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Education

- 2004-2009** **PhD in Economics**, University of Melbourne
Thesis Title: The Dynamics of Income Support in Australia
Supervisors: Prof. Jeff Borland, Prof. John Creedy, and Dr Lixin Cai
- 2002** **Honours in Economics** (First Class), Australian National University
- 1999 – 2001** **Bachelor of Economics**, University of Newcastle
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Scholarships and Awards

- 2007-2009** Melbourne Research School PhD Scholarship
- 2002** Australian National University Honours Scholarship
- 2002** Burgmann College -Rob Swift Honours Scholarship
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Research Interests

Labour economics; development economics, social policy; education; mental health; climate change; financial economics; behavioural economics; program, policy evaluation

Professional Experience

- 2003-present:** Labour and Social Policy Research Team, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.
Positions:
- 2003 – October 2009: **Research Officer** (*on PhD study leave from April 2007 to March 2009*)
 - November 2009 – present: **Research Fellow**
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Professional Affiliations

- Member, the Centre for Micro-econometrics, Melbourne University
- Member, Vietnam Studies Association of Australia

Publications

Journal articles

Cai, L., Kalb, G., Tseng, Y., and Vu, H. (2008), “The Effect of Financial Incentives on Labour Supply: Evidence for Sole Parents from Micro-simulation and Quasi-Experimental Evaluation”, *Fiscal Studies*, 29 (2), p285-325.

Tseng, Y., Vu, H. and Wilkins, R. (2008), “Dynamics Properties of Income Support Receipt in Australia”, *Australian Economic Review*, 41(1), p 32-55.

Cai, L., Vu, H. and Wilkins, R. (2008), “The Extent and Nature of Exits from the Disability Support Pension”, *Australian Bulletin of Labour*, 34 (1), p1-17.

Cai, L., Vu, H. and Wilkins, R. (2007), “Disability Support Pension Recipients: Who Gets Off (and Stays Off) Payments?”, *Australian Economic Review*, 40(1), p37-61.

Working papers

Jeon, S., Kalb, G., and Vu, H. (2008), “The dynamics of welfare participation among women who experienced teenage motherhood: an Australian study,” Melbourne Institute Working Paper No. 22/2008, The University of Melbourne.

Research reports

Jeon, S., Kalb, G., and Vu, H. (2007), “Teenage Mothers’ Income Support, Education and Paid Work: The Dynamics of Welfare Participation”, a report to the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Cai, L., Mavromaras, K., and Vu, H. (2007), “How Does the Level of Employment Affect the Level of Income Support Receipt?”, a report to the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Buddelmeyer, H. and Vu, H. (2007), “The Dynamics of Income Support Receipt among ‘New’ Income Support Recipients”, a report to the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

Buddelmeyer, H., Lee, W., Wooden, M., and Vu, H. (2007), “Low Pay Dynamics: Do Low-Paid Jobs Lead to Increased Earnings and Lower Welfare Dependency over Time”, a report to the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

Cai, L., Vu, H., and Wilkins, R. (2006), “Previous Income Support Receipt of Entrants to the Disability Support Pension”, a report to the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Cai, L., Vu, H., and Wilkins, R. (2005), “Understanding the Nature of and Factors behind Exits from the Disability Support Pension”, a report to the Australian Government Departments of Family and Community Services (FaCS) and Employment and Workplace Relations.

Tseng, Y., Vu, H., and Wilkins, R. (2004), “Dynamic Properties of Income Support Receipt in Australia”, a report to the Australian Government Department of Family and Community Services.

Cai, L., Kalb, G., Tseng, Y., and Vu, H. (2004), “Financial Incentives for Mothers to Enter Paid Work: The Current Tax and Transfer System”, a report to the Australian Government Department of Family and Community Services.

Buddelmeyer, H. and Vu, H. (2004), “Who Uses Child Care?”, a report to the Australian Government Department of Families and Community Services (FaCS).

Kalb, G., Cai, L., and Vu, H. (2004), “Updating the Input for the Melbourne Institute Tax and Transfer Simulator”, a report to the Australian Government Department of Family and Community Services.

Conference and Seminar presentations

“The Relationship between Labour Market Conditions and Income Support Receipt in Australia”, which is part of my PhD thesis research, presented at:

1. The 2008 European Association of Labour Economists Conference: University of Amsterdam (September 2008)
2. PhD conference in Economics and Business: University of Western Australia (November 2007)
3. DEWR Social Policy Research Services (SPRS) Workshop- Department of Education and Employment and Workplace Relations: Canberra (September 2007)
4. Melbourne Institute workshop series (September 2007)

Refereeing Service

Singapore Economic Review