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Research School of Economics
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EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

Primary Appointment	
Senior Lecturer, Research School of Economics, Australian National University	Jun 2023→
Affiliations	
Invited Researcher, J-PAL North America	Jan 2022→
Research Affiliate, CESifo Research Network	Aug 2024→
Research Fellow, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)	Aug 2021→
Research Affiliate, Tax & Transfer Policy Institute, Australian National University	Mar 2021→
Research Fellow, Policy Experiments Lab, Australian National University	Sep 2024→
Research Associate, Office of Tax Policy Research, University of Michigan	Sep 2019→
Past Positions & Affiliations	
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan	Sep 2019–May 2023
Economist / Senior Analyst, Reserve Bank of Australia	Feb 2010–Aug 2014

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Economics, Harvard University	2019
Master of Arts, Economics, Harvard University	2017
Bachelor of Economics (First Class Honours), University of Sydney	2010

RESEARCH PAPERS

Published Papers	
Craig, Ashley & Joel Slemrod (2023), "Tax Knowledge and Tax Manipulation: A Unifying Model". <i>Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics</i> , forthcoming.	
Craig, Ashley (2023), "Optimal Income Taxation with Spillovers from Employer Learning", <i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i> , 15(2), 82-125.	
Craig, Ashley & James Hines (2020), "Taxes as Pandemic Controls", <i>National Tax Journal</i> , 73(4), 969-986.	
Craig, Ashley, Ellen Garbarino, Stephanie Heger & Robert Slonim (2017), "Waiting to Give: Stated and Revealed Preferences", <i>Management Science</i> , 63(11): 3672-3690. (Press: Bloomberg)	
Working Papers	
Craig, Ashley & David C. Martin (2023), "Discipline Reform, School Culture, and Student Achievement". <i>IZA Discussion Paper No. 15906</i> . (Press: Chalkbeat ; Fordham Institute ; Stateline)	
Craig, Ashley & Roland G. Fryer (2019), "Complementary Bias: A Model of Two-Sided Statistical Discrimination". <i>NBER Working Paper No. 30151</i> .	
Abdelrahman Amer, Ashley Craig & Clémentine Van Effenterre (2023), "Decoding Gender Bias: The Role of Personal Interaction". <i>IZA Discussion Paper No. 17077</i> . (Press: IZA)	

In Progress

Craig, Ashley, Sara Heller, & Nikhil Rao, "Using Network Data to Measure Social Returns and Improve Targeting of Crime-Reduction Interventions".

Craig, Ashley & Itai Sher, "Tax Salience: The Equality-Honesty-Efficiency Tradeoff".

Craig, Ashley, Dylan Moore, & Thomas Lloyd, "Second-best Externality Correction".

Other Public Writing

Craig, Ashley & C Heiniger (2025), "Why it's time to think big on tax reform", *360info*, April 30.

Craig, Ashley (2025), "Forget band-aids, this economy needs genuine reform", *360info*, Feb 12.

Craig, Ashley (2023), "The government should butt out on the RBA and focus on its own failings", *Sydney Morning Herald*, June 11.

Craig, Ashley & Matthew Lilley (2021), "ATAGI misses the point of the jab", *Australian Financial Review*, July 22.

Craig, Ashley (2016), Submission DR85, Education Evidence Base - Public Inquiry, *Productivity Commission*.

Craig, Ashley (2014), "Banking Fees in Australia", *Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin*.

Craig, Ashley, Stephen Elias & Clare Noone (2011), "Destinations and Uses of East Asian Merchandise Exports", *Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin*.

