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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1998
B.S. in Mathematics, with Honors, The Pennsylvania State University, 1991

Research Interests

Labor Economics, Health Economics, Public Economics,
Applied Microeconomics

Experience and Affiliations

7/08 to present **Associate Professor**, Department of Economics, University of California-Irvine (Assistant Professor 1/07–6/08).

7/10 to 6/11 **Economist**, San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank, Economic Research (also Visiting Scholar).

4/10 to present **Faculty Research Associate (affiliation)**, National Bureau of Economic Research, Children's Program, Health Economics Program (FRF since 4/08).

1/07 to present **Faculty Affiliate**, Demographic and Social Analysis, University of California-Irvine.

7/04 to 5/07 **Research Fellow**, Population Program, Public Policy Institute of California.

10/01 to 6/04 **Associate Economist/Fellow in Population Studies and the Study of Aging**, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, Labor and Population Program.

1/03 to present **Research Fellow (affiliation)**, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).

4/99 to 6/01 **Economist**, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, Division of Research and Statistics, Survey of Small Business Finances.

9/98 to 4/99 **Economist**, Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Economics, Antitrust Program.

Articles and Chapters

"Birth Rates and the Vietnam Draft," joint with Lucie Schmidt. *AER Papers and Proceedings* 102(3), May 2012, pp. 566–569.

"Utilization of Infertility Treatments: The Effects of Insurance Mandates," joint with Lucie Schmidt. *Demography* 49(1), 2012, pp. 124–149.

"Smoking Restrictions in Bars and Bartender Smoking in the US, 1992–2007," joint with Christopher Carpenter and Madeline Zavodny. *Tobacco Control* 20(3), May 2011, pp. 196–200.

Articles and Chapters (continued)

- “An Economic View of Food Deserts in the United States”, joint with Steven Haider. *Policy Retrospectives, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 30(1), Winter 2011, pp. 153–176.
- “The State of the Social Safety Net in the Post-Welfare Reform Era,” joint with Hilary Hoynes. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity* 2, Fall 2010, pp. 71–127.
- “Effects of Venue-Specific State Clean Indoor Air Laws on Smoking-Related Outcomes,” joint with Christopher Carpenter and Madeline Zavodny. *Health Economics* 19(2), December 2010, pp. 1425–1440.
- “The Effect of Medicaid Eligibility Expansions on Fertility,” joint with Madeline Zavodny. *Social Science and Medicine* 71(5), September 2010, pp. 918–924.
- “The Link between Couples’ Pregnancy Intentions and Behavior: Does It Matter Who Is Asked?” joint with Maureen Waller. *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 40(4), December 2008, pp. 194–201.
- “Distributional Impacts of the Self-Sufficiency Project,” joint with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. *Journal of Public Economics* 92(3–4), April 2008, pp. 748–765.
- “Welfare Reform and Indirect Impacts on Health,” joint with Hilary Hoynes. In *Making Americans Healthier: Social and Economic Policy as Health Policy*, R. Schoeni, J. House, G. Kaplan, and H. Pollack, eds. New York: Russell Sage, 2008, pp. 231–280.
- “What Mean Impacts Miss: Distributional Effects of Welfare Reform Experiments,” joint with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. *American Economic Review* 96(4), September 2006, pp. 988–1012.
- “Health Disparities and Infertility: Impacts of State-Level Insurance Mandates,” joint with Lucie Schmidt. *Fertility and Sterility* 85(4), April 2006, pp. 858–65.
- “Welfare Reform and Children’s Living Arrangements,” joint with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. *Journal of Human Resources* 41(1), Winter 2006, pp. 1–27.
- “The Changing Association between Prenatal Participation in WIC and Birth Outcomes in New York City: What Does It Mean?” joint with Janet Currie. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 24(4), Fall 2005, pp. 687–690.
- “Are WIC Non-Recipients at Less Nutritional Risk than Recipients? An Application of the Food Security Measure,” joint with Craig Gunderesen and Grace Marquis. *Review of Agricultural Economics (Papers and Proceedings Issue)* 27(3), September 2005, pp. 433–438.
- “Welfare Reform and Health,” joint with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. *Journal of Human Resources* 40(2), Spring 2005, pp. 309–334.

