# **Dave Donaldson**

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## **PERSONAL:**

Citizenship: Canada, UK, US permanent resident

Date of birth: 4 June 1978

## **EDUCATION:**

2003-2009	PhD in Economics, London School of Economics
2001-2003	MSc in Economics (with Distinction), London School of Economics
1997-2001	Masters in Physics, University of Oxford (Trinity College)

## **EMPLOYMENT:**

2016-2017	Visiting Research Scholar, Humboldt University, Berlin
2014-present	Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), Stanford, Department of Economics
2013-2014	Gary Loveman Career Development Associate Professor, MIT, Department of
	Economics
2012	Visiting Professor of Economics, Stanford University, Dept. of Econ. and SIEPR
2011	Visiting Professor of Economics, Harvard University, Department of Economics
2011	Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies
2011-2013	Gary Loveman Career Development Assistant Professor, MIT, Department of
	Economics
2009-2011	Assistant Professor, MIT, Department of Economics

#### **EDITORIAL ROLES**:

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## HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2017	John Bates Clark Medal, American Economic Association
2016-present	Fellow, BREAD

2015-present Research Fellow, CEPR (Development Economics, and International Trade and

Regional Economics programs)

2014-present	Research Associate, NBER (International Trade and Investment, Development of the
	American Economy, and Development Economics groups)
2013, 2014	Excellence in Refereeing Award, American Economic Review
2013-2015	Sloan Research Fellowship
2011-2015	Research Affiliate, CEPR (Development Economics, and International Trade and Regional Economics programs)
2011	PhD Teacher of the Year Award (Final 3), MIT Graduate Economics Association
2011-2016	Affiliate, BREAD
2011	Presenter, Young Talent Session, 2011 Royal Economic Society Annual Conference
2010	WTO Young Economist Prize
2010-2014	Faculty Research Fellow, NBER (International Trade and Investment,
	Development of the American Economy, and Development Economics groups)
2009-2011	Junior Fellow, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR)
2009	Review of Economic Studies Tour (declined)
2008	Econometric Society European Winter Meetings (for job market candidates)
2008-2009	Bagri Fellowship, LSE
2006-2007	Royal Economic Society Fellowship
2006-2007	Tutorial Fellowship, LSE
2005-2006	Acworth Scholarship, LSE
2003-2006	Economics Departmental Studentship, LSE
2003-2005	Outstanding Teaching Award, LSE
1997-2001	McKeown Scholarship for Overseas Undergraduates, Oxford University

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**:

NSF Award 1559015, \$447,930: "Robust Counterfactual Predictions in Neoclassical
Models of International Trade" (with Rodrigo Adao and Arnaud Costinot)
PEDL Major Grant, \$228,000 (with Paul Carillo, Dina Pommeranz and Monica
Singhal)
IGC Grant, \$72,000 (with Paul Carillo, Dina Pommeranz and Monica Singhal)
IPA SME Program Competitive Fund, \$25,000 (with Paul Carillo, Dina Pommeranz and Monica Singhal)
SEED Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Developing Economies, \$35,000 (with Paul
Carillo, Dina Pommeranz and Monica Singhal)
IZA/DFID Growth and Labor Markets in Low Income Countries Program, \$400,216
(with Josh Blumenstock)
MITEI Seed Fund, \$93,000
MIT SHASS Research Fund, \$9,990
NSF Award 1227635, \$375,144: "Gains from Economic Integration: Theory and
Evidence from Agricultural Markets" (with Arnaud Costinot)
NSF Award 1156239, \$413,850: "Railroads and American Economic Growth: New
Data and Theory" (with Rick Hornbeck)
IGC Grant, \$96,000: "Who's Getting Globalized? Intranational Trade Costs and World
Price Pass-Through in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa" (with David Atkin)

# **PROFESSIONAL ROLES:**

2016-present	EHA Meetings, Program Committee Member
2016-present	LSE Growth Commission, Co-Director (Industrial Policy)
2016-present	International Growth Centre, Co-Director (International Trade program)

2016 AEA Meetings, Program Committee member

2015-2016 NBER Summer Institute, International Trade and Investment session co-organizer

2012-present The History Project, Advisory Committee member

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

2017 Introduction to Urban Economics, Bing Overseas Scholars Program, Stanford in

Berlin

2014-present International Trade, PhD level, Stanford

2012 BREAD Summer School in Development Economics (lectures on International Trade)

2010-2014 International Trade, PhD level, MIT

2009-2014 Introductory Development Economics, undergraduate level, MIT 2009-2014 Advanced Development Economics, undergraduate level, MIT

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

"Nonparametric Counterfactual Predictions in Neoclassical Models of International Trade", *American Economic Review*, 107(3): 633-689, 2017 (joint with Rodrigo Adao and Arnaud Costinot).

