

# Curriculum Vitae - Dr Jo Blanden

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## Personal Information

Gender - Female  
Date of Birth - 16/2/1977

British Citizen  
Residence - Portsmouth

Children - Daniel and Hannah,  
born in 2009 and 2011

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## Employment

2005 – School of Economics, University of Surrey – Lecturer/Senior Lecturer/Reader in Economics  
2000 – 2005 Centre for Economic Performance, LSE - Research Assistant and Research Officer

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## Education

2000 – 2005 University College London, Department of Economics – PhD in Economics  
*Essays on Intergenerational Mobility and Its Variation Over Time, Place and Family Structure*  
Supervisor: Professor Stephen Machin  
1998 – 1999 University College London, MSc in Economics  
1995 – 1998 University of East Anglia, BA in Economics

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## Main Academic Responsibilities

2015 - Research Director, School of Economics  
2015 - Impact Champion, School of Economics  
2013-2016 Deputy Head of School  
2005 - Teaching and academic supervision across all academic levels from undergraduate to PhD.

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## Selected Publications

### Refereed Journal Articles

‘Universal pre-school education: the case of public funding with private provision’ with Emilia Del Bono, Sandra McNally and Birgitta Rabe, Economic Journal, May 2016, Vol 126, pp. 682-773.

‘Educational inequality, educational expansion and intergenerational mobility’ with Lindsey Macmillan, Journal of Social Policy, October 2016, Vol 45(4) pp. 589-614.

‘Intergenerational Mobility in the United States and Great Britain: A Comparative Study of Parent–Child Pathways’ with Robert Haveman, Tim Smeeding and Kathryn Wilson. Review of Income and Wealth, September 2014, Vol 60, pp. 425-449.

‘Inequality in the Expansion of Higher Education’ with Stephen Machin. Reprinted with our own commentary as the most cited paper of the 2000s in this journal. Scottish Journal of Political Economy Special Anniversary Issue, October 2013, Vol 60, pp. 579-596.

‘Intergenerational Persistence in Income and Social Class: The Impact of Within-Group Inequality’ with Paul Gregg and Lindsey Macmillan. Journal of Royal Statistical Society Series A, February 2013, Volume 176, Issue 2, pages 541–563.

‘Cross-national rankings of intergenerational mobility: a comparison of approaches from economics and sociology’ Journal of Economic Surveys, February 2013, Volume 27, Issue 1, pages 38-74.

‘Measuring the returns to lifelong learning’ with Franz Buscha, Patrick Sturgis and Peter Urwin Economics of Education Review, August 2012, Volume 31(4), pages 501-514.

‘The Economic Cost of Growing up Poor’ with Stephen Machin and Kirstine Hansen Fiscal Studies, Vol. 31(3), 2010, pp. 289-311.

‘Up and Down the Generational Income Ladder in Britain: Past Changes and Future Prospects’ with Stephen Machin National Institute Economic Review, July 2008, pp. 101-116.

‘Accounting for Intergenerational Persistence: Noncognitive Skills, Ability and Education’ with Lindsey Macmillan and Paul Gregg. Economic Journal Conference Volume, March 2007, C43-C60.

‘Have unions turned the corner? Evidence on recent trends in firm level UK recognition’ joint with Steve Machin and John Van Reenen British Journal of Industrial Relations, June 2006.

‘Family Income and Educational Attainment: A Review of Approaches and Evidence for Britain’ with Paul Gregg. Oxford Review of Economic Policy Special Issue on Education, Volume 20, Summer 2004, pp. 245-263.

‘Inequality in the Expansion of Higher Education’ with Stephen Machin. Scottish Journal of Political Economy Special Issue on Education, May 2004, Volume 51, pp. 230-249.

‘Cross-Generation Correlations of Union Membership’ with Stephen Machin. British Journal of Industrial Relations, September 2003, Volume 41 pp. 391-417.

### **Other peer reviewed outputs**

‘Intergenerational Income Persistence’, Data and Measurement Series, [IZA World of Labor](#), 2015.

### **Working Papers**

‘The impact of free early childhood education and care on educational achievement: a discontinuity approach investigating both quantity and quality of provision’ with Emilia Del Bono, Kirstine Hansen and Birgitta Rabe. University of Surrey School of Economics Discussion Paper No. 06/17, 2017.

‘Quality in Early Years Settings and Children’s School Achievement’ with Kirstine Hansen and Sandra McNally. Centre for Economic Performance (CEP) Discussion Paper No.1468, London School of Economics, 2017.

‘Home Ownership and Social Mobility’ with Stephen Machin. Centre for Economic Performance (CEP) Discussion Paper No.1466, London School of Economics, 2017.

‘Understanding the improved performance of disadvantaged pupils in London’, with Ellen Greaves, Paul Gregg, Lindsey Macmillan and Luke Sibieta. Social Policy in a Cold Climate WP 21, 2015. London: Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, LSE. [www.sticerd.lse.ac.uk/dps/case/spcc/wp21.pdf](http://www.sticerd.lse.ac.uk/dps/case/spcc/wp21.pdf)

### **Selected media articles, contributions and blogs**

‘Home ownership is falling faster for young people whose parents didn’t own a house’ LSE Business Review <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/businessreview/category/authors/jo-blanden/>  
Appeared on Newsnight to discuss social mobility, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

‘Evidence of free hours’ benefits is lacking’ Nursery World, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Appeared on Radio 4’s Analysis to discuss social mobility, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Appeared in Radio 4’s Woman’s Hour to discuss the Free Entitlement 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

‘X factor over evidence: the failure of early years education’ Daily Telegraph 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014

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### **Recent Research Grants**

- 2016**            **‘Delivering Better for Less: Improving Productivity in the Public Sector’**  
Leverhulme Foundation Research Leadership Grant  
Became Principal Investigator in May 2016, after taking over from a colleague. Grant finishes January 2019.  
Includes supervision of four full-time post-doctoral researchers, a part-time administrator and a PhD student.
- 2013**            **‘Evaluating the Impact of Nursery Attendance’**  
Funded from January 2013-December 2015 by the Nuffield Foundation,
- 2012**            **‘Social Policy in a Cold Climate’**  
Project administered by the Centre of the Analysis of Social Exclusion, LSE and funded by Nuffield Foundation and Joseph Rowntree Foundation

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## Professional Service

### *Membership of advisory groups*

- 2017 -** Evidence Panel – Early Intervention Foundation  
**2014 -** Troubled Families Evaluation Research reference group, Department for Communities and Local Government  
**2016** Universities UK Social Mobility Action Group: Academic reference group  
**2011** Member of Advisory Group to the Independent Reviewer for Social Mobility (Alan Milburn).

### *Affiliations*

- 2013 -** Visiting Research Fellow, London School of Economics  
**2008 -** IZA Research Fellow  
**2016 -** Volunteer Economist, Pro Bono Economics

### *Refereeing*

- 2016 -** Member of the programme committee European Economics Association  
**2015-2020** Member of the programme committee Royal Economic Society  
**2015 -** Member of ESRC Peer Review College  
**2008 -** Peer reviewer of funding bids for Nuffield Foundation, Leverhulme Trust and Sveriges Riksbank.  
**2005 - 2017** Referee for a variety of Journals in Economics, Sociology and Social Policy. These include the Journal of Applied Econometrics, Review of Economics and Statistics, the Economic Journal, Demography, the American Sociological Review and the Journal of Human Resources.
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