

# 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, London School of Economics  
1997-2001 Masters in Physics, University of Oxford (Trinity College)

## **EMPLOYMENT:**

2020-present Visiting Professor of Economics, London School of Economics  
2017-present Professor of Economics, MIT, Department of Economics  
2016-2017 Visiting Research Scholar, Humboldt University, Berlin  
2014-2017 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:**

2019-present Co-Editor, *Econometrica*  
2016-2019 Co-Editor, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*  
2015-2018 Board Editor, *Journal of Economic Literature*  
2014-2017 Foreign Editor, *Review of Economic Studies*  
2014-2018 Associate Editor, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*  
2012-2020 Associate Editor, *Journal of International Economics*  
2015-2017 Board Editor, *American Economic Review*

## **HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

2020	Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
2020	Robert Bradbury Lecture in International Economics, University of Florida
2019	Keynote Speaker, Urban Economics Association annual meeting
2018	Henry George Lecture, University of Scranton
2018	Elmhirst Memorial Lecture, International Association of Agricultural Economists
2018	TW Schultz Award, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
2017	Fellow, Econometric Society
2017-present	Associate, ThReD (Theoretical Research in Development Economics)
2017	John Bates Clark Medal, American Economic Association
2016-present	Fellow, BREAD (Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development)
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, <i>American Economic Review</i>
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)
2008	Econometric Society European Winter Meetings (for job market candidates)
2008-2009	Bagri Fellowship, LSE
2006-2007	Royal Economic Society Fellowship
2003-2005	Outstanding Teaching Award, LSE
1997-2001	McKeown Scholarship for Overseas Undergraduates, Oxford University

## **RESEARCH GRANTS:**

2020-2022	J-WAFS Grant: "Developing Flexible Estimates of Agricultural Supply Functions for Answering Demand-Side Agricultural Questions"
2017-2019	IGC Grant: "Understanding the Welfare Effects of Reducing Traffic Congestion" (with Josh Blumenstock and Martina Kirchberger)
2016-2019	NSF Award 1559015: "Robust Counterfactual Predictions in Neoclassical Models of International Trade" (with Rodrigo Adao and Arnaud Costinot)
2015-2018	PEDL Major Grant (with Paul Carrillo, Dina Pomeranz and Monica Singhal)
2015-2018	IGC Grant (with Paul Carrillo, Dina Pomeranz and Monica Singhal)
2015-2016	IPA SME Program Competitive Fund (with Paul Carrillo, Dina Pomeranz and Monica Singhal)
2015	SEED Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Developing Economies (with Paul Carrillo, Dina Pomeranz and Monica Singhal)
2013-2016	IZA/DFID Growth and Labor Markets in Low Income Countries Program (with Josh Blumenstock)
2013-2014	MITEI Seed Fund
2012-2013	MIT SHASS Research Fund

- 2012-2015 NSF Award 1227635: "Gains from Economic Integration: Theory and Evidence from Agricultural Markets" (with Arnaud Costinot)
- 2012-2015 NSF Award 1156239: "Railroads and American Economic Growth: New Data and Theory" (with Rick Hornbeck)
- 2009-2011 IGC Grant: "Who's Getting Globalized? Intranational Trade Costs and World Price Pass-Through in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa" (with David Atkin)

### **PROFESSIONAL ROLES:**

- 2020 Walras-Bowley Lecturer Selection Committee, Econometric Society
- 2019 Instructor, American Economic Association (AEA) Continuing Education Program
- 2018 Frisch Medal Selection Committee, Econometric Society
- 2017 Economic History Association (EHA) Meetings, Program Committee Member
- 2016-present International Growth Centre (IGC), Co-Director (International Trade program)
- 2016 American Economic Association (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:**

- 2019 Instructor, American Economic Association (AEA) Continuing Education Program
- 2018-present Research in Economics, undergraduate level, MIT
- 2018 CEMMAP Masterclass, UCL/IFS
- 2017-present International Trade (2-semester sequence), PhD level, MIT
- 2017-present Advanced Development Economics, undergraduate level, MIT
- 2017 Introduction to Urban Economics, Bing Overseas Scholars Program, Stanford in Berlin
- 2014-2016 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:**

"The More We Die, the More We Sell? A Simple Test of the Home-Market Effect", *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 134(2): 843-894, 2019 (joint with Arnaud Costinot, Margaret Kyle and Heidi Williams).

"The Elusive Pro-Competitive Effects of Trade", *Review of Economic Studies*, 1(1):46-80, 2019 (joint with Costas Arkolakis, Arnaud Costinot and Andres Rodriguez-Clare).

"Railroads of the Raj: Estimating the Impact of Transportation Infrastructure", *American Economic Review*, 108(4-5):899-934, 2018.

"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).

"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:**

"International Trade and Earnings Inequality: A New Factor Content Approach" (joint with Rodrigo Adao, Paul Carrillo, Arnaud Costinot and Dina Pomeranz).

"The Textbook Case for Industrial Policy: Theory Meets Data", revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Political Economy* (joint with Dominick Bartleme, 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).

"Persistence and Path Dependence in the Spatial Economy" (joint with Treb Allen)

"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).

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY:**

- Discussant: NBER Conference on Cities, Labor Markets and the Global Economy: Adao, Arkolakis and Esposito (2019)
- IES Princeton Summer Trade Workshop, 2019: Caliendo and Parro (2019)
- NBER Conference on Firms, Networks and Trade: Alfaro-Urena, Manelici and Vasquez (2018)
- NBER Trade and Labor Markets Conference: Pierce and Schott (2017)
- EHA Meeting 2017: Hanlon (2017)
- NBER Summer Institute (ITI group), 2017: Fajgelbaum and Schaal (2017)
- IES Princeton Summer Trade Workshop, 2017: 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* (IADB book presentation)
- 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)
- Yale 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. 4* 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)

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

2020 NBER conference on "Agriculture Markets and Trade Policy"  
2018-present IGC/Stanford conference on "Firms, Trade and Development"  
2018 NBER conference on "Trade and Agriculture"  
2017 IGC conference on "Firms, Trade and Development", Columbia  
2017 IGC conference on "FDI, SMEs, Firm Growth and Trade", Nairobi  
2017-present International seminar, MIT  
2016 Third IGC/SCID Conference, "Firms, Trade and Development"  
2016 SITE, "New Directions in Economic Geography"  
2016 PacDev, Stanford  
2015 Second IGC/SCID Conference, "Firms, Trade and Development"  
2015 West Coast Trade Workshop, Stanford  
2014-present International Trade seminar, Stanford  
2014 First IGC/SCID Conference, "Trade, Productivity and Development"  
2009-2014 International Trade seminar, MIT