

Journal submission and the academic job market

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It is easy to spend too much time worrying about jobs and publishing.

The most important rule about the job market and publishing

Don't bore your friends with endless complaining about the job market and publishing.



Journal submission

Publishing is typically a long and difficult process.

One of my papers was recently accepted at *Theoretical Economics*.

This paper was first submitted to a journal in 2015.

The paper was submitted to *Theoretical Economics* in June 2016.

The paper was accepted for publication in January 2019.

While this process was long and at times frustrating,
the final paper is much better than the original submission.
The main theorem is now more general,
the computational section is more general and informative.
The paper is a better paper as a result of the process.

The publishing process is subjective, there is a lot of uncertainty.

Different editors and referees will see the same work differently.

Don't take it personally if your paper gets rejected from the
American Economic Review.



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Floundering after learning that his article was rejected, the grad student unconditionally accepts an ice cream blowout.

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Before you submit work to a journal

- Discuss the submission with your supervisor(s).
- Their knowledge about the process, how to write letters to editors, which journals to target, is very important.

Applying for jobs



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Anticipating an uneventful summer day, the grad student is blindsided by an email about the upcoming job market.

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Timeline

- The academic job market starts in October, for jobs beginning the following Summer.
- Most economics applications due in December / January.
- Then it quietens down, but ramps back up in March / April.

Before you apply for jobs

- Discuss the applications with your supervisor(s).
- Their knowledge about the process, how to write cover letters, which jobs to target, is very important.



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Attempting to write the first draft of his cover letter, the grad student is paralyzed.

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Make plans together with your partner

You're unlikely to be able to pick the location of your first job.

Many universities are located outside of major cities, and joint appointments are rare at the junior level.

The academic job market puts a lot of pressure on families.

So, make sure you communicate and make decisions together.

Prepare your job market paper

- Your job market paper is your strongest piece of work.
- It should be written for a general interest audience.
- No typos, nice formatting.

Build a website

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Welcome and thank you for visiting my website. I am a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics at the University of Kent.

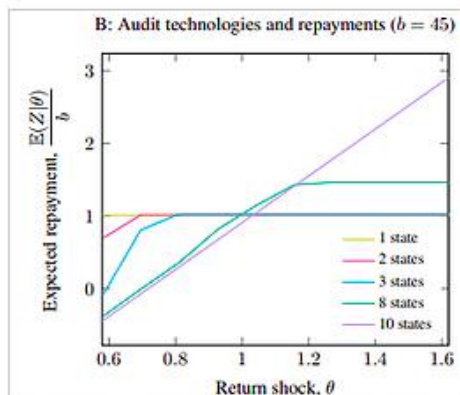
My main research area is macroeconomics with incomplete financial markets. Some of my current research projects focus on how business cycle risks are shared in decentralised trade and the consequences for this trade on business cycle volatility and labour market outcomes.

Please take a look around, and feel free to email me directly at a.j.m.duncan@kent.ac.uk.



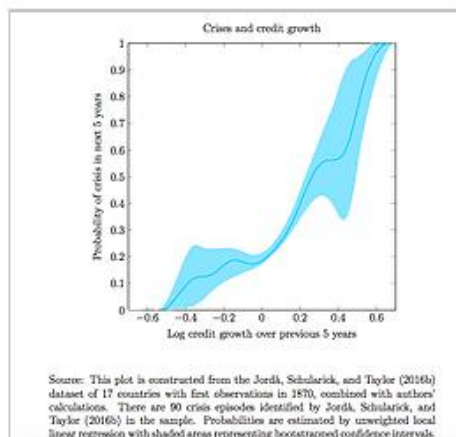
Forthcoming article: Disputes, Debt and Equity

January 31, 2019 | Alfred



Forthcoming: Financial Frictions in Macroeconomic Models

February 18, 2018 | Alfred



In the news talking banking and bitcoin

February 18, 2018 | Alfred

I have a short comment on Lloyds' ban on credit card purchases of bitcoin here at paymentssource.com.

[Read More](#)

New Short Course: Credit Cycles and Macroprudential Policy

July 25, 2017 | Alfred

Write a teaching portfolio

- This is more common in the US.
- Contains all of your student evaluations.
- Overview of your teaching experience including information about topics taught, class size, method of delivery, content development.
- Example teaching materials.

Apply for lots of jobs

Many job market candidates apply for over a hundred jobs.



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Hoping to get a phone call for a job interview, the grad student sinks deeper and deeper into despondency with every passing hour.

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The interview

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Could involve

- *A job talk* (a presentation of your job market paper)
- A teaching presentation
- A panel interview
- A sequence of meetings
- Meals

The job talk

- Your job talk will normally be around 30-45 minutes.
- But it must be pitched at a general interest audience.
- Also keep in mind that your suitability for teaching is being examined.
- Smile, be nice.



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Rehearsing his job talk, the grad student frequently pauses to question whether he will ever get a chance to give it for real.

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Teaching presentations

- Normally around 25 minutes.
- These are more tricky in a way.
- Treat the audience as students.
- Find out beforehand what the intended level is.
- Make deliberate choices about content and delivery.

The panel interview

Along with the standard interview questions

- Publishing plans
- Grant funding plans
- Plans for co-authorship within the department
(and with other academics from other departments)
- Teaching questions

Non-interview meetings and meals

- Identify and contact people with similar research interests to meet on the day of your interview.
- These meetings are not formal interviews, but they can have an influence.
- Be nice.
- Talk about research.
- Talk about life at the University and in the city.

Work hard and make sure you're prepared. But also enjoy yourself.