TEACHING

Graduate Public Finance (Econ 683/4), University of Michigan, Instructor	W20,W21,F21,W23
Advanced Public Economics (Econ 490), University of Michigan, Instructor	W20,W21,F21
Psychology & Economics (Econ 1030), Harvard University, Teaching Fellow	2017
American Economic Policy (Econ 1420), Harvard University, Teaching Fellow	2017
Introductory Macro (Econ 1002), University of Sydney, Teaching Assistant	2009
Introductory Micro (Econ 1001), University of Sydney, Teaching Assistant	2009

ADVISING

PhD Committees

Thomas Brosy (<i>Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center</i>)	George Fenton (<i>CBPP</i> → <i>Office of Tax Analysis</i>)
Chiara Ferrero (<i>IMF</i>)	Stephanie Karol (<i>Office of Tax Analysis</i>)
Paul Kindsgrab (<i>Cornerstone</i>)	Dena Lomonosov (<i>Wisconsin School of Business</i>)
Nathan Mather (<i>Intensity</i>)	Jennifer Mayo (<i>University of Missouri</i>)
Dylan Moore (<i>University of Hawaii</i>)	Paul Organ (<i>Office of Tax Analysis</i>)
Andrew Simon (<i>Chicago Postdoc</i> → <i>UVA Batten</i>)	Ellen Stuart (<i>Harvard Postdoc</i> → <i>University of Sydney</i>)
Hayley Abourezk-Pinkstone (<i>Simpson</i>) [co-chair]	John Olson (<i>Northwestern</i>)
Emily Horton (<i>Office of Tax Analysis</i>)	Nikhil Rao (<i>NBER Postdoc</i>)
Lea Bart (<i>Congressional Budget Office</i>)	Yuzhi Zhou (<i>current</i>) [chair]
Peter Choi (<i>current</i>)	Chandler Inman (<i>current</i>)
Shulei Zhang (<i>current</i>)	Shinsuke Nakagami (<i>current</i>)

Honors Students

Dylan Piacelli (<i>Georgia Tech Masters Program</i>)	George Fan (<i>Carnegie Mellon Masters Program</i>)
Kai Song (<i>current</i>)	

GRANTS

National Science Foundation (\approx US\$350K, with Sara Heller)	2023
Russell Sage Foundation (US\$109,555, with Sara Heller)	2023
Russell Sage Foundation (US\$63,320, with Clémentine Van Effenterre)	2022
Institute for Firearm Injury Prevention (US\$50,000, with Sara Heller)	2022
NBER Productivity, Innovation & Entrepreneurship grant (US\$15K, with Clémentine Van Effenterre)	2022
J-PAL North America (\approx US\$174K, with Sara Heller)	2021
LSA Social Science Scholarship (\approx US\$26K, with Sara Heller)	2021
Michigan Institute for Teaching & Research in Economics (\approx US\$24K w/ Hyunjin Kim)	2021
Michigan Institute for Teaching & Research in Economics (\approx US\$20K w/ Sara Heller)	2020

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

John Mitchell Fellow, Australian National University	2023–30
Best Professor ($\times 2$), University of Michigan Graduate Students	2021&2022
IIPF Young Economists Award, International Institute of Public Finance	2020
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University	2018
Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University	2017
Lara Warner Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School Women & Public Policy Program	2017
James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, Harvard Kennedy School Inequality & Social Policy Program	2016–18

Earlier Awards: Reserve Bank of Australia Post Graduate Study & Cadetship Awards, First Class Honors, Dean's Citation for Tutoring, RSG Rutherford Prize in Econometrics, Operations Management & Econometrics Prize in Statistical Modelling, Employment & Workplace Relations Prize for Applied Econometrics

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

ANU Applied Economics Day, Crawford ACDE Seminar	2025
CESifo Public Economics Week (Munich), Economic Theory Festival (UNSW), Korea Australia Tax Workshop, ANU Theory Day	2024
Normative Economics & Policy Seminar, Cornell, Columbia Micro & Macro Labor Conference, Markets Contracts and Organizations Conference, Australian Workshop on Public Finance, Crawford ACDE Seminar, TTPI Seminar, U Wollongong, Public Sector Economists Conference, Monash Applied Micro Workshop (HELP)	2023
Swedish Institute for Social Research, Lund University, Stockholm University Department of Economics, Paris Tax Workshop, NBER Summer Institute $\times 2$, University of Queensland, e61 Institute, University of Sydney, UNSW $\times 2$, Macquarie, University of Technology Sydney, Monash, Melbourne, VAMS Conference	2022

