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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Michigan 1998
B.A. Economics and Mathematics, University of Maryland 1992

Professional Experience

University of Michigan:

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| Chair and Interim Chair, Department of Economics | 2019-2022 |
| Professor of Economics, Department of Economics | 2014-present |
| Professor of Public Policy (courtesy), Ford School of Public Policy | 2014-present |
| Research Affiliate, Population Studies Center | 2009-present |
| Faculty Associate, Survey Research Center | 2009-present |
| Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics | 2009-2014 |
| Associate Professor of Public Policy (courtesy), Ford School of Public Policy | 2009-2014 |
| Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Population Studies Center | 1998-2000 |
| Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics | Winter, Fall 1999 |

National Bureau of Economic Research:

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| Research Associate in Labor Studies | 2009-present |
| Faculty Research Fellow in Labor Studies | 2001-2009 |

Carnegie Mellon University, H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management:

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| Raymond John Wean Foundation Career Development Associate Professor of Economics | 2006-2009 |
| Raymond John Wean Foundation Career Development Assistant Professor of Economics | 2005-2006 |
| Assistant Professor of Economics | 2000-2005 |

Refereed Publications

“Changes in Nutrient Intake at Retirement” (with Desmond Toohey)
 Forthcoming at the *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

“The Impact of Health on Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from a Large-Scale Experiment”
 (with Desmond Toohey)
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, July 2022, 14(3):367-99

“Demand Conditions and Worker Safety: Evidence from Price Shocks in Mining”
 (w/Kerwin Charles, Matt Johnson, and Do Lee)
Journal of Labor Economics, 2022, 40(1):47-94.

“Laws, Educational Outcomes, and Returns to Schooling: Evidence from
 the First Wave of U.S. State Compulsory Attendance Laws” (with Karen Clay and Jeff Lingwall)
Labour Economics, 2021, Vol. 68

“Estimating the Impacts of Program Benefits: Using Instrumental Variables with Underreported
 and Imputed Data” (with Takashi Unayama),
The Review of Economics and Statistics, July 2019, 101(3):468-475.

“Disability Benefit Take-Up and Local Labor Market Conditions” (with Kerwin Charles and Yiming Li)
The Review of Economics and Statistics, July 2018, 100(3):416-423.

- “Child Benefit Payments and Household Wealth Accumulation” (with Takashi Unayama)
Japanese Economic Review, December 2015, 66(4):447-465.
- “Compulsory Education and the Benefits of Schooling” (with Dou-Yan Yang)
American Economic Review, June 2014, 104(6):1777-1792.
- “Employment, Wages and Voter Turnout” (with Kerwin Charles)
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, October 2013, 5(4):111-143
- “The Stability of Measured Time Preferences” (with Erin Krupka)
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Volume 85, January 2013, p.11-19.
- “The Effect of Hospital Nurse Staffing on Patient Health Outcomes: Evidence from California’s Minimum Staffing Regulation” (with Andrew Cook, Marty Gaynor, and Lowell Taylor)
Journal of Health Economics, March 2012, Vol. 31, p.340-348.
- “The Impact of Retirement on Household Consumption in Japan” (with Takashi Unayama)
Journal of The Japanese and International Economies, March 2012, Vol. 26, p.62-83.
- “The Consumption Response to Seasonal Income: Evidence from Japanese Public Pension Benefits” (with Takashi Unayama)
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, October 2011, 3(4):86-118.
- “The Consumption Response to Predictable Changes in Discretionary Income: Evidence from the Repayment of Vehicle Loans”
The Review of Economics and Statistics, May 2008, 90(2):241-252.
- “Are There Treatment Duration Differences in the Seattle and Denver Income Maintenance Experiments?”
The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy: Vol. 7 : Iss. 1 (Contributions), Article 58, 2007.
- “Is There a Retirement-Consumption Puzzle? Evidence Using Subject Retirement Expectations” (with Steven Haider)
The Review of Economics and Statistics, May 2007, 89(2): 247-264.
- “Abortion Legalization and Adolescent Substance Use” (with Kerwin Charles)
The Journal of Law and Economics, October 2006, 49(2):481-505.
Summarized in the March 2003 *NBER Digest*
- “Paycheque Receipt and the Timing of Consumption”
The Economic Journal, August 2006, 116(513):680-701.
- “The Impact of Separate Taxation on the Intra-Household Allocation of Assets: Evidence from the UK” (with Jennifer Ward-Batts)
Journal of Public Economics, August 2004, 88(9-10):1989-2007.
- “Job Displacement, Disability, and Divorce” (with Kerwin Charles)
Journal of Labor Economics, April 2004, 22(2):489-522.
- “Job Loss Expectations, Realizations, and Household Consumption Behavior”
The Review of Economics and Statistics, February 2004, 86(1):253-269.
- “‘3rd of the Month’: Do Social Security Recipients Smooth Consumption Between Checks?”
The American Economic Review, March 2003, vol.93, n.1, p.406-422.
- “Worker Displacement and the Added Worker Effect”
Journal of Labor Economics, July 2002, 20(3):504-537.
- “The Long-Run Consumption Effects of Earnings Shocks”
The Review of Economics and Statistics, February 2001, 83(1):28-36.