Articles and Chapters (continued)

- “Testing Agency Theory with Entrepreneur Effort and Wealth,” joint with Tobias Moskowitz and Annette Vissing-Jørgensen. *Journal of Finance* 60(2), April 2005, pp. 539–576. Distinguished Paper Prize 2005 Brattle Award for the Best Corporate Finance Paper in the *Journal of Finance*.
- “Does WIC Work? The Effects of WIC on Pregnancy and Birth Outcomes,” joint with Janet Currie. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 24(1), Winter 2005, pp. 73–91. Prize for Best Economics Paper in the Field of Food Safety and Nutrition in 2005, Food Safety and Nutrition Section of the American Association of Agricultural Economics.
- “Child Maltreatment, Abortion Availability, and Economic Conditions,” joint with Madeline Zavodny. *Review of Economics of the Household* 2(2), June 2004, pp. 119–141.
- “The Impact of Welfare Reform on Marriage and Divorce,” joint with Jonah Gelbach, Hilary Hoynes, and Madeline Zavodny. *Demography* 41(2), May 2004, pp. 213–236.
- “WIC Eligibility and Participation,” joint with Janet Currie and John Karl Scholz. *Journal of Human Resources* 38(S), Summer 2003, pp. 1139–1179.
- “Some Evidence on Race, Welfare Reform, and Household Income,” joint with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. *AER Papers and Proceedings* 93(2), May 2003, pp. 293–298.
- “Child Abuse and Abortion Availability,” joint with Madeline Zavodny. *AER Papers and Proceedings* 92(2), May 2002, pp. 363–367.
- “Did Abortion Legalization Reduce the Number of Unwanted Children? Evidence from Adoptions,” joint with Madeline Zavodny. *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 34(1), January/February 2002, pp. 25–33.
- “The Effects of Abortion Restrictions on the Timing of Abortions,” joint with Madeline Zavodny. *Journal of Health Economics* 20(6), November 2001, pp. 1011–1032.
- “Financial Services Used by Small Businesses: Evidence from the 1998 Survey of Small Business Finances,” joint with Alicia Robb and John Wolken. *Federal Reserve Bulletin* 87(4), April 2001, pp. 183–205.

Working Papers

- “Health Insurance Mandates and Mammography,” joint with Christopher Carpenter. October 2012, under review.
- “Effects of State Cervical Cancer Insurance Mandates on Pap Test Rates,” joint with Christopher Carpenter. July 2012, under review.
- “Medicaid,” joint with Madeline Zavodny. Draft chapter for Edward Elgar Handbook in Law and Economics, Federalism Volume. Jonathan Klick, ed., May 2012.
- “Immigrants, Welfare Reform, and the U.S. Safety Net,” joint with Hilary Hoynes. NBER Working paper 17667. December 2011.

Working Papers (continued)

“Marriage Markets and Family Formation: The Role of the Vietnam Draft,” joint with Lucie Schmidt. October 2011.

“Economics of Nutrition,” joint with Parke Wilde. September 2011. Entry for Encyclopedia of Health Economics, editor-in-chief Anthony J. Culyer.

“Teacher Effects on Achievement and Anthropometrics: A Cautionary Tale,” joint with Thurston Domina and Emily Penner. June 2011.

“Can Variation in Subgroups’ Average Treatment Effects Explain Treatment Effect Heterogeneity? Evidence from a Social Experiment,” joint with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. May 2010, revising for resubmission.

“Effects of Increased Access to Infertility Treatment on Infant and Child Health: Evidence from Health Insurance Mandates.” 2008.

Work in Progress

“Do In-Work Tax Credits Serve as a Safety Net?” joint with Hilary Hoynes and Elira Kuka.

“Experimental Evidence on Distributional Effects of Head Start,” joint with Thurston Domina and Hilary Hoynes.

“Distributional Effects of a School Voucher Program: Evidence from New York City,” joint with Thurston Domina, Hilary Hoynes, and Emily Penner.

“Changes in Public Sector Compensation and the Composition of the Public Sector Workforce,” joint with Christopher Jepsen.

“Beer Taxes and Teen Fertility: Historical Evidence,” joint with Christopher Carpenter and Madeline Zavodny.

Policy Reports

“Using American Community Survey Data to Expand Access to the School Meals Programs,” joint with other members of NAS panel. A. Schirm and N. Kirkendall, eds. Washington DC: The National Academies Press, 2012.

“Developing and Evaluating Methods for Using American Community Survey Data to Support the School Meals Programs: Interim Report,” joint with other members of NAS panel. A. Schirm and N. Kirkendall, eds. Washington DC: The National Academies Press, 2010.

“Health Insurance, Health Care Use, and Health Status in Los Angeles County,” joint with Weiyi Shi. San Francisco: Public Policy Institute of California, December 2006.

Selected Grants

NICHD R03 HD046485, “Advanced Reproductive Technology and Infant Health,” Principal Investigator, 3/04–2/08.

Selected Grants (continued)

NIOSH R03 OH008244, "Smoking Bans and Health: Effects of Exposure on the Job," Principal Investigator, joint with Madeline Zavodny, 7/05–12/08.

