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Katherine Cuff

Visiting Scholar

August 2008 – June 2009

Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee, United States

Assistant Professor

July 2000 – June 2006

Department of Economics, McMaster University
(Maternity/Parental Leave: July 2003 – July 2004)

Teaching Fellow

September – December 1999

Department of Economics, Queen's University
Kingston, Ontario, Canada

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Positions

Managing Editor, [Canadian Journal of Economics](#), July 2018 – present.

Associate Editor, [FinanzArchiv/Public Finance Analysis](#), March 2018 – present.

Editorial Advisory Board, [International Tax and Public Finance](#), October 2016 – present.

Guest Co-Editor for the [International Institute of Public Finance](#) special issue of *International Tax and Public Finance*, August 2016 – August 2017.

Editor, [FinanzArchiv/Public Finance Analysis](#), January 2014 – present.

Associate Editor, [Canadian Public Policy](#), July 2011 – July 2015.

Editorial Advisory Board, [Canadian Journal of Economics](#), July 2006 – June 2009.

Executive Positions

Officer, [Canadian Economics Association](#), 2018 – present.

Elected Member, Board of Management, [International Institute of Public Finance](#), 2011 – 2014 and 2014 – 2017.

President, [Canadian Women Economist Network/Réseau de Femmes Économistes](#), 2010 – 2011.

Executive Council Member, [Canadian Economics Association](#), 2007 – 2010.

Grant, Program and Personal Review Committees

Jarislowsky-Deutsch Chair Advisory Committee, Queen's University, 2017 – 2020.

Scientific Council, Fiscal & Economic Policy Research Division, The School of Public Policy, University of Calgary, 2018 – 2020.

Steering Committee on Chair in Public Economics, Faculty of Management, University of Tampere, Finland, 2018.

External Committee Review of the Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University, 2018.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Insight Grant Economics Peer-Review Panel, 2014 – 2015.

Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation Early Researcher Awards Program Round 11, Social Sciences Adjudication Panel, 2015.

Senate Subcommittee on Program Review Graduate, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario, 2015.

Conference Organization

- Local organizer and co-chair scientific committee, [Canadian Public Economics Group/Public Economics United Kingdom Workshop](#), McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, April 2018.
- Co-Chair of the Scientific Committee, International Institute of Public Finance, [72nd Annual Congress](#) Lake Tahoe, Nevada, USA, August 2016.
- Organizing Committee Member, [2nd Workshop on Behavioral and Experimental Health Economics](#), McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, February 2015.
- Scientific Co-Organizer, Canadian Public Economics Group Sessions at the 48th Annual Canadian Economics Association Meetings, Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, June 2014.
- Scientific Organizer, Canadian Public Economics Group Sessions at the 47th Canadian Economic Association Meetings, HEC Montreal, Quebec, June 2013.
- Chair of the Programme Selection Committee, Canadian Public Economics Group, Queen's University, November 2010.
- Conference Co-Organizer, International Seminar in Public Economics (ISPE) in Honour of Robin Boadway, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, May 2009.
- Conference Organizer, Canadian Public Economics Group 10th Annual Meeting, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, May 2005.
- Scientific Committee, Canadian Public Economics Group, June 2016, May 2006, June 2002 and June 2001.

Journal Refereeing

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, American Economic Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Contemporary Economic Policy, Canadian Public Policy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economic Modelling, Economica, Économie Internationale, Economics Letters, Employment and Social Development Canada, European Economic Review, FinanzArchiv, German Economic Review, International Economic Review, International Journal of Public Policy, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Applied Economics, Journal of Economics, Journal of Economics & Management, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Oxford Economic Papers, Public Finance Review, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economic Design, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Southern Economic Journal, and University of Calgary School of Public Policy Urban Policy and Research Paper Series.

External Reviews – Granting Agencies

European Science Foundation, French National Research Agency (ANR), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and Swiss National Science Foundation.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Research: Optimal Redistributive Policies, Fiscal Competition, Experimental Economics

Teaching: Public Economics, Microeconomics

HONOURS

McMaster University, [University Scholar](#), 2015 – 2019.
[Canada Research Chair in Public Economic Theory](#), Tier II, 2009 – 2014, renewed 2014 – 2019.
[C.A. Curtis Prize for Best Doctoral Thesis in Economics](#), Queen's University, 2002.
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship, 1997 – 1999.
Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences Graduate Travel Award, 1998.
International Institute of Public Finance Young Scholar's Award, 1998.
Ontario Graduate Scholarships, 1995 – 1997.
York University Scholarship, 1994.
Queen's University Dean's Special Award, 1993.

