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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

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Health Economics,
Applied Microeconomics

Experience and Affiliations

7/15 to present	Professor , Department of Economics, University of California-Davis.
1/07 to 6/15	Professor , Department of Economics, University of California-Irvine (Assistant Professor 07–08, Associate Professor 08–13).
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).
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, 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

“Do In-Work Tax Credits Serve as a Safety Net?” with Hilary Hoynes and Elira Kuka. Conditionally accepted, *Journal of Human Resources*.

“Health Insurance Mandates, Mammography, and Breast Cancer Diagnoses” with Christopher Carpenter. Conditionally accepted, *AEJ: Economic Policy*.

Articles and Chapters (continued)

- “The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same? The Safety Net and Poverty in the Great Recession,” with Hilary Hoynes. Forthcoming, *Journal of Labor Economics*.
- “Health and Nutrition Effects of SNAP: Selection into the Program and a Review of the Literature.” 2015. In *SNAP Matters: How Food Stamps Affect Health and Well-Being*. J. Bartfeld, C. Gundersen, T. Smeeding, and J. Zilliak, eds. Palo Alto: Stanford Press.
- “Distributional Analysis in Educational Evaluation: A Case Study from the New York City Voucher Program,” with Thurston Domina, Emily Penner, and Hilary Hoynes. *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness*, 8, 2015, 419–450.
- “Intended and Unintended Effects of the War on Poverty: What Research Tells Us and Implications for Policy,” with Lynn Karoly. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 34(3), 2015, pp. 649-696
- “Heterogeneity in the Impact of Economic Cycles and the Great Recession: Effects within and across the Income Distribution,” with Hilary Hoynes. *AER: Papers and Proceedings*, 105(5), May 2015, pp. 154–160.
- “Living Arrangements, Doubling Up, and the Great Recession: Was This Time Different?” with Hilary Hoynes. *AER: Papers and Proceedings*, 105(5), May 2015, pp. 166–170.
- “Immigrants, Welfare Reform, and the U.S. Safety Net,” with Hilary Hoynes. In *Immigration, Poverty, and Socioeconomic Inequality*, D. Card and S. Raphael, eds. New York: Russell Sage, 2013.
- “Birth Rates and the Vietnam Draft,” with Lucie Schmidt. *AER: Papers and Proceedings* 102(3), May 2012, pp. 566–569.
- “Utilization of Infertility Treatments: The Effects of Insurance Mandates,” with Lucie Schmidt. *Demography* 49(1), 2012, pp. 124–149.
- “Smoking Restrictions in Bars and Bartender Smoking in the US, 1992–2007,” 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,” 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,” 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,” with Christopher Carpenter and Madeline Zavodny. *Health Economics* 19(2), December 2010, pp. 1425–1440.
- “The Effect of Medicaid Eligibility Expansions on Fertility,” with Madeline Zavodny. *Social Science and Medicine* 71(5), September 2010, pp. 918–924.

Articles and Chapters (continued)

- “The Link between Couples’ Pregnancy Intentions and Behavior: Does It Matter Who Is Asked?” with Maureen Waller. *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 40(4), December 2008, pp. 194–201.
- “Distributional Impacts of the Self-Sufficiency Project,” 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,” 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,” 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.
- “Are WIC Non-Recipients at Less Nutritional Risk than Recipients? An Application of the Food Security Measure,” with Craig Gundersen and Grace Marquis. *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy* 27(3), September 2005, pp. 433–438.
- “Welfare Reform and Health,” 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,” 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,” 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,” 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,” with Jonah Gelbach, Hilary Hoynes, and Madeline Zavodny. *Demography* 41(2), May 2004, pp. 213–236.
- “WIC Eligibility and Participation,” with Janet Currie and John Karl Scholz. *Journal of Human Resources* 38(S), Summer 2003, pp. 1139–1179.

Articles and Chapters (continued)

- “Some Evidence on Race, Welfare Reform, and Household Income,” with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. *AER: Papers and Proceedings* 93(2), May 2003, pp. 293–298.
- “Child Abuse and Abortion Availability,” 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,” 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,” 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,” with Alicia Robb and John Wolken. *Federal Reserve Bulletin* 87(4), April 2001, pp. 183–205.

