

# Trinh Le

## Education

- 2003 – 2006      University of Canterbury  
*PhD in Economics* (with distinction)
- 1998 – 2001      University of Waikato  
*Bachelor of Management Studies in Economics* (with first class honours)

## Employment

- 2014 – present      Fellow  
Motu Economic and Public Policy Research
- 2013 – 2014      Research Associate  
Department of Economics, University of Waikato
- 2010 – 2013      Research Fellow  
Labour Economics and Social Policy team  
Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne
- 2007 – 2009      Economist  
New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER)
- 2006 – 2007      Analyst  
Policy Support & Analysis Section/ Specialist Support  
New Zealand Treasury

## Journal articles

1. Gibson, John, Trinh Le and Bonggeun Kim (2017). Prices, Engel curves and time-space deflation: Impacts on poverty and inequality in Vietnam. *World Bank Economic Review*, forthcoming.
2. Le, Trinh and Adam Jaffe (2017). The impact of R&D subsidy on innovation: Evidence from New Zealand firms. *Economics of Innovation and New Technology*, 26(5):429–452.
3. Hong, Maggie, Les Oxley, Philip McCann and Trinh Le (2016). Why size matters: Investigating the drivers of innovation and economic performance in New Zealand using the Business Operations Survey. *Applied Economics*, 48(55):5379–5395.
4. Cobb-Clark, Deborah, Sonja Kassenboehmer, Trinh Le, Duncan McVicar and Rong Zhang (2015a). ‘High’-school: the impact of early marijuana use on educational outcomes. *The Economic Record*, 91(293):247–266.
5. Cobb-Clark, Deborah, Sonja Kassenboehmer, Trinh Le, Duncan McVicar and Rong Zhang (2015b). Is there an educational penalty for being suspended from school? *Education Economics*, 23(4):376–395.

6. Kalb, Guyonne, Trinh Le and Felix Leung (2015). Outcomes of teenage mothers in the first years after birth. *Australian Journal of Labour Economics*, 18(3):255–279.
7. Hunter, Boyd, Guyonne Kalb and Trinh Le (2014). Do age and experience always go together? The example of indigenous employment. *Australian Journal of Labour Economics*, 17(2):67–85.
8. Kalb, Guyonne, Trinh Le, Boyd Hunter and Felix Leung (2014). Identifying important factors for closing the gap in labour force status between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians. *The Economic Record*, 90(291):536–550.
9. Le, Trinh, John Gibson and Steven Stillman (2012). Wealth and saving in New Zealand: Evidence from the longitudinal Survey of Family, Income and Employment. *New Zealand Economic Papers*, 46(2):93–118.
10. Gibson, John, Chris Hector and Trinh Le (2009). The distributional impact of KiwiSaver incentives. *Social Policy Journal of New Zealand*, 36:111–129.
11. Le, Trinh, Grant Scobie and John Gibson (2009). Are kiwis saving enough for retirement? *New Zealand Economic Papers*, 43(1):3–19.
12. Gibson, John, Steven Stillman and Trinh Le (2008). CPI bias and real living standards in Russia during the transition. *Journal of Development Economics*, 87(1):140–160.
13. Oxley, Les, Trinh Le and John Gibson (2008). Measuring human capital: Alternative methods and international evidence. *Korean Economic Review*, 24(2):283–344.
14. Gibson, John, Trinh Le and Steven Stillman (2007). What explains the wealth gap between immigrants and the New Zealand born? *New Zealand Economic Papers*, 41(2):131–162.
15. Gibson, John, Grant Scobie and Trinh Le (2006). Household bargaining over wealth and the adequacy of women’s retirement incomes. *Feminist Economics*, 12(1–2):221–246.
16. Le, Trinh, John Gibson and Les Oxley (2006). A forward-looking measure of the stock of human capital in New Zealand. *The Manchester School*, 74(5):593–609.
17. Le, Trinh, John Gibson and Les Oxley (2005). Measuring the stock of human capital in New Zealand. *Mathematics and Computers in Simulation*, 68(5):484–497.
18. Le, Trinh, John Gibson and Les Oxley (2003). Cost- and income-based measures of human capital. *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 17(3):271–307.

## Book

1. Scobie, Grant, John Gibson and Trinh Le (2005). *Household Wealth in New Zealand*. Institute of Policy Studies, Wellington.

