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Ph.D., Princeton University, 1993
Bradley Foundation Fellowship (1991-1992)
M.A., Princeton University, 1989
M.Sc., London School of Economics, 1987
B.A., Wellesley College, 1986
Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Natalie V. Bolton Prize in
Economics

Work Experience:

2008-Present Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Wellesley College
2006-2008 Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Wellesley College
2007 Visiting Senior Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California
2002-2007 Senior Economist, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
2000-2002 Program Officer in Human and Community Development, John D. and Catherine
T. MacArthur Foundation
1995-2001 Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Boston College
1997-1998 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Princeton
University
1992-1995 Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Virginia
Polytechnic Institute and State University

Affiliations:

2010- Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research

Publications:

Health

“Is Being in School Better? Using School Starting Age to Identify the Impact of Schools on
Children’s Obesity,” with Patricia M. Anderson (Dartmouth College), Elizabeth Cascio
(Dartmouth College), Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach (Northwestern University), NBER
working paper #16673, January 2011, *Journal of Health Economics*, forthcoming.

“School Policies and Children’s Obesity,” with Patricia M. Anderson (Dartmouth College) and
Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach (Northwestern University), in *Current Issues in Health
Economics*, Dan Slotje and Rusty Tchernis, eds., Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2010.

“Childhood Disadvantage and Obesity: Is Nurture Trumping Nature?,” with Patricia Anderson (Dartmouth College) and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach (Northwestern University), in Jonathan Gruber (ed.), *An Economic Perspective on the Problems of Disadvantaged Youth*, Chicago University of Chicago Press, 2009.

“Obesity, Disability, and the Labor Force,” with Kyung H. Park (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), *Economic Perspectives*, Quarter 1, 2008.

“Reading, Writing, and Refreshments: Do School Finances Contribute to Childhood Obesity?,” with Patricia Anderson (Dartmouth College), *Journal of Human Resources*, vol. 41, no. 3, Summer 2006, pp.467-494.

“Trends in and Potential Causes of Childhood Obesity,” with Patricia Anderson (Dartmouth College), *The Future of Children: Child Overweight and Obesity*, vol. 16, no. 1, Spring 2006, Brookings Institution Press, pp. 19-45.

“Economic Perspectives on Childhood Obesity,” with Patricia Anderson (Dartmouth College) and Phillip Levine (Wellesley College), *Economic Perspectives*, Third Quarter 2003, vol. 27, pp. 30-48, pp. 30-48.

“Maternal Employment and Overweight Children,” with Patricia Anderson (Dartmouth College) and Phillip Levine (Wellesley College), *Journal of Health Economics*, vol. 22, no. 3, May 2003, pp.477-504.

Education

“Learning Communities for Students in Developmental Math: Impact Studies at Queensborough and Houston Community Colleges,” with Evan Weissman et. al. (MDRC), New York: National Center for Postsecondary Research, Teachers College, Columbia University, copyright 2011 by MDRC.

“The Effect of Quantitative Skills Training on College Outcomes and Peers,” with Patrick J. McEwan (Wellesley College) and Corrine Taylor (Wellesley College), 2010, *Economics of Education Review*.

“Guiding Math Students to Campus Services: An Impact Evaluation of the Beacon Program at South Texas College,” with Mary G. Visser (MDRC), Oscar Cerna (MDRC), Dan Cullinan (MDRC), and Emily Schneider (MDRC), copyright 2010 by MDRC.

"The Effect of Sibling Sex Composition on Women's Educational Attainment and Earnings," with Anne Case (Princeton University), *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, August 1994, pp. 531-563.

Immigration

“Crime, Corrections, and California: What Does Immigration Have to Do with It?,” with Anne Morrison Piehl (Rutgers University), *California Counts*, Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, February 2008.

“The Immigrant and Native-born Wage Distributions: Evidence from United States Censuses,” with John DiNardo (University of Michigan), *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, vol. 56, no. 1, October 2002, pp. 97-121.

“Use of Means-Tested Transfer Programs by Immigrants, Their Children, and Their Children’s Children,” with Luoia Hu (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), *Finding Jobs: Work and Welfare Reform*, Rebecca Blank and David Card, eds., Russel Sage: New York, 2000, pp. 465-506.

“The Role of Deportation in the Incarceration of Immigrants,” with Anne Morrison Piehl (Rutgers University), *Issues in the Economics of Immigration*, George Borjas, ed., University of Chicago Press, 2000, pp. 351-386.

“Recent Immigrants: Unexpected Implications for Crime and Incarceration,” with Anne Morrison Piehl (Rutgers University), *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, vol. 51, no. 4, July 1998, pp.654-679.

“Cross-City Evidence on the Relationship Between Immigration and Crime,” with Anne Morrison Piehl (Rutgers University), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, vol.17, no. 3, Summer 1998, pp.654-679.

