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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Married to Ellen Meara
Dual Dutch and United States citizenship

POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Associate Professor, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2007-present

Assistant Professor, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2002-2007

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2003-present

Research Fellow, IZA, 2006-present

Assistant Professor, The Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy Studies, University of Chicago, 2001-2002

Instructor, The Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy Studies, University of Chicago, 1998-2001 (on leave 1999-2001)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Young Professional, The World Bank, 1999-2000

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard University, 1998

Dissertation: Understanding Income Redistribution: The Role of Interpersonal Preferences, Information and Mechanism Design.

Master's Degree in Econometrics, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands, *Cum Laude*, 1994

“Propedeuse” Degree in Electrical Engineering, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands, *Cum Laude*, 1988

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Public Economics, Political Economy, Labor Economics

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

1. "Labor Supply Responses to Marginal Social Security Benefits: Evidence from Discontinuities," (with Jeffrey Liebman and David Seif), *Journal of Public Economics*, 93(11-12), pp. 1119-1284, December 2009.
2. "What Determines Giving to Hurricane Katrina Victims? Experimental Evidence on Racial Group Loyalty," (with Christina Fong), *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 1(2), pp. 64-87, April 2009.
3. "Who Misvotes? The Effect of Differential Cognition Costs on Election Outcomes," (with Kelly Shue), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 1(1), pp. 229-257, February 2009.
4. "Does the Minimum Wage Cause Inefficient Rationing?" *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 7(1), (Contributions), Article 49, October 2007.
5. "Insuring Consumption and Happiness through Religious Organizations," (with Rajeev Dehejia and Thomas DeLeire), *Journal of Public Economics*, 91(1-2), pp. 259-279, February 2007.
6. "Private Investment and Government Protection," (with Carolyn Kousky and Richard Zeckhauser), *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty*, 33(1-2), pp. 73-100, September 2006.
7. "Neighbors as Negatives: Relative Earnings and Well-Being," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 120(3), pp. 963-1002, August 2005.
8. "The Misallocation of Housing under Rent Control", (with Edward Glaeser; lead article), *American Economic Review*, 93(4), pp. 1027-1046, September 2003.
9. "Group Loyalty and the Taste for Redistribution," *Journal of Political Economy*, 109(3), pp. 500-528, June 2001.
10. "Network Effects and Welfare Cultures," (with Marianne Bertrand and Sendhil Mullainathan), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 115(3), pp. 1019-1055, August 2000.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

11. "Approaches to Estimating the Health State Dependence of the Utility Function," (with Amy Finkelstein and Matthew Notowidigdo), *American Economic Review, Papers & Proceedings*, 99(2), pp. 116-121, May 2009.
12. "Permits to Elicit Information," (with Carolyn Kousky and Richard Zeckhauser), *National Tax Association Proceedings, 99th Annual Conference*, pp. 163-170, 2007.
13. "The Role of Religious and Social Organizations in the Lives of Disadvantaged Youth," (with Rajeev Dehejia, Thomas DeLeire, and Josh Mitchell), in *The Problems of Disadvantaged Youth: An Economic Perspective*, edited by Jonathan Gruber, University of Chicago Press, 2009.

WORKING PAPERS

14. "Screening in New Credit Markets: Can Individual Lenders Infer Borrower Creditworthiness in Peer-to-Peer Lending?" (with Raj Iyer, Asim Khwaja, and Kelly Shue), NBER Working Paper No. 15242, August 2009.
15. "Do Race and Fairness Matter in Generosity? Evidence from a Nationally Representative Charity Experiment," (with Christina Fong), NBER Working Paper No. 15064, June 2009. Revise-and-resubmit at the *Journal of Public Economics*.
16. "Culture, Context, and the Taste for Redistribution," (with Monica Singhal), NBER Working Paper No. 14268, August 2008. Current version: September 2009.
17. "What Good Is Wealth Without Health? The Effect of Health on the Marginal Utility of Consumption," (with Amy Finkelstein and Matthew Notowidigdo), NBER Working Paper No. 14089, June 2008. Current version: May 2009. Revise-and-resubmit at the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.
18. "Schedule Selection by Agents: from Phone Plans to Tax Tables," (with Richard Zeckhauser), NBER Working Paper No. 13808, February 2008.
19. "Measuring Economic Mobility and Inequality: Disentangling Real Events from Noisy Data," Unpublished manuscript, Harvard University, May 2002. Previously circulated as "Measuring Poverty Dynamics and Inequality: Disentangling Real Events from Noisy Data," World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 2549, February 2001.
20. "Can Income Redistribution Be Privatized?" Unpublished manuscript, Harvard University, April 2001.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

