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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Swarthmore College, 2005-present
Director, Public Policy Program, Swarthmore College, 2005-present
Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Swarthmore College, 1999-2005.
Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Economics, Georgia Institute of Technology, 1997-1999.

EDUCATION

University of Maryland, Ph.D., Economics, 1997.
University of Maryland, M.A., Economics, 1994.
Swarthmore College, B.A., Economics with the Concentration in Public Policy, 1990.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, Programs on Children, the Economics of Education and Health Economics, 2000-present
Member, Method Issues Working Group, National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, U.S. Department of Education, 2008-present.
Member, Technical Working Group, National Evaluation of Magnet Schools, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, 2008-present.
Fellow, China Center for Human Capital and Labor-Market Research, Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China, 2008-present
Member, Technical Working Group, After-School Project, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, 2004-present.
Member, Future of American Education Project, American Enterprise Institute, 2007-present
Member, APPAM Program Committee, Fall 2008 Research Conference
Member, What Works Clearinghouse Panel on School Turnaround, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, 2007-2008
Visiting Scholar, School of Education, Stanford University, 2006-2007
Principal member, Education Systems and Broad Reform Review Panel, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, 2005-2007.
Visiting Fellow, Education Research Section, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 2002-2003.
Scholar, National Young Faculty Leaders Forum, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2002-2005.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Forsaking All Others? The Effects of Same-Sex Partnership Laws on Risky Sex” *Economic Journal* 118(530), July 2008, 1055-1078.
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- “Graduated Driver Licensing and Teen Traffic Fatalities,” with David C. Grabowski and Michael A. Morrissey, *Journal of Health Economics* 24(3), May 2005, pages 571-589.
- “Dollars and Sense,” with Benjamin J. Keys '01, *Education Next* 5(1), Winter 2005, pages 60-67.
- “Expense Preference and Student Achievement in School Districts,” *Eastern Economic Journal* 31(1), Winter 2005, pages 23-44.
- “The Fate of New Funding: Evidence from Massachusetts' Education Finance Reforms,” with Jeffrey Levine '00, *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* 26(3), Fall 2004, pages 199-215.
- “Does Merit Pay Reward Good Teachers? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment,” with Benjamin Keys '01, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 23(3), Summer 2004, pages 471-488.
- “Are There Civic Returns to Education?” *Journal of Public Economics* 88(9), August 2004, pages 1697-1720.
- “Teachers, Race and Student Achievement in a Randomized Experiment,” *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 86(1), February 2004, pages 195-210.
- “Do Charter Schools Skim Students or Drain Resources?” with Helen Fu '01, *Economics of Education Review* 23(3), June 2004, pages 259-271.
- “The Race Connection,” *Education Next* 4(2), Spring 2004, pages 53-59.
- “Lotteries, Litigation and Education Finance,” *Southern Economic Journal* 70(3), January 2004, pages 584-599.
- “Learning to Earn,” *Education Next* 3(3), Summer 2003, pages 65-70.
- “The Fatality Effects of Highway Speed Limits by Gender and Age,” with Rebecca Sela '02, *Economics Letters* 79(3), June 2003, pages 401-408.
- “AIDS Mortality May Have Contributed to the Decline in Syphilis Rates in the United States in the 1990's,” with Harrell W. Chesson and Sevgi O Aral, *Sexually Transmitted Diseases* 30(5), May 2003, pages 419-424.
- “Teen Drinking and Educational Attainment: Evidence from Two-Sample Instrumental Variables (TSIV) Estimates,” with William N. Evans, *Journal of Labor Economics* 21(1), January 2003, pages 178-209.
- “Until Death Do You Part: The Effects of Unilateral Divorce on Spousal Homicides,” *Economic Inquiry* 41(1), January 2003, pages 163-182.
- “The Effects of Minimum Legal Drinking Ages on Teen Childbearing,” *Journal of Human Resources* 36(4), Fall 2001, pages 823-828.
- “Behavioral Policies and Teen Traffic Safety,” with William N. Evans, *American Economic Review* 91(2), May 2001, pages 91-96.
- “Alcohol Abuse and Economic Conditions: Evidence from Repeated Cross-Sections of Individual-Level Data,” *Health Economics* 10(3), April 2001, pages 257-270.
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- “The Capitalization of Education Finance Reforms,” *Journal of Law and Economics* 43(1), April 2000, pages 185-214.
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- “Reconsidering the Effects of Seat Belt Laws and Their Enforcement Status,” *Accident Analysis and Prevention* 30 (1), 1998, pages 1-10.

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- “The 'First Wave' of Accountability,” in *No Child Left Behind? The Politics and Practice of Accountability*, Paul Petersen and Martin West, editors, Brookings Institution Press, 2003.
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- “Teens and Traffic Safety,” with W.N. Evans in *An Economic Analysis of Risky Behavior Among Youths*, Jonathan Gruber, editor, University of Chicago Press, 2001.

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- Comment on “Peer Effects in Higher Education” by G. Winston and D. Zimmermann in *College Decisions: How Students Make Them and How They Could*, Caroline Hoxby, editor, University of Chicago Press, 2004, pages 421-423.
- “Unanswered Questions,” *The Baltimore Sun*, June 21, 2004, page 11A.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Principal Investigator with Marty West, Smith Richardson Foundation research grant for “The Effects of Class Size on Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Student Outcomes” 2007-2008.
- Principal Investigator, American Educational Research Association and the Spencer Foundation research grants for “A Teacher like Me: Does Race, Ethnicity or Gender Matter?” 2004-2006.
- Consultant, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation research grant for “State Alcohol Policy and Motor Vehicle Fatalities among Young Adults,” 2003.
- National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2002-2003.
- Principal Investigator, Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement (CIRCLE) research grant for “Are There Civic Returns to Education?” 2002-2003.
- Principal Investigator, Smith Richardson Foundation research grant for “Teachers, Students and Educational Achievement: New Lessons from a Randomized Experiment,” 2000-2003.

Principal Investigator, Field-Initiated Studies Educational Research Grant, U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Educational Governance, Finance, Policymaking and Management for “The Educational and Economic Consequences of Changing High School Graduation Standards,” 1999-2001.

Dissertation Grant, American Educational Research Association, 1996-97.

George M. Phillips Award for Graduate Research in the Public Interest, University of Maryland, 1997.

Finalist, National Tax Association Dissertation Award, 1997.

First-Place Award, Graduate Research Interaction Day, University of Maryland, April 1996.

Departmental Teaching Award, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, Spring 1996.