"The View from Above: Applications of Satellite Data in Economics", *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 30(4):171-198, 2016 (joint with Adam Storeygard).

"Railroads and American Economic Growth: A 'Market Access' Approach", *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 131(2):799-858, 2016 (joint with Rick Hornbeck).

"Evolving Comparative Advantage and the Impact of Climate Change in Agricultural Markets: Evidence from 1.7 Million Fields Around the World", *Journal of Political Economy*, 124(1):205-248, 2016 (joint with Arnaud Costinot and Cory Smith).

"The Gains from Market Integration", Annual Review of Economics, 7:619-647, 2015.

"Comparative Advantage and Optimal Trade Taxes", Quarterly Journal of Economics, 130(2):659-702, 2015 (joint with Arnaud Costinot, Jon Vogel and Iván Werning).

"Railroads of the Raj: Estimating the Impact of Transportation Infrastructure", *American Economic Review*, forthcoming.

"Ricardo's Theory of Comparative Advantage: Old Idea, New Evidence", *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, 102(3): 453-458, 2012 (joint with Arnaud Costinot).

"What Goods Do Countries Trade? A Quantitative Exploration of Ricardo's Ideas", *Review of Economic Studies*, 79(2): 581-608, 2012 (joint with Arnaud Costinot and Ivana Komunjer).

"Can Openness Mitigate the Effects of Weather Fluctuations? Evidence from India's Famine Era", American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings, 100(2): 449-453, 2010 (joint with Robin Burgess).

Confronting Global Poverty (Expert Group on Development Issues), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Aid, Government of Sweden, 2005 (joint with Timothy Besley and Robin Burgess).

#### **WORKING PAPERS:**

"The More We Die, the More We Sell? A Simple Test of the Home-Market Effect", revise and resubmit at *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (joint with Arnaud Costinot, Margaret Kyle and Heidi Williams).

"The Elusive Pro-Competitive Effects of Trade", revise and resubmit at *Review of Economic Studies* (joint with Costas Arkolakis, Arnaud Costinot and Andres Rodriguez-Clare).

"Who's Getting Globalized? The Size and Implications of Intranational Trade Costs", revise and resubmit at *Econometrica* (joint with David Atkin).

"How Large Are the Gains from Economic Integration? Theory and Evidence from US Agriculture, 1880-1997", revise and resubmit at *Econometrica* (joint with Arnaud Costinot).

"Weather and Death in India" (joint with Robin Burgess, Olivier Deschênes and Michael Greenstone).

"Dynamics of a Malthusian Economy: India in the Aftermath of the 1918 Influenza" (joint with Dan Keniston).

"Railroads and the Demise of Famine in Colonial India" (joint with Robin Burgess).

#### **INVITED CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:**

2017

Oxford (OxCarre seminar); LSE (Grantham Climate Change seminar); NBER IO Group meeting; Bonn (Macro seminar); Trinity College Dublin; LSE (International Trade seminar); Tinbergen (Spatial, Transport and Environmental Economics seminar); University of Toronto (International Trade seminar); IGC Policy Roundtable with Minister for Trade and Industry, Rwanda; IGC Conference on FDI, SMEs, Firm Growth and Trade, Kenya; MIT/Harvard (Development seminar); Brown (International seminar); Potsdam (Departmental seminar); Yale (Cowles lunch); Yale (International seminar); CESIfo Area Conference on Global Economy (keynote address); Paris International Trade seminar; Stockholm School of Economics (Development seminar); Stockholm University (Development seminar); Tsingua Center for Growth and Institutions Meeting; CEMFI (Empirical Micro workshop).

