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2002-2009 Economist, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
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Published Papers

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Work in Progress

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“Measuring the Digital Economy and Implications for Productivity”

“The State of Play in Price Measurement for Consumer Electronics: A Cross-Country Comparison.”

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“The Scope of U.S. Factoryless Manufacturing,” with Kimberly Bayard and Dominic Smith

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“A nonparametric Estimator of Unemployment Insurance Effects”

Presentations

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Conference on Research on Income and Wealth (NBER Summer Institute), July 2009, “Why are PCs Still Manufactured in the United States?”

College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, April 2011, “Where’s Qualcomm? How Statistics Obscure the Leading Edge of the U.S. Semiconductor Industry.”

Conference on “Measuring the Effects of Globalization,” February 2013, “The Scope of U.S. Factoryless Manufacturing.”

Center for Economic Studies, U.S. Bureau of the Census, May 2013, “The Scope of U.S. Factoryless Manufacturing.”

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Conference on Research on Income and Wealth (NBER Summer Institute), July 2014, “How Fast are Semiconductor Prices Falling?”

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Bureau of Economic Analysis, April 2016, “The State of IT Price Measurement”

American Economic Association Annual Meeting, January 2017, “A New Look at Prices of Personal Computers: Desktops, Laptops, and Tablets”

Bureau of Economic Analysis Advisory Committee, May 2017, “The Rise of Cloud Computing: Minding Your P’s and Q’s (and K’s)”

American Enterprise Institute, November 2017, “Possible Sources for the (Measured) Productivity Slowdown”

5th IMF Statistical Forum: Measuring the Digital Economy, November 2017, “The Rise of Cloud Computing: Minding Your P’s and Q’s (and K’s)”

Fifth World KLEMS Conference, June 2018, “Accounting for Innovation in Consumer Digital Services: Implications for economic growth and consumer welfare”

Society of Government Economists, April 2019, “Getting Smart About Phones: New Price Indexes and the Allocation of Spending Between Devices and Services Plans in Personal Consumption Expenditures.”

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Referee for: American Economic Review: Insights, Applied Economics Letters, Australian Economic Review, Eastern Economic Journal, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics and Statistics, European Economic Review, International Productivity Monitor, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Literature, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Review of Income and Wealth, Science Advances, Southern Economic Journal, World Development.