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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, August 2004
Dissertation chair: Judith Hellerstein
M.A. Economics, University of Maryland, May 2000
B.A. Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago, May 1998,
with High Departmental Distinction and College Honors

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Labor Economics, Urban Economics, Public Economics, Workforce Development

COMPUTER SKILLS

Python, R, SQL, GitHub, SAS, Stata, ArcGIS, and Microsoft Office

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Employer Wage Subsidy Caps and Part-Time Work,” with C. Lockwood Reynolds and Shawn M. Rohlin. *ILR Review* 76(1), 189-209 (2023).
“Partially Disaggregated Household-Level Debt Service Ratios: Construction, Validation, and Relationship to Bankruptcy Rates,” with Mark Schweitzer. *Contemporary Economic Policy* 38(1), 166-87 (2019).
“Empirical Estimates of the Influence of Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards on the Green Economies of States,” with William Bowen and SunJoo Park. *Economic Development Quarterly* 27(4), 338-51 (2013).
“Introducing the Ohio New Establishment Dynamics Data.” *Cityscape: A Journal of Policy Development and Research* 14(2), 303-12 (2012).
“City Size and Skill Intensity.” *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 40(6), 367-79 (2010).
“Enterprise Zones and Resident Employment: An Evaluation of the Enterprise Zone Programs of California and Florida”. *Economic Development Quarterly* 23(1), 44-59 (2009).

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Do Wage Trends Suggest There Are Shortages of Construction Workers?”

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Employers’ Investment in Career Pathways Improves Retention and Enhances Employee Engagement in Cincinnati, Ohio,” with Sharron M. DiMario and Christopher Spence, in *Developing Career-Based Training*, edited by Stuart Andreason. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta: Atlanta, GA. 2016.
“Stop Shoveling: A New Workforce Development Strategy to Promote Regional Prosperity,” in *The Road through the Rustbelt: From Preeminence to Decline to Prosperity*, edited by William M. Bowen. W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research: Kalamazoo, MI. 2014.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CLEVELAND PUBLICATIONS

- “The Limited Supply of Rental Housing Explains Elevated Rent Inflation During the Pandemic.” *Regional Policy Report*. Forthcoming.
- “Exports from Fourth District States.” *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*. Forthcoming.
- “Introduction to the Cleveland Fed Summary of Regional Conditions and Expectations (SORCE).” *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*. November 25, 2024.
- “Changes in Wages and Occupational Mix of Fourth District Metro Areas Between 2019 and 2022.” *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*. March 5, 2024.
- “The Influence of Population Characteristics on the Labor Force Participation Rates of Fourth District States.” *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*. November 15, 2023.
- “A Guide to State-Level Estimates of Labor Force Participation Rates,” with Isabel Brizuela and Jayme Gerring. *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*. July 12, 2023.
- “Demographic Trends Are Major Factors in Today’s Weak Labor Force Growth,” with Isabel Brizuela. *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*. April 21, 2022.
- “COVID-19 Mortality Rate Trends in Countries and US States,” with Mark Oleson. *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*. May 13, 2020 – April 18, 2022 (serial).
- “Manufacturing Wage Premiums Have Diverged between Production and Nonproduction Workers,” with Julianne Dunn. *Regional Policy Report*. November 9, 2021.
- “Does Spending Slide When COVID-19 Surges?” with Mark Oleson. *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*. October 7, 2021.
- “A Speeding Rate Starts to Slow: COVID-19 Mortality Rates by State.” *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*. April 16, 2020.
- “Getting to Accuracy: Measuring COVID-19 by Mortality Rates and Percentage Changes.” *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*, April 16, 2020.
- “Changes in the Occupational Structure of the United States: 1860 – 2015.” *Economic Commentary*. June 26, 2019.
- Fourth District Metro Mix*, with Christopher Vecchio. 18 reports. Serial from March 2014 – November 2017.
- “Year in Review: Fourth District Labor Markets,” with Maureen O’Connor and Christopher Vecchio. *Forefront* 6(3). Winter 2015-2016.
- “Are Wages Falling or Flat? Decomposing Recent Changes in Average Wage Provides an Answer,” with Christopher Vecchio. *Economic Trends*. March 27, 2015.
- “A WIB Turns to Demand: Helping Job Seekers by Serving Employers,” with Lisa A. Nelson and Francisca García-Cobián Richter. *Community Development Reports*. November 7, 2014.
- “Which Estimates of Metropolitan-Area Jobs Growth Should We Trust?” with Christopher Vecchio. *Economic Commentary*. April 1, 2014.

BOOK REVIEWS & CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- Review of *Communities and Workforce Development*, edited by Edwin Meléndez, *Journal of Regional Science* 46(3) (2006), 578-80.
- “Preliminary Micro Data Results from the Business List Comparison Project,” with Lucia Foster, C.J. Krizan, and David Talan, published in the proceedings of 2006 American Statistical Association Annual Meetings.
- “A Comparison of the Business Registers Used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Bureau of the Census,” with Randy Becker, Lucia Foster, C.J. Krizan, Sang Nguyen, and David Talan, published in the proceedings of 2005 American Statistical Association Annual Meetings.

FUNDED RESEARCH

“The Ohio New Establishment Dynamics Data,” co-PI with Ziona Austrian, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Research Grant. March 2008 – February 2009.

CONTRACT RESEARCH

“Evaluation of Greater Cincinnati Workforce Network for National Fund for Workforce Solutions,” for New Growth Group. 2009 – 2012.

“Assisting Cuyahoga Community College in Identifying Employer Needs in Northeast Ohio,” for Cuyahoga Community College. 2008 – 2009.

“Assisting Northeast Ohio Skills Bank in identifying occupations in shortage,” for Cuyahoga Community College and Lakeland Community College. 2009.

“Study of Unionization Rates in Northeast Ohio,” for TeamNEO. 2008.

REFERREING

Economic Development Quarterly, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Affairs, Journal of Urban Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics

COURSES TAUGHT

Applied Quantitative Reasoning I
Distressed People, Distressed Places
Local Labor Market Analysis
Quantitative Research Methods I
Workforce Development Policy

Applied statistics course
Survey of poverty reduction policies
Applied labor economics course
Regression course for Ph.D. students
Survey of workforce development policy

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Policy Economist II, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, September 2017 – January 2025.

Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, February 2013 – August 2017.

Director of Evaluation, New Growth Group, LLC, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, July 2012 – March 2013.

Assistant Professor, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH, August 2007 – May 2012.

Research Economist, Employment Research and Program Development Staff, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, DC, September 2004 – July 2007.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Research Practicum, Georgetown Public Policy Institute, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, Fall 2006 – Spring 2007.

Social Science Analyst, Center for Economic Studies, U.S. Census Bureau, Suitland, MD, August 2000 – July 2004.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

One of Cleveland Magazine’s Most Interesting People, 2012

W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research:
Dissertation Award Honorable Mention, 2005

University of Maryland:
Graduate Assistantship, 1998 – 2000

University of Illinois at Chicago:
Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, 1998
Geldard Memorial Award, Department of Economics, 1998