Working Papers

- “Correcting for Misclassified Binary Regressors Using Instrumental Variables” (with Steve Haider)
(See also *IZA DP No.13593* and *NBER WP #27797*)

Other Publications

- “Lessons Learned from Economic Impact Payments during COVID-19” (with Michael Gelman) in Recession Remedies Lessons Learned from the U.S. Economic Policy Response to COVID-19 (eds., Wendy Edelberg, Louise Sheiner, and David Wessel), Brookings, 2022.
- “Rates for Vehicle Loans: Race and Loan Source” (with Kerwin Charles and Erik Hurst) *The American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, May 2008, 98(2):315-320
- “The Level and Composition of Consumption Over the Business Cycle: The Role of ‘Quasi-Fixed’ Expenditures” (with Kerwin Charles) in Working and Poor: How Economic and Policy Changes Are Affecting Low-Wage Workers (eds., Rebecca Blank, Sheldon Danziger, and Robert Schoeni), Russell Sage Press, 2006.

Awards and Grants

- “Nutrition, Wages, and Retirement”
National Institutes of Health, R03 2013–2015
- “Caloric Intake Changes at Retirement: Evolution Over Time,”
Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging, Pilot Project 2011–2013
- “Are Individuals Prepared for Retirement? Five Decades of Retirement Surveys,”
National Institutes of Health, R03 (with Steven Haider) 2006–2008
- “Household Savings and Retirement: Expectations and Realizations,”
University of Michigan Retirement Research Center (with Steven Haider) 2005–2006
- “The Impact of the 1972 Social Security Increase on Household Consumption,”
University of Michigan Retirement Research Center 2003–2004
- “The Relationship Between Food Assistance, the Value of Food Acquired, and Household Food Security,”
Small Grants Program, Joint Center for Poverty Research (with Beth Daponte) 2002–2003
- “Retirement Expectations and the Retirement Savings Puzzle,”
Sandell Grant Award, Center for Retirement Research, Boston College 2002–2003
- “A Theoretical and Empirical Re-examination of an Income Maintenance Experiment,”
Carnegie Mellon Faculty Development Grant 2000
- “Incidence and Impact of Involuntary Job Loss for Older Workers,”
Michigan Exploratory Center on Aging Pilot Project Award (with Steven Haider) 1998
- John E. Parker Memorial Prize in Labor Economics and Human Resources for
“Worker Displacement and The Added Worker Effect” 1998
- Rackham (U-M Graduate School) Merit Fellow 1993–1998
- National Achievement Scholar 1988–1992
- Maryland State Distinguished Scholar 1988-1992

Professional Affiliations and Service

- Member: American Economic Association, Executive Committee 2022-Present
- Member: Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee 2019-Present
- Member: Program Committee *Society of Labor Economics* Annual Meeting 2018
- Member: H. Gregg Lewis Prize Committee 2016, 2018 (chair)
(Best Biennial Paper in the *Journal of Labor Economics*)
- Member: Academic Research Council, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau 2014–2018
- Member: Committee on National Statistics Panel on Reviewing Redesign Options
for the Consumer Expenditure Surveys 2011–2012

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, The American Economic Review, Applied Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, China Economic Review, Contemporary Economic Policy, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Growth and Change, International Economic Review, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Labour Economics, National Tax Journal, Oxford Economic Papers, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Financial Studies, The Review of Economics and Statistics, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*

Reviewer: Center for Economic Studies (U.S. Census Bureau), National Institute on Aging, National Science Foundation, Sloan Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Member: American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists

