute for Fiscal Studies, October (with Claire Crawford and Costas Meghir).
- (2005), *Higher Education funding policy: who wins and who loses?*, 2005, Institute for Fiscal Studies, London (with Emla Fitzsimons, Alissa Goodman and Greg Kaplan).
- (2004), *An analysis of the higher education reforms*, 2004, Institute for Fiscal Studies, January (with Emla Fitzsimons and Alissa Goodman).
- (1997), *Higher Education, Employment and Earnings in Britain*, 1997, Institute for Fiscal Studies, London, May, (with R. Blundell, A. Goodman and H. Reed).

(1997), *Labour Turnover and Work-related Training*, 1997, Institute for Fiscal Studies, London, May (with S. Machin, H. Reed and D. Wilkinson).

(1996), *The Determinants and Effects of Work-Related Training in Britain*, 1996, Institute for Fiscal Studies, London, (with R. Blundell and C. Meghir).

(1994), *Intra-occupational Wage Differentials in Australia*, 1994, Industrial Relations Research Series Number 17, Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra, (with P. Apps and J. Buchanan)

(1991), *Australia's Workforce in the Year 2001*, 1991, Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra, (with L. Andrews, P. Aungles, T. Karmel, and C. Ryan).

Selected Conference Papers

NCRM Research Methods Conference, "Measuring school effectiveness", July 2010, St Katherine's College, Oxford.

Blundell, R., L. Dearden and L. Sibieta "The demand for private schooling in England: the impact of price and quality", Joint SOLE/EALE conference, University College London, July 2010 (also IFS Working Papers , W10/21).

Dearden, L. "Administrative Data and Policy Analysis", Keynote Talk, Australian Economists Conference, Adelaide, September 2009.

Dearden, L., Emmerson, C., Frayne, C. and Meghir, C. (2007), "Education Subsidies and School Drop-out Rates", Australian Economics' Society Conference, Hobart, September 2007.

Crawford, C., Dearden, L., and Meghir, C. (2007), "When should August born children start school?", Australian Economics' Society Conference, Hobart, September 2007.

Crawford, C., Dearden, L., and Meghir, C. (2007), "When should August born children start school?", Royal Economics Society Conference, Warwick University, 11th-13th April 2007.

Dearden, L., McGranahan, L. and Sianesi (2004), "Credit Constraints and the Returns to the Marginal Learner", European Education Research Association Conference, Crete, September 2004.

Dearden, L. (1999), "Qualifications and Earnings in Britain: How reliable are conventional OLS estimates of the returns to education" Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, University of Nottingham, 29 March – 1 April 1999.

Dearden, L. (1997), "Who gains and loses from the Government's new income support arrangements for individuals in higher education", IFS Conference on "Higher Education", December 1997.

Blundell, R., Dearden, L., Goodman, A. and Reed, H (1997), "The Returns to Higher Education in Britain" paper presented at the 53rd Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance Congress on Public Investment and Public Finance, Kyoto Japan, August 25-28, 1997.

Dearden, L., Machin, S., Reed, H. and Wilkinson, D. (1997), "Labour Turnover and Work-Related Training", paper presented at the 57th International Conference of the Applied Econometrics Association on Education, Training and Employment in the Knowledge Based Economy, Maastricht, May 14-16 1997.

Dearden, L and Heath, A (1997) "Income Support and Staying in School", paper presented at the 57th International Conference of the Applied Econometrics Association on Education, Training and Employment in the Knowledge Based Economy, Maastricht, May 14-16 1997.

Dearden, L., Machin, S. and Reed, H. (1996), 'Intergenerational Mobility in Britain', presented at Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Swansea, April 1996.

Blundell, R., Dearden, L. and Meghir, C. (1994,1995) "The Determinants and Effects of Work Related Training", paper presented at the EMRU Labour Economics Study, 9th December 1994; the Human Capital Mobility Meeting, Aarhus, 25 November 1994; and the University of Essex 'Training incentives in the Labour Market' conference, 19 May 1995.

Other Publications

(2011), 'The Impact of Tuition Fees and Support on University', IFS Working Papers , W11/17 (with , Emla Fitzsimons and Gill Wyness).

(2010), 'Higher *education reforms: progressive but complicated with an unwelcome incentive*', IFS Briefing Notes, BN113 (with Haroon Chowdry and Gill Wyness).

