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#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, expected May 2021

B.A. Economics and Mathematics, Williams College, 2008-2012

#### FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Primary: Labor Economics

Secondary: Applied Microeconomics, Macro-labor Economics

### **JOB MARKET PAPER**

"The Intergenerational Transmission of Employers and the Earnings of Young Workers"

This paper investigates how working for the employer of a parent affects the earnings of young workers. My analysis of survey and administrative data from the United States indicates that 7% of young workers find their first stable job at the same employer as a parent. Using an instrumental variables strategy that exploits variation in the availability of jobs at the parent's employer, I estimate that working for the same employer as a parent increases initial earnings by 31%. The earnings benefits are attributable to parents providing access to higher-paying employers. Individuals with higher-earning parents are more likely to work for the employer of their parent and experience greater earnings benefits conditional on doing so. Thus, the intergenerational transmission of employers amplifies the extent to which earnings persist from one generation to the next. Specifically, the elasticity of the initial earnings of an individual with respect to the earnings of their parents would be about 10% lower if no one worked for the employer of a parent.

#### **WORKING PAPERS**

- "Disparities in Spousal Income and Inefficient Household Behavior," 2020. Under Review.
- "The Children of HOPE VI Demolitions: National Evidence on Labor Market Outcomes," 2020, Working Paper, with John Haltiwanger, Mark Kutzbach, Giordano Palloni, Henry Pollakowski and Daniel Weinberg.
- "Job-to-Job Flows and the Consequences of Job Separations," 2019, *FEDS Working Paper No. 2012-73*, with Bruce Fallick, John Haltiwanger and Erika McEntarfer.
- "When Children Rule: Parenting in Modern Families," 2017, *NBER Working Paper No. 23087*, with Sebastian Galiani and Gustavo Torrens.

### WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Do Workers Move Up the Firm Productivity Job Ladder?" *In Progress*, with John Haltiwanger, Henry Hyatt and Erika McEntarfer.
- "Female Executives and the Motherhood Penalty," In Progress, with Seth Murray and Danielle Sandler.
- "HOPE VI Revitalization: Neighborhood Change, Housing Prices and Intra-city Migration," *In Progress*, with Giordano Pallon and John Voorheis.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Applied Econometrics, University of Maryland, Summer 2017 Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics, University of Maryland, Fall 2014

## RESEARCH AND RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Dissertation Scholar, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, 2020-Present Research Assistant, Prof. John Haltiwanger, U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-Present Research Assistant, Prof. Jessica Goldberg, University of Maryland, Spring 2015 Research Fellow, Economic Policy Research Institute, Cape Town South Africa, 2013-2014 Ouantitative Research Analyst, Dr. William G. Bowen, Ithaka S+R, 2012-2013 Research Assistant, Prof. David Zimmerman, Williams College, Spring 2012

## HONORS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Roger and Alicia Betancourt Fellowship in Applied Economics, University of Maryland, 2020 Vernon E. Jordan Jr. Fellowship Award, Economic Club of Washington D.C, 2019 Doctoral Research Grant, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, 2018 Poster Competition (First Prize), Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 2018 Kauffman Dissertation Fellowship, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, 2017 Allan G. Gruchy Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 2016 Melville J. Ulmer Graduate Fellowship in Economics, University of Maryland, 2016 Allan G. Gruchy Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 2016 BSOS Dean's Research Initiative Pre-Candidacy Research Grant, University of Maryland, 2016 Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, University of Maryland, 2016 Graduate Research Fellowship Program (Honorable Mention), National Science Foundation, 2016 Poster Competition (Honorable Mention), Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 2016 Allan G. Gruchy Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 2015 BSOS Dean's Research Initiative Pre-Candidacy Research Grant, University of Maryland, 2015 Williams in Africa Research Fellowship, Economic Policy Research Institute, 2013-2014 Goldberg Award for Senior Mathematics Colloquium, Williams College, 2012 Dean's List, Williams College, Fall '08, Spring '09, Fall '09, Fall '10, Fall '11, Spring '12 Williams College Alumni Sponsored Grant, Williams College, 2011

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2020: Society of Labor Economics Conference

2019: 20th Anniversary LED Workshop, BLS-Census Workshop (poster), Society of Labor Economics Conference (poster)

2018: Population Association of America Annual Meeting

2017: Society of Economics of the Household Annual Meeting

## REFEREE EXPERIENCE

Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Economic Development and Cultural Change

### PROGRAMMING SKILLS

MatLab, R, SAS, STATA

## **REFERENCES**

Prof. Sebastian Galiani	University of Maryland	sgaliani@umd.edu	(301) 405-3518
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Prof. Judith Hellerstein	University of Maryland	hellerst@umd.edu	(301) 405-3545
Dr. Erika McEntarfer	U.S. Census Bureau	erika.mcentarfer@census.gov	(301) 763-8555