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Employment

2023 – present	Senior Fellow Motu Economic and Public Policy Research
2014 – 2022	Fellow Motu Economic and Public Policy Research
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

Education

2003 – 2006	University of Canterbury <i>PhD in Economics</i> (with distinction)
1998 – 2001	University of Waikato <i>Bachelor of Management Studies in Economics</i> (with first class honours)

Journal articles

1. Perrons, Robert, Adam Jaffe and Trinh Le (2021). Linking scientific research and energy innovation: A comparison of clean and dirty technologies. *Energy Research & Social Science*, 78:102122.
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3. 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*, 31(2):504–530.
4. 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.
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9. 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.
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14. 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.
15. Oxley, Les, Trinh Le and John Gibson (2008). Measuring human capital: Alternative methods and international evidence. *Korean Economic Review*, 24(2):283–344.
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17. 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.
18. 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.

19. 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.
20. 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

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Working papers

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5. Riggs, Lynn, Trinh Le, Joshua Lee and Nic Watson (2022). The distributional impacts of transport-related carbon policy. Report to the Ministry of Transport, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research. <https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/The-Distributional-Impacts-of-Transport-final-report-005.pdf>.
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12. Maré, D., 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.
13. 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.
14. 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>.
15. 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>.
16. Stillman, Steven, Trinh Le, John Gibson, Dean Hyslop and Maré, D. (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.
17. 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>.

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Newspaper articles

KiwiSaver: just another merry-go-round

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OECD ladder too steep for New Zealand to climb

National Business Review, Friday 24 October 2008, page 10

Professional service

Refereed for journals: Australian Journal of Labour Economics, Economic Record, Empirical Economics, Journal of Pension Economics and Finance, Research Policy, Review of Economics of the Household,

and: Australian Conference of Economists, Australasian Labour Econometrics Workshop, New Zealand Treasury working papers