(2010), 'Government proposals for higher education would squeeze high earners less and cost the taxpayer more, IFS Observation, (with Haroon Chowdry and Gill Wyness).

(2010), 'A progressive graduate tax after all?', IFS Observations, (with Haroon Chowdry).

(2010), [Richard Blundell](#), [Lorraine Dearden](#) and [Luke Sibieta](#), September 2010, [The demand for private schooling in England: the impact of price and quality](#), IFS Working Papers , W10/21

(2010), [Haroon Chowdry](#), [Lorraine Dearden](#) and Gill Wyness, July 2010, [Graduate tax: remedy, reform or rebrand?](#), Observations

(2010), [Claire Crawford](#), [Lorraine Dearden](#) and [Costas Meghir](#), May 2010, [When you are born matters: the impact of date of birth on educational outcomes in England](#), IFS Working Papers , W10/06

(2010), [Haroon Chowdry](#), [Claire Crawford](#), [Lorraine Dearden](#), [Alissa Goodman](#) and [Anna Vignoles](#), May 2010, [Widening participation in higher education: analysis using linked administrative data](#) , IFS Working Papers , W10/04.

(2010), [Lorraine Dearden](#), [Alissa Goodman](#), [Greg Kaplan](#) and Gill Wyness, April 2010, [Future arrangements for funding higher education](#), IFS Commentaries , C115

(2009), [Claire Crawford](#), [Lorraine Dearden](#), [Alice Mesnard](#), [Jonathan Shaw](#) and [Barbara Sianesi](#), January 2009, [Ethnic parity in labour market outcomes for benefit claimants](#), IFS Working Papers , W09/04

(2008), [Haroon Chowdry](#), [Claire Crawford](#), [Lorraine Dearden](#), [Alissa Goodman](#) and Anna Vignoles, June 2008, [Widening Participation in Higher Education: analysis using linked administrative data](#), IFS Reports , R69 , 978-1-903274-55-2

(2008), [Haroon Chowdry](#), [Lorraine Dearden](#) and [Carl Emmerson](#), February 2008, [Education Maintenance Allowance evaluation with administrative data](#), External publications , Learning and Skills Council National Office.

(2007) [Lorraine Dearden](#), [Jonathan Shaw](#) and [Luke Sibieta](#), March 2007, [National evaluation of the neighbourhood nurseries initiative: impact report](#), External publications

(2005), Higher education funding policy: a guide to the debate (with Emla Fitzsimons and Alissa Goodman), May 2005, 34 pp., BN67.

Helping families: childcare, early education and the work-life balance (with Mike Brewer and Claire Crawford), April 2005, 32 pp., BN61.

“The impact of training on productivity and wages: evidence from British panel data”, (2005), IFS Working Papers, W05/16, August (with Howard Reed and John Van Reenen).

“Education subsidies and school drop-out rates”, (2005), IFS Working Papers, W05/11, June (with Carl Emmerson, Chris Frayne and Costas Meghir).

“The role of credit constraints in educational choices: evidence from the NCDS and BCS70” , December 2004, CEE Discussion Paper No. 48 (with Leslie McGranahan and Barbara Sianesi).

“Returns to education for the 'marginal learner' evidence from the BCS70”, December 2004, CEE Discussion Paper No. 45 (with Leslie McGranahan and Barbara Sianesi).

“An in-depth analysis of the returns to National Vocational Qualifications obtained at Level 2”, December 2004, CEE Discussion Paper No. 46, (with Leslie McGranahan and Barbara Sianesi).

“Tuition fees: a big gamble for a relatively small return?”, Evening Standard, 4th December 2003, (with Emla Fitzsimons and Alissa Goodman),

“Education Maintenance Allowance: Third Year Quantitative Evaluation” Department for Education and Skills December (2003) (IFS with CRSP).

“Wraparound Care Evaluation”, Final Report for the Department for Education and Skills, March 2004 (with University of Oxford and National Centre for Social Research).

“Wraparound Care Pilots: The creation of an Evaluation Framework”, Report for the Department for Education and Skills, December 2001 (with Teresa Smith, Caroline Lee and Kathy Sylva),

“Education Maintenance Allowances: The Second Year”, for DfES, December 2002 (CRSP, IFS)

“Education Maintenance Allowances: The First Year”, Report for DfES, May 2001 (CRSP, IFS).