COURSES TAUGHT (last 5 years at McMaster University)

Undergraduate

Public Sector Economics: Taxation, Methods of Inquiry in Economics

Graduate

Microeconomic Theory for Public Policy, Public Finance and Topics in Public Economics, and Workshop in Economics I and II

SUPERVISORSHIPS

Undergraduate

Arts and Science Undergraduate Thesis, 2005 – 2006.

Master

M.A. in Economic Policy Project, 2007 – 2008.

Doctoral

Ph.D. Candidate, Supervisor, in progress.
Ph.D. Candidate, Committee Member, Supervisor Arthur Sweetman, completed 2019.
Ph.D. Candidate, Committee Member, Supervisor Byron Spencer, completed 2018.
Ph.D. Candidate, Committee Member, Supervisor Arthur Sweetman, completed 2017.
Ph.D. Candidate, Committee Member, Supervisor Abigail Payne, completed 2016.
Ph.D. Candidate, Co- Supervisor with Abigail Payne, completed 2013.

External PhD Thesis Examiner

Department of Economics, University of Calgary, 2019.
Department of Economics, York University, 2018.
Department of Economics, University of Oslo, Norway, 2017.
Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, 2012.
Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario, 2010.

RESEARCH FUNDING (Principal Applicant's Name is Underlined)

McMaster University, COVID Research Fund Stream 1, \$57,643, "Long-term Care Home Staffing and Funding amid COVID-19", Katherine Cuff, [Arthur Sweetman](#) and Ahmad von Schlegell, June 2020 – May 2021.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Connection Grant, \$17,990, “Canadian Public Economics Group and Public Economics United Kingdom Workshop”, Katherine Cuff and Kimberley Scharf, April 2018 – March 2019.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Grant, \$118,000, “Tax Competition with Heterogeneous Capital”, Katherine Cuff, Steeve Mongrain and Joanne Roberts, April 2014 – March 2018.

Canadian Foundation for Innovation, Leaders Opportunity Fund, \$100,000, “McMaster Decision Science Laboratory (McDSL)”, Neil Buckley, Katherine Cuff, and Jeremiah Hurley, April 2014.

Canadian Institute for Health Research, Operating Grant, \$138,087, “Judgments of Equity in Health Care Resource Allocation”, Neil Buckley, Katherine Cuff, Mita Giacomini, Jeremiah Hurley, and Stuart Mestelman, January 2012 – June 2013.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Research Grant, \$136,651, “Experiments on Majority–Rule Voting over the Public Provision of Private Goods”, Neil Buckley, Katherine Cuff, Jeremiah Hurley, and Stuart Mestelman, April 2011 – March 2014.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Research Grant, \$62,000, “Political Economy and Social Policy”, Katherine Cuff, Steeve Mongrain, and Joanne Roberts, April 2011 – March 2014.

McMaster University Incentive Grant, \$5,000, “Top-up, Opt-out or Exit: Experiments on Public Support with Private Alternatives”, Katherine Cuff, July 2010 – June 2011.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Research Grant, \$43,162, “Public Expenditure Policy and Private Goods”, Katherine Cuff, April 2006 – March 2009.

New Emerging Teams (NET) Grant, Canadian Institute for Health Research, \$932,065, “Financing and Funding Health Care: Exploring Equity and Efficiency Using Experimental Economics Methods”, Katherine Cuff, Jeffrey Carr, Mita Giacomini, and Jeremiah Hurley, Stuart Mestelman, Andrew Muller, Mirna Rahal and Gavin Wardle, May 2005 – April 2010.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Research Grant, \$48,358, “Redistributive Policy and the Labour Market”, Katherine Cuff, April 2001 – March 2006.