21. "The Perception of Social Security Incentives for Labor Supply and Retirement: The Median Voter Knows More Than You'd Think," (with Jeffrey Liebman).
22. "Moral Hazard in Dutch Disability Receipt: Evidence from an Age Discontinuity in Disability Eligibility Reviews," (with Lex Borghans and Anne Gielen).
23. "Insurance Benefits from Progressive Taxes and Transfers," (with Hilary Hoynes)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

"The Perception of Social Security Incentives for Labor Supply And Retirement – What Have People Learned and How Did They Change Retirement Behavior One Year Later?" (with Jeffrey Liebman). This proposal is part of the NBER Retirement Research Center (David Wise, PI). This proposal was awarded \$104,819 by the Social Security Administration. October 2008 – September 2009.

"What Good is Wealth Without Health?" (with Amy Finkelstein). This proposal is part of the NBER Retirement Research Center (David Wise, PI). This proposal was awarded \$98,549 by the Social Security Administration. October 2007 – September 2008.

"Perceptions of Social Security Incentives for Labor Supply and Retirement." This proposal is part of the NBER Retirement Research Center (David Wise, PI). This proposal was awarded \$134,022 by the Social Security Administration. October 2007 – September 2008.

Post-doctoral Fellowship on Aging Research, awarded by the NBER Center for Aging and Health Research and funded by National Institute on Aging, August 2006 – June 2007.

“Collaborative Proposal: A Randomized Experiment on the Causal Effect of Recipients' Race and Social Circumstances on the Provision of Disaster Relief to Katrina Victims,” (joint with Robyn Dawes and Christina Fong, Co-PIs). Awarded \$100,406 by the NSF. November 2005 – October 2007.

“Do Social Security Benefits Provide Labor Supply Incentives.” This proposal is part of the NBER Retirement Research Center (David Wise, PI). This proposal was awarded \$119,440 by the Social Security Administration. October 2005 – September 2006.

Kennedy School Award for Excellence in Teaching in the MPP core, 2006

World Bank Performance Award, 2000

The Olin Dissertation Fellowship in Economic Policy, 1996-1998

Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Fall 1995 and Spring 1996

Aaron B. Salant Fellowship, 1995-1996

Sumner Slichter Fund Recipient, 1994-1995

COURSES TAUGHT

Markets and Market Failures (core course in microeconomics for Public Policy students)

Social Problems and Government Responses (elective course for Public Policy students)

Statistical Methods II (core course introducing Public Policy students to econometrics)

Public Finance III (public finance course for Ph.D. students in economics)

Advanced Microeconomics (for Ph.D. students in Public Policy)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member: American Economic Association, Econometric Society, National Tax Association, Society of Labor Economics.

Associate editor for the *Journal of Public Economics*.

Ad-hoc Reviewer for: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, *American Economic Review*, *American Political Science Review*, *B.E. Journals in Macroeconomics*, *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Journal*, Economic & Social Research Council (U.K.), *Economic Theory*, *Economica*, *Economics of Governance*, *Economics Letters*, *Empirical Economics*, *European Economic Review*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, French National Research Agency (ANR), *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *Industrial Relations*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Applied Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Housing Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Labour Economics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, National Science Foundation, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Industrial Organization*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation.