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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (July 2010 – present).

Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (April 2009 – present).

Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (July 2005 – present).

Assistant Professor, Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. (July 2004 – June 2010)

Scholar in Health Policy Research, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, University of California-Berkeley, August 2002 – July 2004.

EDUCATION

Princeton University

Ph.D., Economics, November 2002

Dissertation: "Experimental Evaluations of Public Policy"

M.A., Economics, November 1999

Fields: Labor, Development, and Econometrics

Wellesley College

A.B., *magna cum laude*, Economics and Religion, June 1995

PUBLICATIONS

"How Does Your Kindergarten Classroom Affect Your Earnings? Evidence from Project STAR," with Raj Chetty, John N. Friedman, Nathaniel Hilger, Emmanuel Saez, and Danny Yagan. Forthcoming, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

"Inside the War on Poverty: The Impact of the Food Stamp Program on Birth Outcomes," with Douglas Almond and Hilary Hoynes. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 93(2): 387-403, May 2011.

"Who would be affected by soda taxes?" with Leslie McGranahan. Chicago Fed Letter No. 284, March 2011.

- “Consequences of SCHIP Expansions for Household Well-Being,” with Lindsey Leininger and Helen Levy. *Forum for Health Economics & Policy* 13:1 (Frontiers in Health Policy Research), Article 3, 2010.
- “Left Behind by Design: Proficiency Counts and Test-Based Accountability” with Derek Neal. *Review of Economics and Statistics* 92(2): 263-283, 2010.
- “Consumption Responses to In-Kind Transfers: Evidence from the Introduction of the Food Stamp Program,” with Hilary Hoynes. *American Economic Journal – Applied Economics* 1(4): 109-139, 2009.
- “Selection Bias in College Admissions Test Scores,” with Melissa Clark and Jesse Rothstein. *Economics of Education Review* 28(3): 295-307, 2009.
- “Does the Federal School Lunch Program Contribute to Childhood Obesity?” *Journal of Human Resources* 44(3): 684-709, 2009.
- “Time Use and Food Consumption,” with Marianne Bertrand. *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings* 99(2): 170-176 (May 2009).
- “The Impact of Children’s Health Insurance Expansions on Educational Performance,” with Phillip Levine. *Forum for Health Economics & Policy* 12:1 (Frontiers in Health Policy Research), Article 1, 2009.
- “The Economic Costs of Childhood Poverty in the United States,” with Harry Holzer, Greg Duncan and Jens Ludwig, *Journal of Children and Poverty*, 14(1): 41-51, March 2008.
- “What Have Researchers Learned from Project STAR?” *Brookings Papers on Education Policy*, 2007.
- “Resource and Peer Impacts on Girls’ Academic Achievement: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment,” *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings*, May 2005.
- “The Effect of Attending a Small Class in the Early Grades on College-Test Taking and Middle School Test Results: Evidence from Project STAR,” with Alan B. Krueger, *Economic Journal*, January 2001, pp. 1–28.
- “The Impact of Welfare Reform on the AFDC Caseload,” with Phillip B. Levine, *National Tax Association Proceedings – 1997*. Washington, DC: National Tax Association, pp. 24–33.

REVISE AND RESUBMIT

- “Is Being in School Better? The Impact of School on Children’s BMI when Starting Age is Endogenous,” with Patricia Anderson, Kristin Butcher and Elizabeth Cascio. NBER Working Paper #16673. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Health Economics*.
- “Work Incentives and the Food Stamp Program,” with Hilary Hoynes. NBER Working paper #16198. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Public Economics*.
- “What Are Food Stamps Worth?” Princeton University Industrial Relations Section Working Paper #468. Revise and resubmit, *American Economic Journal – Economic Policy*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“School Policies and Children’s Obesity” with Patricia Anderson and Kristin Butcher, in ed. Daniel Slottje and Rusty Tchernis, *Current Issues in Health Economics (Contributions to Economic Analysis)*, Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2010.

“Child Disadvantage and Obesity: Is Nurture Trumping Nature?” with Patricia Anderson and Kristin Butcher, in ed. Jonathan Gruber, *The Problems of Disadvantaged Youth: An Economic Perspective*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009.

“Would Smaller Classes Help Close the Black-White Achievement Gap?” with Alan Krueger, in John E. Chubb and Tom Loveless, ed, *Bridging the Achievement Gap*. Washington: Brookings Institution Press, November 2002.

UNDER SUBMISSION AND WORKING PAPERS

Related to the Impact of School Inputs on Child Outcomes

“The Impact of Small Schools in Chicago: Assessing the Effectiveness of Chicago’s Small High School Initiative,” with Lisa Barrow and Amy Claessens. Mimeo.

“First in the Class? Age and the Education Production Function,” with Elizabeth Cascio, NBER Working Paper #13663.

“Experimental Estimates of Peer Effects.” Mimeo.

“Assessing the Impacts on Students of Closing Persistently Failing Schools,” with Lisa Barrow and Kyung Park.

Related to the Effectiveness of Social Policy

“Childhood Exposure to the Food Stamp Program: Long-run Health and Economic Outcomes,” with Douglas Almond and Hilary Hoynes. Mimeo.

“The Effect of School Accountability Policies on Children’s Health,” with Patricia Anderson and Kristin Butcher. NBER Working Paper #16873. Under submission.

“Teen Motherhood, Labor Market Involvement and the Receipt of Public Assistance,” with Phillip B. Levine, *Joint Center for Poverty Research Working Paper #84*, November 1997.

RESEARCH PAPERS IN PROGRESS

- “Identifying Behavioral Economics Factors Affecting Food Consumption,” with Marianne Bertrand.
- “Explaining Inequality in Postsecondary Schooling: Experimental Evidence on the Role of Long-Term Investments in Human Capital,” with Susan Dynarski.
- “Experimental Estimates of the Barriers to Food Stamp Enrollment,” with Emmanuel Saez and Esther Duflo.

POLICY BRIEFS

- “The Economics of Class Size,” in *International Encyclopedia of Education*, Baker, E., McGaw, B. & Peterson, P., ed. Amsterdam: Elsevier Publishers, 2010.
- “Leaving children behind ... by design,” *Milken Institute Review* Quarter 1 2008, pp. 18-25.
- “Many U.S. Children are Left Behind by Design” with Derek Neal, VoxEU.org, August 2007.
- “Beneficiaries of Proposed Social Security-Related Tax Cut Have Significant Wealth,” with Robert Greenstein, *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Policy Brief*, September 2000.

GRANTS AND FUNDED PROJECTS

Related to Education and Children

- Smith Richardson Foundation, Grant, “Assessing the Impacts on Students of Closing Persistently Failing Schools,” \$60,000, 2008-2011.
- Institute for Educational Sciences, Research on High School Reform Grant, “Assessing the Effectiveness of Chicago’s Small High School Initiative,” Principal Investigator, \$336,664, 2006-2008.
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Healthy Eating Research Grant, “The Effect of School Accountability Policies on Childhood Obesity,” Principal Investigator, \$74,995, 2006-2008.
- NICHD University of Chicago Population Research Center pilot award, “Does Accountability Promote General or Test-Specific Skills?” \$8000, 2005-2006.
- NAEP Secondary Analysis Grant, US Department of Education, “Advancing Education Improvement by Improving Child Health: An Analysis of NAEP Data,” Principal Investigator, \$99,912, 2005-2006.
- Innovative Awards Program recipient, Center for Human Potential and Public Policy at the University of Chicago, 2004-05, 2006-07.
- CHAS Seed Grant, University of Chicago, 2005.

Related to Social Policy

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization, “Evaluating the Impact of SCHIP Expansions on Household Spending and Consumption using Consumer Expenditure Survey Data,” Co-Investigator, \$124,694, 2008-2009.
- Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP), US Department of Agriculture, “Identifying Behavioral Economics Factors Affecting Food Consumption,” Principal Investigator, \$399,773, 2007-2009.
- Research, Innovation, and Development Grant in Economics, US Department of Agriculture (administered by University of Wisconsin), “Measuring the Impacts of Stigma and Time Cost in the Food Stamp Enrollment Decision,” Principal Investigator, \$29,921, 2006-2007.
- Research, Innovation, and Development Grant in Economics, US Department of Agriculture (administered by University of Chicago), “The Introduction of the Food

Stamp Program: Impacts on Food Consumption and Family Well-Being," Principal Investigator, \$37,748, 2005-2006.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, Princeton University, 2000–2002
- Peggy Howard Fellowship, Wellesley College, 2001
- National Science Foundation Traineeship in the Economics of Education, 1997–2000
- Social Science Research Council Program in Applied Economics, 1998

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee: *American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, The B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Developmental Psychology, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics and Human Biology, Economics of Education Review, Economics Letters, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Health Economics, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Science, State and Local Government Review, Social Science Quarterly, Social Service Review, Southern Economic Journal.*

Grant Reviewer: U.S. Department of Agriculture; National Institutes of Health; National Science Foundation; Smith Richardson Foundation; Spencer Foundation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University (2010 to date)
Quantitative Methods I (Graduate course)
Contemporary Issues in Education (Undergraduate course)

University of Chicago (2004 to 2010)
Statistical Methods for Policy Research (Graduate course)
Economics of Education Policy (Graduate course)
Education Policy & Reform (Graduate course)
Program Evaluation (Graduate course)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Economic Counselor, Sebago Associates, Inc., Santa Monica, CA, September 1998–August 2001.

Research Assistant, Council of Economic Advisers, Washington, D.C., April 1996–May 1997.

Research Assistant, Survey of Consumer Finances, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C., August 1995–April 1996.