“An Investigation of the Effect of Immigration on the Labor Market Outcomes of African Americans,” *Help or Hindrance: The Economic Implications of Immigration for African Americans*, Daniel Hamermesh and Frank Bean, eds., Russel Sage: New York, 1998, pp. 148-182.

“Immigration and the Wages and Employment of U.S.-born Workers in New Jersey,” with Anne Morrison Piehl (Rutgers University), *Keys to Successful Immigration: Implications of the New Jersey Experience*, Thomas Espenshade, ed., Urban Institute Press, 1997, pp.119-138.

"Black Immigrants in the United States: A Comparison with Native Blacks and Other Immigrants," *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, vol.47, no. 2, January 1994, p. 265-284.

“Immigration and Wages: Evidence from the 1980's," with David Card (UC-Berkeley), *American Economic Review*, vol. 81, no. 2, May 1991, pp. 292-296. Reprinted in *Globalization and Labour Markets*, David Greenaway and Douglas R. Nelson eds., Edward Elgar publishing limited, 2000.

Other Topics

Book Review, “Human Resource Economics and Public Policy: Essays in Honor of Vernon Briggs,” *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, January 2011, vol. 64, no. 2, pp. 411-413.

“Assessing the Impact of Job Loss on Workers and Firms,” with Kevin F. Hallock (Cornell University), *Chicago Fed Letter: Essays on Issues*, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, April 2006, no. 225a.

“Bringing Together Policymakers, Researchers, and Practitioners to Discuss Job Loss,” with Kevin F. Hallock (Cornell University), *Economic Perspectives*, Second Quarter 2005, vol. 29, pp. 2-12.

“Implications of Changes in Men’s and Women’s Labor Force Participation for Real Compensation Growth and Inflation,” with Katharine Anderson (University of Michigan) and Lisa Barrow (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), *Topics in Economic Analysis and Policy*, Berkeley Electronic Press, volume 5, issue 1, 2005.

“Job Loss: Causes, Consequences, and Policy Responses,” with Kevin F. Hallock (Cornell University), *Chicago Fed Letter: Essays on Issues*, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, October 2004, no. 207.

“A Study of the Wage Impacts of Unions and Industrial Councils in South Africa,” with Cecilia Elena Rouse (Princeton University), *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, vol. 54, no. 2., January 2001, pp. 349-374.

Work in Progress

“Aid Success Project: Links between Financial Aid, Financial Literacy, and College Success,” with MDRC Researchers.

“Giving ‘til it Helps? Alumnae Giving and Children’s College Options,” with Caitlin Kearns (W ’10 and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), and Patrick McEwan (Wellesley College), March 2011.

“Adequate (or Adipose?) Yearly Progress: Assessing the Effect of “No Child Left Behind” on Children’s Obesity,” with Patricia M. Anderson (Dartmouth College) and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach (Northwestern University), NBER Working Paper # 16873, February 2011.

“Why are Immigrants’ Incarceration Rates So Low? Evidence on Selective Immigration, Deterrence, and Deportation,” with Anne Morrison Piehl (Rutgers University), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Working Paper WP-2005-19, November 2005 (revised June 2009), revise and re-submit, *B.E. Press*.

“Female Offenders Use of Social Welfare Programs Before and After Jail and Prison: Evidence from Administrative Data,” with Robert LaLonde (University of Chicago), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Working Paper WP-2006-13, November 2006, revise and resubmit, *Journal of Population Economics*.

“Not Working: Demographic Changes, Policy Changes, and the Distribution of Weeks (Not) Worked,” with Lisa Barrow (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Working Paper WP-2004-23, November 2004 (revised June 2006).

Recent Research Support:

2011 *Wellesley College Faculty Awards*: “The Impact of the EITC on Children’s Food Security.” \$3,300.

2010 *Wellesley College Faculty Awards*: “The Impact of Immigration on the Elderly in the United States.” \$3,500.

2008-2009 *USDA Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics*: “Is Being in School Better,” Using School Starting Age to Identify the Impact of School on Children’s Obesity.” \$32,949.95

2009 *Wellesley College Faculty Awards*: “Evidence from Arkansas and California: The Effect of Accountability Policies on Children’s Health.” \$3,500.

2006-2008 *Robert Wood Johnson Healthy Eating Research Grant (Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach, Principal Investigator)*: “The Effect of School Accountability Policies on Childhood Obesity.” \$74,995.

Other Professional Activities:

2010- Education Studies Committee, MDRC

Referee for *The American Economic Review*, *The American Economic Journal: Public Policy*, *The American Economic Journal: Applied*, *The Journal of Political Economy*, *The Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *The Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *The Journal of Health Economics*, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, *The Journal of the European Economic Association*, *The National Tax Journal*, *Urban Studies*, *Population Index*, *The Economic Journal*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *The American Journal of Sociology*, *Public Finance Review*, *The Journal of Development Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Berkeley Electronic Press*, *Economics and Human Biology*, *Demography*, *Criminology*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, The National Research Council, The Russell Sage Foundation, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, The National Science Foundation, and The Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness.

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