Organizer: “Recent Developments in Understanding Job Loss,” 2003 AEA Meetings

Moderator and Discussant: “Determinants and Consequences of Income Inequality,” 2004 PAA Meetings

Discussant: AEA Meetings in 2002, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2014, 2021; 2016 NBER Youth Labor Market Conference

Departmental/University Service

University of Michigan

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| LSA Dean Search Advisory Committee | 2023-present |
| Executive Committee, Department of Economics | elected: 2015, 2023–present; ex-officio: 2010–2013, 2019–2022 |
| Chair and Interim Chair, Department of Economics | 2019–2022 |
| LSA Social Sciences Divisional Evaluation Committee | 2017–2019 |
| Mary Malcomson Raphael Fellowship Committee | 2016 |
| University of Michigan Salary Study Advisory Committee | 2015 |
| Director of Graduate Studies | 2014–2015 |
| Associate Chair for Recruiting | 2010–2013 |
| MAE Admissions Committee | 2014, 2019 |
| Ph.D Admissions Committee | 2010, 2016 |
| Labor Seminar Organizer | 2011–12, 2014–15, 2017–18 |
| Labor Lunch Organizer | 2023–present |

Ph.D Thesis Committee: (* denotes chair, ** denotes co-chair)

2011: Jan Sokolowsky*, 2012: Ryan Nunn, 2013: Italo Gutierrez, Sarah Taylor**, Izumi Yokoyama
2014: Aditya Aladangady, Lasse Brune, Jamein Cunningham, Jason Kotter (Finance)
2015: Bert Lue, Desmond Toohey*, 2016: Enda Hargaden 2017: Michael Gelman, Morris Hamilton
2018: Thomas Bridges, Yipei Cao, Gonzalo Vazquez-Bare, 2019: Max Risch, Molly Hawkins
2020: Avery Calkins*, Dhiren Patki, 2021: Thomas Brosy, 2022: Aibo Gong, Bernando Modenesi*
2023: Michael Murto, *exp.* 2024: Hayley Abourezk-Pinkstone, Elird Haxhiu, Alex Wirth (Finance)
exp. 2025: Cristiano Costa Carvalho, Ariza Gusti, Andrew Joung**, Zsigmond Pálvölgyi,
Katherine Richard**

Departmental/University Service (Continued)

Carnegie Mellon University

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| Applied Microeconomics Seminar Organizer | 2001–2003 |
| CMU University Committee on Non-Tenure Appointments | 2007–2009 |
| Heinz Faculty Research Seminar Organizer | 2008–2009 |
| Master of Public Management Committee | 2000–2002 |
| Heinz College Dean Search Committee | 2008–2009 |
| Ph.D Committee | 2002–2003, 2007–2009 |
| Recruiting Committee | 2004–2006 |
| Ph.D Thesis Committee: (* denotes chair, ** denotes co-chair) | |
| <u>2002</u> : Ivico Ahumada-Lobo, <u>2007</u> : Tom Loughran, <u>2009</u> : Andrew Cook, <u>2010</u> : Kiminori Nakamura, | |
| <u>2012</u> : Judy Geyer, <u>2014</u> : Jeff Lingwall | |

Teaching

University of Michigan

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| Introduction to Statistics (Econ 405/451) | Fall 2009, 2013, 2014; Winter 2011–12 |
| Introduction to Econometrics (Econ 406/452) | Winter 2010, 2014, 2016, 2024 |
| Master's Applied Econometrics (Econ 504) | Winter 2013–14, 2016, 2018–19 |
| Master's Applied Econometrics (Ford School/Econ 571) | Winter 2010 |
| Ph.D Labor Economics I (Econ 621) | Fall 2010–11, 2013–14, 2016–21, 2023 |
| Ph.D Labor Economics II (Econ 622) | Winter 2013, 2016 |
| Ph.D Applied Microeconometrics (Econ 675) | Fall 2017, 2019–21, 2023 |

Carnegie Mellon University

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| Master's Applied Econometrics I (90-770) | Fall 2000–02, 2003–08; Spring 2003 |
| Master's Applied Econometrics II (90-771) | Spring 2006, 2009 |
| Master's Economic Analysis I (90-711) | Fall 2001–02, 2004; Spring 2001 |
| Ph.D Econometrics II (90-907) | Fall 2007–08 |
| Ph.D Labor Economics I (90-909) | Spring 2003 |
| PPIA Labor Economics (90-455) | Summer 2005–06 |