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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Georgia State University Atlanta, GA 30303
Ph.D.: Economics; August 2009

Georgia State University Atlanta, GA 30303
M.A.: Economics; August 2007

Duke University Durham, NC 27708
A.B.: Economics and “Spanish & Latin American Studies”; May 2002

CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor of Economics, Spelman College 8/10/2010-Present

DISSERTATION

An Economic Analysis of Prison Labor
(http://digitalarchive.gsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1001&context=econ_diss)
Dr. Sally Wallace, Chair

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of Crime; Health Economics; Labor Economics; Urban Economics, Law and Economics; Public Finance

TEACHING

Interests: Economics of Crime; Health Economics; Public Finance; Labor; Microeconomics

Courses: Econometrics (Fall 2010, Spring 2011), Principles of Macroeconomics (Spring 2011), Urban Economics (Fall, 2010), Crime and Economics (Spring 2010), Global Health (Spring 2010)

PUBLICATIONS

Cox, R. (2010). Crime, Incarceration, and Employment in Light of the Great Recession. *The Review of Black Political Economy*, Vol. 37 (3), pp.283-294.

Cox, R. (2011). The Impact of Mass Incarceration on the Lives of African American Women. *The Review of Black Political Economy*, DOI number 10.1007/s12114-011-9114-2.

RESEARCH

The Effect of Private Sector Work Opportunities while Incarcerated on Labor Market Outcomes of Released Prisoners (*In Progress*)

The Effect of Private Sector Work Opportunities while Incarcerated on the Recidivism of Released Prisoners (*In Progress*)

Does Working While Incarcerated Help Ex-Offenders on the Job Market?: The Case of North Carolina (*In Progress*)

Does Working While Incarcerated Help to Close the Revolving Door of Recidivism?: The Case of North Carolina (*In Progress*)

The Impact of Incarceration on the Food Security of Children (*with Sally Wallace*)

Cost-Benefit Analysis of Pretrial Detention for Non-serious Misdemeanors (*with William Darity and Frank Sloan*)

Expectations Updating and Criminal Behavior among Young Men (*with Frank Sloan, In Progress*)

The Obama Effect: A Test of Competing Theories (*with William Darity, Jr. and Leslie Wallace, In Progress*)

PRESENTATIONS

SEA Annual Meeting Washington, D.C., 11/2011

SEA Presidential Session: Does Working While Incarcerated Help Ex-Offenders on the Labor Market? The Case of North Carolina

Morehouse College Atlanta, GA, 10/28/2011

Research Colloquium: Does Working While Incarcerated Help Ex-Offenders on the Labor Market? The Case of North Carolina

University of Kentucky Lexington, KY, 5/17/2011

Small Grants Conference: Does Working While Incarcerated Help Ex-Offenders on the Labor Market? The Case of North Carolina

Bennett College Greensboro, NC, 3/18/2011

Conference titled *The Invisible Woman: The Status of and Challenges Facing Black Women*: The Impact of Mass Incarceration on the Lives of African American Women

ASSA Meeting Denver, CO, 1/9/2011

Seminar titled *The Economics of Black American Institutions*: The Effect of Private Sector Work Opportunities while Incarcerated on Labor Market Outcomes of Released Prisoners.

Howard University Washington, D.C., 1/29/2010

Seminar: The Effect of Private Sector Work Opportunities while Incarcerated on Labor Market Outcomes of Released Prisoners.

Duke University Durham, NC, 11/4/2009

Applied Microeconomics Lunch Seminar: The Effect of Private Sector Work Opportunities while Incarcerated on Labor Market Outcomes of Released Prisoners.

Duke University & UNC Chapel Hill Durham, NC, 11/2/2009

African-American Economic Summit: Crime, Incarceration, and Employment in Light of the Great Recession

ASSA Meeting New Orleans, LA, 1/7/2008

Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession (CSMGEP) Dissertation Workshop: "Prison Labor in a Model of Complete and Dynamic Information"

Duke University Durham, NC, 10/22/2007

Conference on Race and Wealth: "Prison Labor in a Model of Complete and Dynamic Information"

PANELS

University of Florida Gainesville, FL, 10/18/2011

Voices from Academia: Career Panel & Networking

U.S. Department of Labor Washington, D.C., 6/21/2011

Invited by Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis to participate in a roundtable discussion with Attorney General Eric Holder and EEOC Chair Jacqueline Berrien titled *Workforce Development and Employment Strategies Targeting the Formerly Incarcerated*
Video Link: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/media/webcast/20110621-eeoc/>

Georgia Institute of Technology Graduate Career Symposium Atlanta, GA, 3/10/2011

Teaching Focused Career Options in Higher Education

ASSA Meeting Denver, CO, 1/7/2011

Roundtable on Gender and Race: Employment, Crime, Health, Occupational Segregation, and Education

MEDIA

North Carolina Public Radio (NPR) Durham, NC 10/27/2009

The State of Things: Discussed the issue of incarceration in light of the current economic crisis as it pertains to African-Americans.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Duke University 1/2009-6/2010

Postdoctoral Associate: Faculty Advisor Dr. Frank Sloan.

Georgia State University 8/2002-1/2009

Graduate Research Assistant

Congressional Research Service (CRS) 2/2008-4/2008

Economist: Temporary post as an Economist in the Domestic Social Policy Division of CRS.

Duke University (American Economic Association Summer Program) 6/2007-8/2007

Teaching Assistant (Dr. Frank Sloan) for Data Analysis and Research Seminar

Georgia State University 1/2007-12/2007

Tutor

Congressional Research Service (CRS) 9/2006-12/2006

Intern

GRANTS

Co-Principle Investigator- UKCPR *Research Program on Childhood Hunger*, \$45,000

Principle Investigator- UKCPR *Young Investigator Development Grants Program*, \$7500

HONORS/AWARDS

CeMent Regional Mentoring Workshop Participant CSWEP 2011 Cohort

Preparing Critical Faculty for the Future AAC&U 2011 Inaugural Cohort

Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) 2010 Cohort

Golden Key International Honour Society Georgia State University 2008-Present

Andrew Young Fellowship Recipient Georgia State University 2004-2007

Predoctoral Diversity Fellowship Honorable Mention Ford Foundation 2004

AEA Summer Minority Scholarship Duke University 2004

AEA Summer Minority Scholarship University of Colorado 2002

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association

American Law and Economics Association

National Economic Association

Southern Economics Association

PERSONAL

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Language: Spanish (proficient)