“Qualifications and Earnings in Britain: How reliable are conventional OLS estimates of the returns to education”, IFS Working Paper No. 99/7.

“Ability, Families, Education and Earnings in Britain”, IFS Working paper no. W98/14.

“The effect of school quality on educational attainment and wages”, Institute for Fiscal Studies W98/3 (with J. Ferri and C. Meghir).

“Union Wage Differentials for Manual Workers in Australia”, 1994, Working Paper No. 257, Working Papers in Economics and Econometrics, The Australian National University, January 1994, (with P. Apps, G. Jones, and E. Savage)

Occupational Change 1971-1986, 1993, Economic and Policy Analysis Division Discussion Paper 1/93, Canberra, (with P. Aungles, T. Karmel and C. Ryan)

“Occupational Change 1971-1986: A Lego Theoretic Approach to Occupational Projections”, 1990, Economic and Policy Analysis Division, Department of Employment, Education and Training, August 1990, (with P. Aungles, T. Karmel and C. Ryan).

RESEARCH AWARDS

Nuffield Found, 'Higher education funding and access: exploding the myths', £149,660 from July 2011 (with John Micklewright (PI), Anna Vignoles and Claire Crawford).

Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, 'How to Make the Best Use of Matched Data', £90,000, 4 months from January 2010 (Principal Investigator joint with Frontier Economics).

Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), "Evaluation of the Free School Meal Pilots", (with Steven Finch (Natcen) and Claire Crawford (IFS)), award of £1,000,000 over 3 years from April 2009.

Nuffield Foundation, "The impact of month of birth on children's non-cognitive outcomes", (with Claire Crawford), 18 months from October 2009, award of £95,000.

Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), "Modelling the costs and benefits of the Effective Provision of Pre-school Education (EPPE)", (Principal Investigator), 6 months from October 2011, award of £60,000.

ESRC, "Bilateral Australia: What are the determinants and effects of school choice? An international comparison between Australia and the UK", (Principle Investigator), 18 months from 1 September 2008, award of £78,617 (RES-000-22-2524).

ESRC National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM) Node award for ADMIN – Administrative Data: Methods, Inference and Network, award of £ 1,321,386 over 3 years from 1 July 2008 (Principal Investigator) (RES-576-25-0014).

The Department for Children Schools and Families, September 2007, "Economics of Education Research Centre", January 2008-December 2009, award of £800,000 (Principal applicant for IFS as part of a consortium with the Centre for Economic Policy at LSE, and the Institute of Education – IFS component around £210,000).

Scottish Executive, "Higher Education Finance in Scotland", December 2006 – February 2006 (with Alissa Goodman and Gill Wyness), award of £16,000.

Learning and Skills Council, "Evaluation of the EMA Roll-out using Administrative Data", August 2006 – February 2007, award of £54,246 (Joint PI with Carl Emmerson).

DfES, Scoping Study for Children's Centres Evaluation. Awarded October 2005, (principal IFS applicant as part of consortium with Oxford University and the National Centre for Social Research). Completed December 2006.

Nuffield Foundation, "Higher Education Funding Policies and the Lifetime Returns to Higher Education", December 2004-August 2005, award of £85,731 (Principal IFS applicant).

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, "At what age should children start primary school?", January 2005 – December 2005, award of £48,000, (principal IFS applicant).

The Department for Work and Pensions, "Ethnic Penalties in Welfare Program Delivery", October 2004 – December 2007, award of £240,000 as part of consortium with Policy Studies Institute (Principal applicant for IFS with IFS component £180,000).

The Department for Education and Employment, December 2003, “Economics of Education Research Centre”, January 2005-December 2007, award of £1,000,000 (Principal applicant for IFS as part of a consortium with the Centre for Economic Policy at LSE, and the Institute of Education – IFS component around £250,000).

Department for Education and Skills, March 2002, “Evaluation of Wraparound Care”, September 2002-August 2003, (principal IFS applicant with Oxford University and National Centre for Social Research).