McMaster University Arts Research Board Research Grant, \$4,739, “Equalization and Decentralization”, Robin Boadway, Katherine Cuff, and Maurice Marchand, December 2000 – December 2001.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters in Edited Volumes

Boadway, R., K. Cuff, and K. Koebel, “Designing a Basic Income Guarantee for Canada,” in Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant, Richard Johnston, Will Kymlicka and John Myles (eds.) *Federalism and the Welfare State in a Multicultural World* (Queen’s School of Policy Studies and McGill-Queen’s University Press: Kingston) 2019.

Boadway, R. and K. Cuff, "The Recent Evolution of Redistribution in Canada," in Keith Banting and John Myles, eds., *The Fading of Redistributive Politics: Inequality and the Politics of Social Policy* (UBC Press: Vancouver), 2013.

Burbidge, J. and K. Cuff, "Mandatory Retirement and Incentives in University Defined Benefit Pension Plans," in Michael G. Abbott, Charles M. Beach, Robin W. Boadway, and James G. MacKinnon (eds.) *Retirement Policy Issues in Canada* (McGill-Queen's University Press: Kingston) 2009.

Boadway, R., K. Cuff, and N. Marceau, "Design of Assistance Programs to Address Real Income Volatility," in Dean Jolliffe and James Ziliak (eds.) *Income Volatility and Food Assistance in the United States* (W.E. Upjohn Institute: Michigan) 2008.

Journal Articles

Cuff, K., S. Mongrain, and J. Roberts, "Evasion of Fiscal and Labour Regulations: Firm Behaviour and Optimal Tax Policy," *Journal of Public Economic Theory* 22(1) (February 2020), 69–97.

Buckley, N., D. Cameron, K. Cuff, J. Hurley, S. Mestelman, and S. Thomas, "A Behavioral Economic Study of Tax Rate Selection by the Median Voter: Can the Tax Rate be Influenced by the Name of the Publicly Provided Private Good?" *Theoretical Economics Letters* 8(3) (February 2018), 485–501.

Boadway R. and K. Cuff, "Optimal Unemployment Insurance and Redistribution," *Journal of Public Economic Theory* 20(3) (June 2018), 303–324.

Boadway, R. and K. Cuff "The Impressive Contribution of Canadian Economists to Fiscal Federalism Theory and Policy," *Canadian Journal of Economics* 50(5) (December 2017), 1348–1380.

Buckley, N. K. Cuff, J. Hurley, S. Mestelman, S. Thomas, and D. Cameron, "Should I Stay or Should I Go? Public Provision of a Private Good with an Exit Option," *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 131B (November 2016), 62–77.

Boadway, R. and K. Cuff, "Tax Treatment of Bequests when Donor Benefits are Discounted," *International Tax and Public Finance* 22 (August 2015), 604–634.

Buckley, N., K. Cuff, J. Hurley, S. Mestelman, S. Thomas, and D. Cameron, "Support for Public Provision of a Private Good with Top-Up and Opt-Out: A Controlled Laboratory Experiment," *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 111 (March 2015), 177–196.

Boadway, R. and K. Cuff, "Monitoring and Optimal Income Taxation with Involuntary Unemployment," *Annals of Economics and Statistics* 113/114 (June 2014) 121–157.

Buckley, N., K. Cuff, J. Hurley, L. McLeod, S. Mestelman, and D. Cameron, "An Experimental Investigation of the Demand for Private Insurance and of Health Systems Outcomes under a Mixed System of Public and Private Finance," *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 84 (December 2012), 713–729.

Cuff, K., J. Hurley, S. Mestelman, A. Muller, and R. Nuscheler, "Public and Private Health Care Financing with Alternate Public Rationing Rules," *Health Economics* 21 (February 2012), 83–100.

Buckley, N., K. Cuff, J. Hurley, L. McLeod, R. Nuscheler, and D. Cameron, "Willingness-to-Pay for Parallel Private Health Insurance: Evidence from a Laboratory Experiment," *Canadian Journal of Economics* 45 (February 2012), 137–166.

Cuff, K., S. Hong, J. Schwartz, Q. Wen, and J. Weymark, "Dominant Strategy Implementation with a Convex Product Space of Valuations," *Social Choice and Welfare* 39 (July 2012), 567–597.