American Cancer Society, "The Effects of Private Insurance and Public Health Plan Coverage for Mammography," Co-PI, joint with Christopher Carpenter, 12/10–11/13, \$695,634.

NICHD PO1 Subproject, "Unequal Effects? The Distributional Consequences of Educational Interventions," Principal Investigator for Subproject (overall PI for PO1 is Greg Duncan), 7/11-5/16, \$156,954 in FY 2012.

Selected Referee Experience

AEJ–Economic Policy; AEJ–Applied Economics; American Economic Review; American Journal of Agricultural Economics; B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy; Demography; Economic Inquiry; Economic Journal; Fiscal Studies; Health Economics; Journal of Applied Econometrics; Journal of Banking and Finance; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Regional Science; Journal of Urban Economics; Labour Economics; National Tax Journal; Social Science and Medicine; Southern Economic Journal; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics

Reviewer

NICHD (2010, 2012), NSF (2007), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2003), USDA Economic Research Service Food Assistance Nutrition Research Program (2003, 2004, 2007, 2011)

Professional Service and Affiliations

Co-Editor, Health: *Economic Inquiry*, 2008–present

Program Committee: All California Labor Conference, 2012; SOLE, 2012; Economic Demography Workshop at PAA, since 2008, chair in 2009/2012.

Member: National Academy of Sciences Panel on Estimating Children Eligible for School Nutrition Programs using the ACS, 2009–2012

Member: American Economic Association, Population Association of America, Society of Labor Economists

Presentations

2012 U. of Wisconsin's Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop, NBER SI Children's meeting, Cornell PAM, Santa Clara, Claremont McKenna College (scheduled), University of Michigan Health Economics (scheduled), UC Davis (scheduled), UC Santa Cruz (scheduled)

Presentations (continued)

- 2011 UC Berkeley Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley Demography Brownbag, IZA Social Policy Evaluation Annual Conference
- 2010 North Carolina State University, Northwestern Law School, Economics of the Family and Child Development Workshop–University of Stavanger, American Society of Health Economists Biennial Meeting, BPEA Fall Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
- 2009 NBER Health Care Spring Meeting, SOLE, NBER SI Health Economics, All-UC Labor Conference, RAND Health
- 2008 UCLA, University of Kentucky, LSU, Tulane, UCSB, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research (New Zealand)
- 2007 UC-Irvine, SOLE, UC San Diego, IRP Summer Research Workshop, University of British Columbia, All UC Labor Conference, UC Davis, Iowa State University
- 2006 Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA), UC Berkeley, UC Riverside
- 2005 Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, IZA Social Policy Evaluation Annual Conference, Victoria University–Wellington, PAA, San Francisco State University, SOLE/EALE Meetings, International Health Economics Association Annual Meetings, UC Merced, UC Irvine
- 2004 Cornell PAM, SOLE, American Economic Association Annual Meeting (AEA)
- 2003 PPIC, Economic Demography Workshop at PAA, RAND Corporation, Bureau of Labor Statistics, California State University–Long Beach, RTI, Mathematica, Center for Economic Studies, OSU School of Public Policy and Management
- 2002 NBER SI Productivity/Health Care and Aging Workshop, PAA, SOLE, AEA–CSWEP Session
- 2001 Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology Research Conference, SOLE, PAA, Economic Demography Workshop at PAA
- 2000 Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, SOLE/EALE Meeting, PAA
- 1999 Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Economic Demography Workshop at PAA

University and College Service

Council on Research Computing and Libraries, UCI Academic Senate, 2009–2010; Social Sciences Executive Committee 2012–2014; Social Sciences Dean Search Committee 2012

Teaching Experience

Economics 272C/249, Public Economics III/Public Expenditures (Graduate), UC Irvine, Spring 2008, Winter 2010, Spring 2012

Economics 229, Empirical Methods (Graduate), UC Irvine, Winter 2009

Economics 122b, Applied Econometrics II, UC Irvine, Winter 2009, Winter 2010, Spring 2010, Spring 2012

Economics 122a, Applied Econometrics I, UC Irvine, Winter 2008, Summer 2008

Economics 149, Health Economics, UC Irvine, Spring 2007

Ph.D. committees (first placement, year of completion)

Steven Carter (ECONorthwest, 2009)

Jennifer Graves (University of Oklahoma, 2009)

Kathleen Wong (University of Toronto (Lecturer), 2009)

Smith Williams (FDIC, 2010)

Andrew Chang (ongoing)

Ted Figinski, chair (ongoing)

George Saioc, chair (ongoing)

Ian Salas (ongoing)