## Working papers

1. Mare, David, Trinh Le, Richard Fabling and Nathan Chappell (2017). Productivity and the allocation of skills. Working Papers 17/04, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research. [http://ideas.repec.org/p/mtu/wpaper/17\\_04.html](http://ideas.repec.org/p/mtu/wpaper/17_04.html).
2. Jaffe, Adam, Trinh Le and Nathan Chappell (2016). Productivity distribution and drivers of productivity growth in the construction industry. Working Papers 16/08, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research. [http://ideas.repec.org/p/mtu/wpaper/16\\_08.html](http://ideas.repec.org/p/mtu/wpaper/16_08.html).
3. Carter, Kristie, Penny Mok and Trinh Le (2014). Income mobility in New Zealand. Working Paper 14/15, New Zealand Treasury, Wellington. <https://ideas.repec.org/p/nzt/nztwps/14-15.html>.
4. Le, Trinh (2013). Does participation in extracurricular activities reduce engagement in risky behaviours? Working Papers 35/13, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research. <https://ideas.repec.org/p/iae/iaewps/wp2013n35.html>.
5. Stillman, Steven, Trinh Le, John Gibson, Dean Hyslop and Mare, David (2012). The relationship between individual labour market outcomes, household income and expenditure and inequality and poverty in New Zealand from 1983 to 2003. Working Papers 12/02, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research. [http://ideas.repec.org/p/mtu/wpaper/12\\_02.html](http://ideas.repec.org/p/mtu/wpaper/12_02.html).
6. Gibson, John and Trinh Le (2008). How much new saving will KiwiSaver produce? Working Papers in Economics 08/03, University of Waikato, Department of Economics. <http://ideas.repec.org/p/wai/econwp/08-03.html>.
7. Le, Trinh (2007). Does New Zealand have a household savings crisis? Working Paper 07/01, New Zealand Institute of Economic Research, Wellington. <http://ideas.repec.org/p/eab/macroe/23081.html>.
8. Scobie, Grant, Trinh Le and John Gibson (2007). Housing in the household portfolio and implications for retirement saving: some initial findings from SOFIE. Treasury Working Paper Series 07/04, New Zealand Treasury. <http://ideas.repec.org/p/nzt/nztwps/07-04.html>.

## Newspaper articles

KiwiSaver: just another merry-go-round

*National Business Review*, Thursday 8 May 2008, online <http://www.nbr.co.nz/comment/trinh-le/kiwisaver-just-another-money-go-round>

OECD ladder too steep for New Zealand to climb

*National Business Review*, Friday 24 October 2008, page 10 <http://www.nbr.co.nz/article/oecd-ladder-too-steep-nz-climb-36901>

## Presentations

- May 2016 LEANZ (seminar)  
*The impact of R&D subsidy on innovation: Evidence from New Zealand firms*
- Feb 2016 Productivity Commission (workshop)  
*Productivity and the allocation of skills*
- Apr 2015 Productivity Commission (workshop)  
*The impact of R&D subsidy on innovation: a study of New Zealand firms*
- Feb 2013 Melbourne Institute of Applied Economics and Social Research, Melbourne (seminar)  
*Does participation in extracurricular activities reduce engagement in risky behaviours?*
- Dec 2012 Social Policy Research Services Seminar, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Canberra  
*Decomposing differences in labour force status between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians*
- Nov 2012 Australian Labour Market Research Workshop, Perth  
*The impact of suspension from school on educational outcomes*
- Sep 2012 Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, Australian National University, Canberra (seminar)  
*Decomposing differences in labour force status between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians*
- Jul 2012 Econometric Society Australasian Meeting, Melbourne  
*Decomposing differences in labour force status between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians*
- Jun 2012 European Society for Population Economics Conference, Berne  
*Impact of school starting age: Evidence from Australia*
- Jun 2012 Melbourne Institute of Applied Economics and Social Research, Melbourne (seminar)  
*Decomposing differences in labour force status between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians*
- Apr 2012 Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Canberra  
*The impact of 'middle-years' experience on youth outcomes*

- Nov 2011 Social Policy Research Services Seminar, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Canberra  
*Effects of age at entry to Year 1 on later schooling outcomes: Evidence from Australia*
- Jul 2011 Econometric Society Australasian Meeting, Adelaide  
*Effects of age at entry to Year 1 on later schooling outcomes: Evidence from Australia*
- Jun 2011 NZ Association of Economists Conference, Wellington  
*Effects of age at entry to Year 1 on later schooling outcomes: Evidence from Australia*
- Apr 2011 Micro-econometrics workshop, University of Melbourne  
*Effects of age at entry to Year 1 on later schooling outcomes: Evidence from Australia*
- Apr 2010 Melbourne Institute of Applied Economics and Social Research, Melbourne (seminar)  
*A Spatial Cost of Living Index for Vietnam*
- July 2009 NZ Association of Economists Conference, Wellington  
*Estimating household savings as change in wealth from a longitudinal survey: Evidence from Survey of Family, Income and Employment*
- Apr 2008 Symposium on Retirement Income Policy, Auckland (Invited session, policy workshop)  
*Intervention in individual saving decisions*
- Mar 2007 8th Annual SuperFunds Summit, Wellington (Invited session, business conference)  
*Are kiwis saving enough for retirement? Preliminary evidence from Survey of Family, Income and Employment*
- Nov 2006 Reserve Bank of NZ, Wellington (Workshop)  
*Housing in the household portfolio and implications for retirement saving: Some initial findings from Survey of Family, Income and Employment*
- Oct 2005 NZ Treasury, Wellington (Guest seminar)  
*Measuring human capital: Some evidence for New Zealand*

## **Professional service**

Refereed for Australian Conference of Economists, Australian Journal of Labour Economics, Economic Record, Journal of Pension Economics and Finance, Review of Economics of the Household, New Zealand Treasury working papers