WEAI International, Monash, European Society for Population Economics, M-TAXI, WEAI Annual, Society for Economic Dynamics, Oxford Center for Business Taxation, Virtual Australian Macro Seminar, IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting, Australian Conference of Economists, Online PF Seminar, UM-MSU-UWO Labor Conference, NTA Annual Conference, Econometric Society Winter European Meeting	2021
CIERS (Michigan), CESifo Public Economics, Junior Macro PF Seminar, IIPF Annual Conference, Virtual Conference on Racial Justice and Education	2020
ANU, Bocconi, Michigan, UCLA, University of Melbourne, UNSW, University of Sydney, Penn Wharton, Wisconsin, Yale, NBER Summer Institute	2019
NBER Junior Researcher Series, Young Economists Symposium, NTA Annual Conference	2018
Harvard Law & Economics Seminar	2017

PROFESSIONAL & PUBLIC SERVICE

Referee	
AER (Insights); AEJ (Applied); AEJ (Policy); Economic Journal; Economics of Education Review; Empirical Economics; Games & Economic Behavior; IMF Economic Review; International Economic Review; International Tax & Public Finance; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization; Journal of Economic Dynamics & Control; Journal of Economic Theory; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Law & Economics; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Public Economics (JPubE); JPubE+; Labor Studies Journal; Management Science; National Tax Journal; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economic Studies; Review of Economics and Statistics; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; Theoretical Economics	
Discussions	
WEAI International (2021); International Online PF Seminar (2021); Young Economists Symposium (2018); ESA Job Market Seminar Series (2023); ANU PhD Conference in Economics and Business (2024)	
Conference and Seminar Organization	
RSE General Seminar (organizer), Australian National University	2023–present
Public Seminar Program (organizer) – talks by <i>Eric Hanushek, Matthew Shapiro, Florian Scheuer, Dirk Krueger, John Friedman, Lisa Cameron, Lisa Paul</i>	2023–present
Organizer, ANU Applied Economics Day	2025
Program Committee, Australian Conference of Economists	2025
Organizing Committee, Australian Workshop on Public Finance	2025
Australian Public Finance Exchange (organizer)	2024
International Women’s Day Event – <i>Inspire Inclusion</i> (organizer)	2024
Australian Public Economics Exchange (organizer)	2024
Scientific Committee, Annual Congress, International Institute of Public Finance	2022&2024
Markets Contracts and Organizations (session organizer)	2023
Program Committee, Econometric Society Australasian Meeting	2023
University of Michigan Public Finance Seminar (organizer)	2020–23
Program Committee, Annual Conference, National Tax Association	2021&2022
Workshop on Human Capital, Productivity & Economic Policy (organizer)	2021

Program Committee, M-TAXI Annual Conference, University of Michigan	2021
WEAI International (session organizer)	2021
Panels and Public Talks	
<i>How To Get Data Into Good Policy Design</i> (CEPAR Data Workshop)	2024 (exp)
<i>Eliminating School Suspensions: A Recipe For Success?</i> (ANU Lunch & Learn)	2023
<i>Inflation, Higher Interest Rates & The Looming Recession</i> (ANU Public Sector Econ Workshop)	2023
<i>The Politics of Economic Inflation</i> (Young Leadership Dialogue Alumni Plenary)	2023
Other Committees	
R. G. Menzies Scholarship Committee (<i>chair</i>), Australian National University	2025
Visitor Committee (<i>ex officio</i>), Australian National University	2023
Executive Committee (<i>elected</i>), Dept. of Economics, University of Michigan	2021/22
Graduate Program Committee, Dept. of Economics, University of Michigan	2020–21
Graduate Admissions Committee, Dept. of Economics, University of Michigan	2019–20
Social Committee, Department of Economics, University of Michigan	2019–20

CLEARANCE AND RESIDENCY STATUS

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 Authorized for use of ABS and ATO Microdata

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

First Aid & Mental Health First Aid Officer

Date: May 1, 2025