Cuff, K., N. Marceau, S. Mongrain, and J. Roberts, "Optimal Policies and the Informal Sector," *Journal of Public Economics* 95 (December 2011), 1280–1291.

Hurley, J., N. Buckley, K. Cuff, M. Giacomini, and D. Cameron, "Judgments Regarding the Fair Division of Goods: The Impact of Verbal versus Quantitative Descriptions of Alternative Divisions," *Social Choice and Welfare* 39 (July 2011), 341–372.

Burbidge J., K. Cuff and J. Leach, "Tax Competition with Heterogeneous Firms," *Journal of Public Economics* 90 (February 2006), 533–549.

Burbidge, J. and K. Cuff, "Capital Tax Competition and Returns to Scale," *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 35 (July 2005), 353–373.

Boadway, R., K. Cuff, and N. Marceau, "Agglomeration Effects and the Competition for Firms," *International Tax and Public Finance* 11 (September 2004), 623–645.

Boadway, R., K. Cuff, and N. Marceau, "Redistribution and Employment Policies with Endogenous Unemployment," *Journal of Public Economics* 87 (October 2003), 2407–2430.

Boadway, R., K. Cuff, and M. Marchand, "Equalization and the Decentralization of Revenue-Raising in a Federation," *Journal of Public Economic Theory* 5 (April 2003), 201–228.

Boadway, R., K. Cuff, and N. Marceau, "Inter-Jurisdictional Competition for Firms," *International Economic Review* 43 (August 2002), 761–782.

Boadway, R. and K. Cuff, "A Minimum Wage Can Be Welfare-Improving and Employment-Enhancing," *European Economic Review* 45 (March 2001), 553–576.

Boadway R., K. Cuff, and M. Marchand, "Optimal Income Taxation with Quasi-Linear Preferences Revisited," *Journal of Public Economic Theory* 2 (October 2000), 435–460.

Cuff, K., "Optimality of Workfare with Heterogeneous Preferences," *Canadian Journal of Economics* 33 (February 2000), 149–174.

Boadway, R. and K. Cuff, "Monitoring as an Instrument for Targeting Transfers," with Robin Boadway, *International Tax and Public Finance* 6 (August 1999), 317–337.

Non-peer reviewed articles

Boadway, R. and K. Cuff (2020) “Designing a Basic Income: Lessons from the Optimal Tax Literature” paper written for the [BC Basic Income Panel](#).

Boadway, R., K. Cuff, and K. Koebel (2018) “Can Self-Financing Redeem the Basic Income Guarantee? Disincentives, Efficiency Costs, Tax Burdens, and Attitudes: A Rejoinder,” *Canadian Public Policy* 44(4), 447-457.

Cuff, K. and A. Weichenrieder (2017) “Introduction to the special issue on entrepreneurship, innovation and public policy” *International Tax and Public Finance* 24(4), 547–549.

Boadway R. and K. Cuff, (2005) “Evaluating Public Pensions” in Anwar Shah (ed.), *Equity in Public Spending, Public Sector Governance and Accountability Series*, The World Bank.

PRESENTATIONS**Invited Presentations and Seminars**

University of British Columbia Okanagan, 2020
 Melbourne Institute, Monash University, University of Adelaide and Curtin University, 2017.
 University of Exeter and New York State University at Buffalo, 2016.
 University of Oslo and University of Victoria, 2014.
 University of Regina and Mount Allison University, 2013.
 University of Windsor, 2012.
 University of Florida, 2009.
 Vanderbilt University, University of Calgary, and University of Guelph, 2008.
 John Deutsch Institute Queen’s University and University of Waterloo, 2007.
 Brock University, 2006
 Wilfrid Laurier University, 2004.
 York University, 2002.
 State University of New York at Buffalo and Ryerson University, 2001.
 Brock University 2001.
 University of Guelph, 2000.
 Canada-Japan Conference on Fiscal Federalism and Local Public Finance, 2001.
 Warwick/IFS/ESRC Public Economics Weekend, 2001.
 University of Calgary, University of Alberta, University of Western Ontario, Dalhousie University, McMaster University and Simon Fraser University, 2000.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