Department for Education and Skills, January 2002, “Evaluation of the Neighbourhood Nursery Initiative (NNI)”, April 2002 – April 2006, principal applicant from IFS with IFS component £100,000 (of a £900,000 award for consortium involving Oxford University and the National Centre for Social Research and IFS)

Department for Education and Skills, March 2001, “Evaluation Strategy for Wraparound Care”, (principal applicant from IFS with Oxford University and National Centre for Social Research)

The Department for Education and Employment, October 1999, “Economics of Education Research Centre”, January 2000-December 2004, award of £1,500,000 (principal applicant for IFS as part of a consortium with the Centre for Economic Policy at LSE, and the Institute of Education – IFS component around £400,000).

The Department for Education and Employment, August 1999, “The returns to academic and vocational qualifications and the role of basic skills”, award of £23,000, September 1999 to February 2000 (principal IFS applicant).

The Department for Education and Employment, March 1999, “Evaluation of Educational Maintenance Allowance Pilots”, award of £3 million over 3 ½ years (principal applicant for IFS as part of a consortia with CRSP, The National Centre and IER).

The Department for Education and Employment, “Human Capital Investment: The returns from education and training to the individual, the firm and the economy”, award of £25,000 over 4 months from May 1998 (with R. Blundell, C. Meghir and B. Sianesi).

ESRC, “Training, Human Resource Policies and Company Performance”, award of £40,000 over 12 months commencing January 1998 (with John Van Reenen and Howard Reed).

The Department for Education and Employment, August 1996, “Returns to Higher Education Qualifications”, award of £25,000 over 5 months commencing October 1996 (with Richard Blundell, Alissa Goodman and Howard Reed)

The Leverhulme Trust, February 1996, “Education, work related training and employment”, award no. F/368/G of £70,000 over two years commencing July 1996 (with Richard Blundell, Howard Reed and Jonathan Thomas)

The Department for Education and Employment, December 1995, “Effect of Turnover on Employers’ Training”, award of £30,000 over eight months commencing January 1996 (with Stephen Machin, Howard Reed and David Wilkinson)

Employment Department, June 1993, “The determinants and effects of work related training in Britain”, award of £25,000 over 9 months commencing September 1993 (with Richard Blundell and Costas Meghir)

Australian Department of Industrial Relations, “Intra-occupational Wage Differentials”, award of \$A40,000 in 1992, (with Patricia Apps).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Referee for *American Economic Review*, *The Economic Journal*, *Economica*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Fiscal Studies*, *International Tax and Public Finance*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Labour Economics*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *Education Economics*, *British Journal of Sociology*.

Numerous media appearances on education issues including Newsnight, BBC 6 O'clock News, Channel 4 news, Daily Politics, Working Lunch and Radio 5 live.

Editorial Board, National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), September 2010 -

Expert on all aspects of program evaluation, the economics of education and early years interventions. I have made numerous presentations to politicians, government officials, academics, policy makers on areas to do with the economics of education and program evaluation methods particularly in the area of early years and education.

Member of the ESRC Teaching and Learning Research Programme Steering Committee, 2005 - 2009 .

Member of the SEDA Expert Advisory Panel on Skills for Business, April 2004 – March 2008.

Course tutor on the Cabinet Office Development Course on “Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Evaluation”, talking on “Using Matched Comparison Designs to Evaluate Government Policy – The Educational Maintenance Evaluation”, November 2003, April 2004 and December 2004.

Examiner, PhD in Economics, Oxford University: Candidate Mary Silles, 2002. Topic was in the Economics of Education.

Elected member of the Royal Economic Society’s Committee for Women in Economics (2001-2011).

Member of the PIU Academic Panel, Workforce Development Report, April-November 2001.

Member of the DfES, Skills Taskforce Audit Group, April – September 2001.

Consultant on the Sure Start Development Evaluation Project headed by John Bynner at the Institute for Education in 1999.

Joint Editor, *International Tax and Public Finance*, Conference Volume, 1999 (with R Blundell and R Griffith).

Member of the DfEE Working Group on the Returns to Education and Training, June 1999-2000.

Member of the DfEE Skills Research Group, July 1999-February 2000.

Co-Chair of International Institute of Public Finance Scientific Committee, organising Scientific Program for the 1998 Congress in Cordoba Argentina on “Public Finance, Employment and Labour Markets” (with R Blundell and R Griffith).