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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 **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.

Articles and Chapters

"Birth Rates and the Vietnam Draft," joint with Lucie Schmidt. Forthcoming, *AER Papers and Proceedings*.

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

"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.

Articles and Chapters (continued)

- “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.
- “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.
- “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 Gundersen 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*.

Articles and Chapters (continued)

- “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

- “Changes in Public Sector Compensation and the Composition of the Public Sector Workforce,” joint with Christopher Jepsen. February 2012.
- “Immigrants, Welfare Reform, and the U.S. Safety Net,” joint with Hilary Hoynes. NBER Working paper 17667. December 2011.
- “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.
- “Insurance Mandates and Mammography,” joint with Christopher Carpenter. NBER Working Paper 16669, January 2011.

Working Papers (continued)

“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.

Policy Reports

“Developing and Evaluating Methods for Using American Community Survey Data to Support the School Meals Programs: Interim Report,” joint with Allen Schirm, David Betson, F. Jay Breidt, Robert Fay, Alberta Frost, Michael Goodchild, Partha Lahiri, Penny McConnell, Sarah Nusser, John Perkins, James Wykoff, and Nancy Kirkendall. 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.

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, 4/09–3/10, \$3,000.

UCI School of Medicine and UCI Institute for Clinical and Translational Science Dean’s Triumvirate Grant, “The Effects of Mammography Insurance Mandate Subprovisions Related to Referral Requirements, Deductibles/Copays, and Individual vs. Group Plans,” Co-PI, joint with Christopher Carpenter and Rita Mehta, 1/10–12/10, \$15,000.

American Cancer Society, “The Effects of Private Insurance and Public Health Plan Coverage for Mammography: Implications for Access, Prevention, and Policy,” Co-PI, joint with Christopher Carpenter and Rita Mehta, 12/10–11/13, \$695,634.

NICHD PO1 Subproject, “Unequal Effects? The Distributional Consequences of Educational Interventions,” PI (overall PI for PO1 is Greg Duncan), 7/11–5/16.

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; 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)

Teaching Experience

Economics 272C/249, Public Economics III/Public Expenditures (Graduate), University of California-Irvine, Winter 2010, Spring 2008

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

Economics 122b, Applied Econometrics II, University of California-Irvine, Winter 2009, Winter 2010, Spring 2010

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

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

Professional Service and Affiliations

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

Program Committee: SOLE, 2012; Economic Demography Workshop at PAA, since 2008, chair in 2009/2012; Dorothy Thomas Award committee, 2012–2013.

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

Selected Presentations since 2008

- 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, BPEA Fall Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
- 2009 NBER Health Care Spring Meeting, NBER SI Health Economics, All-UC Labor Conference, RAND Health
- 2008 UCLA, University of Kentucky, LSU, Tulane, UCSB, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

University Service

Council on Research Computing and Libraries, UCI Academic Senate, 2009–2010

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 (FDIC, 2010)