2020 76th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Virtual)
 2017 73rd Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Toyko, Japan)
 2016 Conference of the Italian Public Economics Society (Lecce, Italy)
 2016 72th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Lake Tahoe, USA)
 2016 50th Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association (Ottawa, Canada)
 2014 70th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Lugano, Switzerland)
 2013 83rd Annual Meetings of the Southern Economic Association (Tampa, USA)
 2013 69th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Taormina, Italy)

2013 9th World Congress on Health Economics (Sydney, Australia)
 2013 47th Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association (Montreal, Canada)
 2012 82nd Annual Meetings of the Southern Economic Association (New Orleans, USA)
 2012 68th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Dresden, Germany)
 2012 46th Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association (Calgary, Canada)
 2011 8th World Congress on Health (Toronto, Canada)
 2010 66th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Uppsala, Sweden)
 2010 9th Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet Conference (Marseilles, France)
 2010 Canadian Economic Association Meetings (Quebec City, Quebec)
 2008 Canadian Economic Association Meetings (Vancouver, British Columbia)
 2007 8th International Meeting of the Association for Public Economic Theory (Nashville, USA)
 2004 60th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Milan, Italy)
 2004 CES/NBER Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar (Munich, Germany)
 2002 3rd International Conference on Public Economic Theory (Paris, France)
 2002 Canadian Public Economics Group 7th Annual Meeting (Calgary, Canada)
 2001 Canadian Economics Association Meetings (Montreal, Canada)
 2000 56th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Sevilla, Spain)
 1999 Canadian Public Economics Study Group 5th Annual Meeting (Toronto, Canada)
 1998 54th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Cordoba, Argentina)
 1998 Canadian Public Economics Study Group 4th Annual Meeting (Ottawa, Canada)

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES (at McMaster University)

Department of Economics Service

Peer Mentor and Peer Teaching Assessor since 2014.
 McMaster University Faculty Association Council, Department Representative since 2020.
 Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, 2014 – 2016 and 2018.
 Tenure and Promotion Committee Member, 2007 – 2008 and 2017 – 2019.
 Graduate Admissions Committee Member, 2007 – 2008, 2012 – 2014, 2018 – 2019.
 Chair of the Research Committee, 2009 – 2011.
 Web-Site Coordinator, 2005 – 2006.
 Committee on Recruitment, 2001 – 2005, 2015 – 2016, 2017 – 2020
 Public Finance Comprehensive Examination Committee, since 2002.
 Microeconomics Comprehensive Examination Committee, 2001 – 2003.

Faculty of Social Sciences Service

Steering Committee and Working Group, Masters of Public Policy in Digital Society, April 2020
 – present.
 Arts Research Board Adjudication Committee, Fall 2020.
 Selection Committee for Early Researcher, Impact Awards, and Scholar-in-Community
 Fellowship, 2018 and 2020.
 Canada Research Chair Nominating Committee, 2019.
 Selection Committee for Faculty Dean, 2019.
 University Scholar Nominating Committee, 2017 – 2019.
 Selection Committee for the Canada 150 Chairs, 2017.
 Faculty of Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee, Department of
 Economics Representative, 2014 –2016.

Adjudication Committee for the Faculty of Social Science Collaborative Research Initiatives, Member, 2013.

Selection Committee for the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies & Research, 2012.

Scrutineer, Faculty Elections to Senate, April 2008 and April 2010.

Social Sciences Faculty Council, Department of Economics Representative, 2002 – 2003.

University Service

Chair, Senate Committee on Appointments, McMaster University, July 2020 – June 2021.

Executive Member, Academic Affairs, McMaster University Faculty Association (MUFA), September 2020 – August 2021.

Senate Committee on Appointments 2007 –2008 and 2018 – 2020.

Internal Review Panel for the Canada Foundation for Innovation Fund Competition, 2019.

Senate, Faculty of Social Sciences Elected Representative, 2007 – 2008, 2009 – 2010, and 2018 – 2021.

University Officer, McMaster University's Research Misconduct Investigation Panel, Faculty of Social Sciences Representative, 2014.

Joint Drafting Committee to Review the Tenure and Promotion Policy Supplementary Policy Statements, McMaster University Faculty Association Representative, 2010 – 2012.

Senate Committee on Academic Integrity, Member, 2009 – 2010.