Working Papers

- “New Evidence on the Effects of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program,” with Christopher Carpenter, August 2015.
- “Effects of State Cervical Cancer Insurance Mandates on Pap Test Rates,” with Christopher Carpenter. March 2015, under review.
- “Teacher Effects on Student Achievement and Height: A Cautionary Tale,” with Sean Corcoran, Thurston Domina, and Emily Penner. January 2015.
- “Child Poverty and the Great Recession in the United States,” with Hilary Hoynes and Elira Kuka. November 2014, revising for resubmission.
- “Experimental Evidence on Distributional Effects of Head Start,” with Hilary Hoynes and Thurston Domina. August 2014, NBER WP 20434, revising for resubmission.
- “Medicaid,” with Madeline Zavodny. Draft chapter for Edward Elgar Handbook in Law and Economics, Federalism Volume. Jonathan Klick, ed., May 2014. NBER WP 20169.
- “Can Variation in Subgroups’ Average Treatment Effects Explain Treatment Effect Heterogeneity? Evidence from a Social Experiment,” with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. April 2014, revising for resubmission.
- “Marriage Markets and Family Formation: The Role of the Vietnam Draft,” with Lucie Schmidt. October 2011.
- “Effects of Increased Access to Infertility Treatment on Infant and Child Health: Evidence from Health Insurance Mandates.” 2008.

Work in Progress

- “Estimating the Health Impacts of WIC: A Regression Discontinuity Approach,” with Janet Currie, Hilary Hoynes, Lisa Schulkind, and Barton Willage.

Policy Reports/Encyclopedia Entries/Comments

“Quantile Regression,” with Thurston Domina, Andrew Penner, and Emily Penner. In *Encyclopedia of Education Economics & Finance*, D. Brewer and L. Picus, eds., 2014.

“Economics of Nutrition,” with Parke Wilde. In *Encyclopedia of Health Economics*, editor-in-chief Anthony J. Culyer, 2014.

“Using American Community Survey Data to Expand Access to the School Meals Programs,” 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,” 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,” with Weiyi Shi. San Francisco: Public Policy Institute of California, December 2006.

“The Changing Association between Prenatal Participation in WIC and Birth Outcomes in New York City: What Does It Mean?” with Janet Currie. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 24(4), Fall 2005, pp. 687–690.

Selected Grants

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

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

American Cancer Society, “The Effects of Private Insurance and Public Health Plan Coverage for Mammography,” Co-PI, with Christopher Carpenter (PI), 12/10–12/14, \$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, \$156,954 in FY 2012.

Selected Referee Experience

AEJ–Economic Policy; AEJ–Applied Economics; American Economic Review; American Journal of Agricultural Economics; Demography; Econometrica; Economic Journal; Fiscal Studies; Health Economics; Journal of Applied Econometrics; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Urban Economics; Labour Economics; National Tax Journal; Science; Social Science and Medicine; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies

Professional Service and Affiliations

Editorial Board, *Demography*, 2013–present; Co-Editor, Health: *Economic Inquiry*, 2008–2013

NRC Panel Member, Panel on Estimating Children Eligible for School Nutrition Programs using the ACS, 2009–2012; NRC Panel Member, Panel on the Review and Evaluation of the 2014 Survey of Income and Program Participation Content and Design, 2014–present; IOM Panel Member, Panel on Evaluating the New WIC Food Package, 2014–present

Selected Presentations 2013–Present

- 2015 Cal Poly, UC Davis, SOLE/EALE, JSM, Berkeley Demography
- 2014 University of Washington; University of Missouri; Washington University in St. Louis
- 2013 Claremont McKenna College, UC Davis, University of Oregon

University Service

UCI: Council on Research Computing and Libraries, UCI Academic Senate, 2009–2010; Social Sciences Executive Committee 2012–2014; Dean Recruitment Committee for the Paul Merage School of Business; Executive Director, Irvine Branch of California Census Research Data Center

Teaching Experience

Economics 272c/249, Public Economics III/Public Expenditures (Graduate), UC Irvine, Spring 2008, Winter 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2014

Economics 229, Empirical Methods (Graduate), UC Irvine, Winter 2009, Winter 2013, Fall 2014

Economics 249, Economics of Government (MPP, Graduate), UC Irvine, Winter 2013, Winter 2014, Winter 2015.

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)

- 2009 Steven Carter (ECONorthwest), Jennifer Graves (University of Oklahoma), Kathleen Wong (University of Toronto)
- 2010 Smith Williams (FDIC)
- 2013 Ted Figinski, Chair, (Treasury), George Saioc, Chair, (On-Point Analytics), Andrew Chang (Federal Reserve Board of Governors), Ian Salas (David E. Bell Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard)
- 2014 Scott Barkowski (Clemson), Joanne Song (University of Buffalo)
- 2015 Andrew Porter, Chair, (OCC), Patrick Button (Tulane), Kip Jackson (OCC)