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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1998
Committee: Joshua Angrist, Jonathan Gruber, and James Poterba

B.S. in Mathematics, with Honors, The Pennsylvania State University,
1991

Research Interests

Labor Economics, Health Economics, Public Economics,
Applied Microeconomics, Industrial Organization

Experience and Affiliations

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

4/08 to present **Faculty Research Fellow (affiliation)**, National Bureau of Economic Research, Children's Program, Health Economics Program (from 4/09).

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

6/05 to present **Visiting Scholar**, San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank, Economic Research (also 6/01 to 10/01).

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

10/01 to 6/04 **Fellow in Population Studies and the Study of Aging/Associate Economist**, 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.

7/92 to 7/94 **Research Assistant**, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Division of Monetary Affairs.

Honors

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow 1991–92, 1994–96

Articles and Chapters

“Effects of Venue-Specific State Clean Indoor Air Laws on Smoking-Related Outcomes,” joint with Christopher Carpenter and Madeline Zavodny. Forthcoming, *Health Economics*.

Articles and Chapters (continued)

- “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.
- “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.
- “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.
- “Marriage, Divorce, and Welfare Reform,” joint with Jonah Gelbach, Hilary Hoynes, and Madeline Zavodny. *Demography* 41(2), May 2004, pp. 213–236.

Articles and Chapters (continued)

- “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

- “Can Subgroup-Specific Mean Treatment Effects Explain Heterogeneity in Welfare Reform?” joint with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. October 2009, under review.
- “An Economic View of Food Deserts in the United States,” joint with Steven Haider. October 2009, under review.
- “The Effect of Medicaid Eligibility Expansions on Fertility,” joint with Madeline Zavodny. September 2009, under review.
- “Utilization of Infertility Treatments: The Effects of Insurance Mandates,” joint with Lucie Schmidt. June 2009, revising for resubmission.
- “Insurance Mandates and Mammography,” joint with Christopher Carpenter. April 2009.
- “Effects of Increased Access to Infertility Treatment on Infant and Child Health: Evidence from Health Insurance Mandates.” February 2008.
- “Medicaid at Birth, WIC Take Up, and Children’s Outcomes,” joint with Janet Currie. IRP Discussion Paper Number 1286–04. August 2004.

Work in Progress

- “Insurance Coverage and Health Care Use in Los Angeles and California: Differences by Immigration Status and Nativity.”
- “Bounding the Intensive Margin: Evidence from a Welfare Experiment,” joint with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes.
- “When Do QTE Equal the Distribution of Individual Treatment Effects? A Test,” joint with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes.
- “Beer Taxes and Teen Fertility: Historical Evidence,” joint with Christopher Carpenter and Madeline Zavodny.

Policy Reports

“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.

Grants

Institute for Research on Poverty–U.S. Department of Agriculture Small Grant Program, “The Impact of the WIC Program on Pregnancy, Infant, and Child Outcomes,” joint with Janet Currie, 7/02–6/04.

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

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

C-DASA Seed Grant, “Can Celebrities Influence Population Health Behaviors? New Evidence on the ‘Katie Couric’ Effect,” joint with Christopher Carpenter, awarded 4/09.

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 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

Reviewer

National Science Foundation (2007), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2003), USDA Economic Research Service Food Assistance Nutrition Research Program (2003, 2004, 2007)

Teaching Experience

Economics 149, Health Economics, University of California-Irvine, Spring Quarter 2007

Economics 122a, Applied Econometrics I, University of California-Irvine, Winter Quarter 2008, Summer 2008

Economics 122b, Applied Econometrics II, University of California-Irvine, Winter Quarter 2009

Economics 249, Public Expenditures (Graduate), University of California-Irvine, Spring Quarter 2008

Economics 229, Empirical Methods (Graduate), University of California-Irvine, Winter Quarter 2009

Professional Service and Affiliations

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

Co-organizer: PPIC Research Seminar Series, 2005–2006; RAND Aging, Development, and Population Seminar Series, 2002–2004; UC-Irvine Applied Microeconomics Workshop, 2009–2010

Program Committee: Economic Demography Workshop at PAA, 2008, 2009 (Chair), 2010

Member: National Academy of Sciences Panel on Estimating Children Eligible for School Nutrition Programs using the ACS, 2009–2011

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

Presentations since 2003

- 2010 North Carolina State University (scheduled)
- 2009 NBER Health Care Spring Meeting, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting (SOLE), American Law and Economics Association Annual Meetings, 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
- 2007 TransNational Health Conference, UC-Irvine, SOLE, UC San Diego, Institute for Research on Poverty 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, NICHD Conference on Health Disparities in Infertility, PAA, San Francisco State University, SOLE/EALE Meetings, International Health Economics Association Annual Meetings, UC Merced, UC Irvine
- 2004 Cornell Policy and Management, SOLE, American Economic Association Annual Meeting (AEA)
- 2003 PPIC, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Meeting (APPAM), 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

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

Steven Carter (ECONorthwest, 2009)

Jennifer Graves (University of Oklahoma, 2009)

Kathleen Wong (University of Toronto, 2009)

Smith Williams (ongoing)

Daria Burnes (ongoing)