2016

ASSA meetings (session on "Internal Trade and Economic Integration"); ASSA meetings (session on "Trade and Growth"); ASSA meetings (panel discussion on "Productive Development Policies in Latin America"); Berkeley (Oliver E. Williamson seminar); York (International Trade seminar); Princeton (joint Development and Macro seminar); Princeton (International Trade seminar); Penn State (International Trade and Development seminar); Columbia (Development seminar); Chicago (Money and Banking seminar); GTAP Annual Conference in Washington, DC (keynote address); IES Princeton Summer Workshop on International Trade; Bank of Italy (Applied Micro seminar); URBAN Conference, Copenhagen; GLM-LIC Conference on Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, Oxford; University of Zurich (UBS Seminar); IGC/SCID Conference on "Firms, Trade and Development"; Humboldt University (Schumpeter seminar); University of Odense (Economic History

seminar); University of Copenhagen (Economic History seminar); Federal Reserve Board of Governors (International Trade seminar); Sciences Po (International Trade seminar); Hitotsubashi Conference on International Trade.

- Berkeley (International Trade mini-conference); Berkeley (Development seminar); Notre Dame (Development seminar); University of Washington (Development seminar); UCLA (Mini-conference on Economic History and Trade); UC Davis (International seminar); University of Oregon (International seminar); Northwestern (International seminar); Yale-Cowles conference on Macro/International Economics; Minnesota Macro conference; SITE Economic History conference; Harvard/MIT (International seminar); Arizona State University (Macro seminar); USC (International seminar); UCLA Anderson (Applications seminar); Michigan (International seminar); Wisconsin (joint International and IO seminar); Advances in Price Theory conference at University of Chicago; Duisburg-Essen (Demography seminar); National Bank of Belgium (Research seminar); ECARES (Research seminar)
- ASSA meetings; Berkeley (International/Macro seminar); Wharton (Applied seminar); London School of Economics (Development seminar); Oxford University (Development seminar); NYU Stern (International seminar); Duke (International seminar); UC San Diego (Trade/Development seminar); World Bank Conference on Trade, Shared Prosperity and Poverty; World Bank (Macro, Trade and Finance seminar).
- 2013 Paris School of Economics (Development seminar); Pompeu Fabra (Development/Labor seminar); Clemson (International seminar); Kellogg (Management and Strategy seminar); Colorado (Economic History seminar); Chicago Economics (Macro workshop); Harvard (History and Economics seminar); Rutgers (Applied Micro/Economic History seminar); Columbia (International seminar); Chicago Booth (Applications workshop); Carnegie-Mellon (Applied micro seminar); Vancouver School of Economics inaugural conference; Warwick (Development seminar); University of Toronto (Urban seminar); IIES Stockholm (Departmental seminar).
- Berkeley (joint History and Political Economy seminar); Northwestern (Economic History seminar); Berkeley (Development seminar); Stanford (International seminar); Stanford (Economic history seminar); Berkeley (Labor seminar); UCLA (Economic History seminar); UC Davis (joint International and Economic History seminar); UCSD (Applied micro seminar); Stanford (Development seminar); Northwestern Nemmers Prize (for Elhanan Helpman) Conference; UC Santa Cruz (International seminar); Stanford (IO/Applications seminar); IIES Stockholm Conference on Climate and the Economy; Princeton (Engineering department seminar); McGill University (Development seminar); IGC London Growth Week (Macro session); Inter-American Development Bank (Development seminar).
- Harvard (Economic History seminar); Harvard-MIT (Development and Environmental seminar); Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (special session on "Young Talent"); MIT (Macro-International seminar); LSE (International seminar); CIFAR IOG group; STICERD Development Economics, Public Economics, Political Economy Conference; IES (Princeton) Summer Trade Workshop; NBER Summer Institute (ITI group); Harvard (joint International and Labor seminar); Yale (joint International and Economic History seminar); Wisconsin (International seminar); World Bank-IGC International Trade Workshop; Brown (Macro seminar); Harvard (Development faculty lunch); MIT (Development lunch); MIT (Labor/Public Finance seminar); Harvard

Academy; University of Maryland (International seminar); Sciences-Po (Departmental seminar); Central European University (Seminars on New Economic Thinking).

