

# Athene Laws

Curriculum Vitae - March 2015

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## Education

- 2014 **BA-Hons: Economics**, *Victoria University of Wellington*, Wellington, New Zealand, *Grade: A+*.  
Graduate papers in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics and a dissertation
- 2011-2013 **BA: Economics and International Relations**, *Victoria University of Wellington*, Wellington, New Zealand, *Grade: A+*.

## Scholarships and Awards

- **Woolf Fisher Scholarship**: Full scholarship for four years of doctoral study at the University of Cambridge. 2015.
- **Victoria Medal for Academic Excellence**: Top graduating student across all departments in the Faculty of Commerce. 2014.
- **Top Honours Student, School of Economics and Finance**: Graduating with an average of 96.4 percent. 2014.
- **Best Honours Dissertation, School of Economics and Finance**: An empirical investigation of the links between income mobility and income inequality in New Zealand. 2014.
- **Past School of Economics and Finance Staff: Student Award**: 2014.
- **Premier Award, New Zealand Scholarship Examinations**: 2011.
  - Five Outstanding Scholarships (Economics, Physics, Geography, History and English) and Two Scholarships (Music and Chemistry)
  - Top Subject Scholar (Geography)
  - Runner up to the Prime Minister's Award (Top Overall Academic in New Zealand)
- **New Zealand Association of Economists Jan Whitwell Prize**: Best Honours or Masters student at the Association's annual conference. 2013.
- **Motu Sir Frank Holmes Prize**: For academic excellence in Economics and Econometrics in New Zealand. 2013.
- **Victoria Graduate Award**: For Honours level study. 2014.
- **Three years of Victoria Excellence Scholarship**: For Bachelors level study. 2011-2013.
- **Victoria Summer Research Scholarship**: Jointly supported by the New Zealand Treasury. 2012.
- **New Zealand Educational and Scholarships Trust (NZEST) Scholarship**: For Bachelors level study. 2011.
- *Dux Litterarum (Top Scholar) of St Cuthbert's College*: 2010.

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## Employment

- Jan 2015 - **Research Analyst**, *Motu Economic and Public Policy Research*, Wellington, New Zealand.
- Jul 2013 - **Research Assistant (Part Time)**, *New Zealand Productivity Commission*,  
Jul 2014 Wellington, New Zealand.
- Feb 2013 - **Undergraduate Tutor**, *Victoria Business School*, Wellington, New Zealand.  
Oct 2014 First year statistics (QUAN102), Advanced Macroeconomics (ECON305) and International Trade (ECON309)
- Nov 2012 - **Research Intern**, *The Treasury*, Wellington, New Zealand.  
Mar 2013 Jointly sponsored by the NZ Treasury Tax Strategy Team and the VUW Chair in Public Finance.

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## Publications

- Aziz, O., Gemmell, N. and Laws, A. (2015), 'Income and Fiscal Incidence by Age and Gender: Some evidence from New Zealand.' *Review of Income and Wealth*. doi: 10.1111/roiw.12165.
- Turner, N., Roberts, L. and Laws, A. (2011), 'Assessing the Effectiveness of Cold Chain Management for Childhood Vaccines.' *Journal of Primary Health Care*, 3(4): 278-282.

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## Work in Progress

- Creedy, J., Gemmell, N. and Laws, A. 'Income mobility and income inequality in New Zealand: Trends, patterns and relationships.'
- Laws, A., Meehan, L. 'Decomposing New Zealand's industry level productivity growth.'
- Gush, J., Jaffe, A., Larsen, V. and Laws, A. 'The effect of public funding on scientific research output: The New Zealand Marsden Fund.'

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## Interests

- Music A trained classical pianist and clarinetist, I have studied performance music at the New Zealand School of Music and have extensive experience as a solo performer and in a variety of ensembles.
- Outdoors I am an avid whitewater kayaker and was President of Victoria University Canoe Club whilst studying. I also love hiking, sailing, mountain biking and generally making the most of the outdoors.
- International I spent four months during high school studying in Japan, undertook an exchange to the University of Leeds, UK, and have taught at a school catering to street children in Jakarta, Indonesia. Additionally, I have spent significant time travelling Europe and Indochina.