2010

World Bank (International Trade seminar), University of Pennsylvania (Macro seminar), CIFAR IOG group, CIFAR Junior Fellows Meeting, World Bank (Development seminar), Philadelphia Federal Reserve, Bocconi (Development seminar), Boston College (International seminar), Dartmouth (International seminar), IGC Conference on Urbanization and Growth.

2009

UCLA (recruiting seminar), University of Toronto (recruiting seminar), Princeton (recruiting seminar), Yale (Economics and School of Management, recruiting seminars), Northwestern (recruiting seminar), Berkeley (recruiting seminar), Stanford (recruiting seminar), Chicago Booth School of Business (joint micro and macro recruiting seminar), Chicago Department of Economics (recruiting seminar), MIT (Economics and Sloan School of Management, recruiting seminars), Harvard (recruiting seminar), Brown (recruiting seminar), Wharton (recruiting seminar), NYU (recruiting seminar), Boston University (recruiting seminar), University College London (recruiting seminar), Minneapolis Federal Reserve (Applied Micro Workshop on Trade and Productivity), NBER Summer Institute (International Trade and Investment group), International Monetary Fund (International seminar), World Bank (Climate Change seminar), Penn State (International seminar).

2008

Harvard/Hitotsubashi/Warwick Economic History Conference; Nottingham University (International seminar); CEPR Development Economics Conference; LSE (Money and Macro seminar; Labor Markets Workshop; Development and Growth Seminar; International Economics Seminar; Competition, Capabilities and Innovation Seminar; Economic History Seminar; Urban and Regional Economics Seminar); Warwick University (Development seminar), Econometric Society, European Winter Meetings; Oxford University (International Trade seminar), Toulouse School of Economics (recruiting seminar).

2005

Expert Group on Development Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Aid, Sweden; University of British Columbia (Varshney Conference on Indian Economy).

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY:**

Referee for:

Agricultural Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied, American Economic Review, Econometrica, Economics of Transition, European Research Council, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Political Economy, National Science Foundation, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics, and World Bank Economic Review.

Discussant:

IES Princeton Summer Trade Workshop, 2014: Barjamovic, Chaney, Cosar and Hortascu (2017)

NBER EFJK group meeting, 2106: Fajgelbaum, Morales, Suarez Serrato and Yidar (2016)

ASSA meetings, 2016: *Productive Development Policies in Latin America* (book by IADB)

ASSA meetings, 2016: Chor, Manova and Yu (2015)

SEEPAC Economics of Climate Change conference, 2015: Ganpati, Shapiro and Walker (2015)

PERC conference on climate change, 2015: Desmet, Nagy and Rossi-Hansberg (2015)

IES Princeton Summer Trade Workshop, 2014: Cosar and Demir (2014)

Cowles Summer Conference (New Perspectives on Macroeconomics, Trade and Development): Hanson, Lind and Muendler (2014)

NBER Summer Institute (ITI group), 2013: Desmet and Rossi-Hansberg (2012)

Handbook of International Economics (Vol. 3) conference, 2012: Nunn and Trefler (2012)

NBER Summer Institute (ITI group), 2010: Caliendo and Parro (2010)

IES Princeton Summer Trade Workshop, 2010: Hsieh and Ossa (2010)

Philadelphia Fed International Trade Workshop, 2010: Simonovska and Waugh (2010)

## STUDENTS (CO-)ADVISED, WITH FIRST PLACEMENT:

2016	Rodrigo Adao, Chicago Booth (Assistant Professor)
2016	Mari Tanaka, Hitotsubashi (Assistant Professor)
2015	Nina Harari, Wharton (Assistant Professor)
2015	Sara Hernandez, Northwestern (Lecturer)

#### **UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

2015-2016	Macroeconomics PhD curriculum review committee (Stanford Economics), Chair
2015-2016	PhD Recruiting committee (Stanford Economics), co-Chair
2013-2014	PhD Admissions committee (MIT Economics)

# **EVENTS (CO-)ORGANIZED:**

IGC conference on "FDI, SMEs, Firm Growth and Trade", Nairobi
Third IGC/SCID Conference, "Firms, Trade and Development"
SITE, "New Directions in Economic Geography"
PacDev, Stanford
Second IGC/SCID Conference, "Firms, Trade and Development"
West Coast Trade Workshop, Stanford
International Trade seminar, Stanford
First IGC/SCID Conference, "Trade, Productivity and Development"