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EDUCATION

1998 - 2003 Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Berkeley
1998 - 2003 M.P.P., University of California, Berkeley
1991 - 1995 A.B., Mathematics, *magna cum laude*, Harvard University

EMPLOYMENT

2009 - University of California, Berkeley:
Professor of Public Policy and Economics (2015-)
Goldman School of Public Policy and Department of Economics
Founding Director, California Policy Lab, Berkeley (2017-)
Past:
Director, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (2015-2020);
Associate Director (2014-2015); Acting Director (2013)
Founding Co-Director, Opportunity Lab (2016-2019)
Associate Professor of Public Policy (2009-2015)
Associate Professor of Economics (2010-2015)

2010 U.S. Department of Labor: Chief Economist

2009 - 2010 Council of Economic Advisers: Senior Economist

2003 - 2009 Princeton University: Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Affairs

1997 - 1998 Economic Policy Institute: Researcher

AFFILIATIONS

2004 - National Bureau of Economic Research: Faculty Research Fellow (2004-2009);
Research Associate (2010-)

2013 - National Education Policy Center, University of Colorado: Fellow

2014 - CESifo Research Network: Fellow

2014 - Forschungsinstitut zur Zukunft der Arbeit GmbH (IZA): Research Fellow

2016 - Learning Policy Institute: Senior Research Fellow

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- “Universal Basic Income in the U.S. and other Advanced Countries” (with Hilary Hoynes). *Annual Review of Economics* 11, 2019: 929-958.
- “Inequality of Educational Opportunity? Schools as Mediators of the Intergenerational Transmission of Income.” *Journal of Labor Economics* 37(S1), January 2019: S85-S123.
- “School Finance Reform and the Distribution of Student Achievement” (with Julien Lafortune and Diane Schanzenbach). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 10(2), April 2018: 1-26.
- “Making Work Pay Better Through an Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit” (with Hilary Hoynes and Krista Ruffini). In *The 51%: Driving Growth through Women’s Economic Participation* (Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach and Ryan Nunn, eds.). Brookings Institution, 2017.
- “Scraping By: Income and Program Participation After the Loss of Extended Unemployment Benefits” (with Robert G. Valletta). *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 36 (4), Fall 2017: 880-908.
- “Measuring the Impact of Teachers: Comment.” *American Economic Review* 107(6), June 2017: 1656-1684.
- “Social Experiments in the Labor Market” (with Till von Wachter). In *Handbook of Field Experiments, vol. 2.* (Abhijit Banerjee & Esther Duflo, eds.). North Holland, 2017.
- “Tax Policy Toward Low-Income Families” (with Hilary Hoynes). In *The Economics of Tax Policy* (Alan Auerbach & Kent Smetters, eds.). Oxford University Press, 2017.
- “The Great Recession and its Aftermath: What Role for Structural Changes?” *The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 3(3), April 2017: 22-49.
- “The Earned Income Tax Credit” (with Austin Nichols). In *Economics of Means-Tested Transfer Programs in the United States (volume 1)*, Robert A. Moffit, ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2016.
- “The Measurement of Student Ability in Modern Assessment Systems” (with Brian Jacob). *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 30(3), Summer 2016: 85-108.
- “Unemployment Insurance and Disability Insurance in the Great Recession” (with Andreas Mueller and Till von Wachter). *Journal of Labor Economics* 34(S1, pt 2), January 2016: S445-S475.
- “The Effect of Extended Unemployment Insurance Benefits: Evidence from the 2012-2014 Phase-Out” (with Henry S. Farber and Robert G. Valletta). *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings* 105(5), May 2015.
- “Teacher Quality Policy When Supply Matters.” *American Economic Review* 105(1), January 2015: 100-130.
- “Permanent Income and the Black-White Test Score Gap” (with Nathan Wozny). *Journal of Human Resources* 48(3), Summer 2013: 510-544.

- “The Labor Market Four Years into the Crisis: Assessing Structural Explanations.” *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 65(3), June 2012: 467-500.
- “Unemployment Insurance and Job Search in the Great Recession.” *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Fall 2011: 143-210.
- “Constrained After College: Student Loans and Early Career Occupational Choices” (with Cecilia Rouse). *Journal of Public Economics* 95(1-2), February 2011: 149-163.
- “Are Mixed Neighborhoods Always Unstable? Two-Sided and One-Sided Tipping” (with David Card and Alexandre Mas). In Harriet Newburger, Eugenie Birch, and Susan Wachter, editors, Neighborhood and Life Chances: How Place Matters in Modern America. 2011. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
- “Is the EITC as Good as an NIT? Conditional Cash Transfers and Tax Incidence.” *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 2(1), February 2010: 177-208.
- “Teacher Quality in Educational Production: Tracking, Decay, and Student Achievement.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 125(1), February 2010: 175-214.
- “The Value of School Facilities: Evidence from a Dynamic Regression Discontinuity Design” (with Stephanie Cellini and Fernando Ferreira). *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 125(1), February 2010: 215-261.
- Republished: *The Economics of Evaluation in Public Programs* (Albert N. Link and John T. Scott, editors, 2011). International Library of Critical Writings in Economics, 258. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
- “Student Sorting and Bias in Value Added Estimation: Selection on Observables and Unobservables.” *Education Finance and Policy* 4(4), Fall 2009: 537-571.
- “Selection Bias in College Admissions Test Scores” (with Melissa Clark and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach). *Economics of Education Review* 28(3), June 2009: 295-307.
- “Affirmative Action in Law School Admissions: What Do Racial Preferences Do?” (with Albert Yoon). *University of Chicago Law Review* 75(2), Spring 2008: 649-714.
- “Tipping and the Dynamics of Segregation” (with David Card and Alexandre Mas). *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 123(1), February 2008: 177-218.
- Republished: *Recent Developments in the Economics of Housing, volume 2* (Yannis M. Ioannides, editor, 2019). International Library of Critical Writings in Economics, 364. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
- “Does Competition Among Public Schools Benefit Students and Taxpayers? A Comment on Hoxby (2000).” *American Economic Review* 97(5), December 2007: 2026-2037.
- “Racial Segregation and the Black-White Test Score Gap” (with David Card). *Journal of Public Economics* 91(11-12), December 2007: 2158-2184.
- “Good Principals or Good Peers? Parental Valuations of School Characteristics, Tiebout Equilibrium, and the Incentive Effects of Competition among Jurisdictions.” *American Economic Review* 96(4), September 2006: 1333-1350.
- “Was Justice O’Connor Right? Race and Highly Selective College Admissions in 25 Years” (with Alan Krueger and Sarah Turner). In Michael McPherson and Morton

Schapiro, editors, College Access: Opportunity or Privilege. 2006. New York: The College Board.

“Race, Income, and College in 25 Years” (with Alan Krueger and Sarah Turner). *American Law and Economics Review* 8(2), Summer 2006: 282-311.

“College Performance Predictions and the SAT.” *Journal of Econometrics* 121(1-2), July-August 2004: 297-317.

WORKING PAPERS

“Measuring the Labor Market at the Onset of the COVID-19 Crisis” (with Alexander W. Bartik, Marianne Bertrand, Feng Lin, and Matthew Unrath). June 2020.

“Variation in Impacts of Letters of Recommendation on College Admissions Decisions: Approximate Balancing Weights for Treatment Effect Heterogeneity in Observational Studies” (with Avi Feller and Eli Ben-Michael). June 2020.

“The Lost Generation? Labor Market Outcomes for Post Great Recession Entrants.” May 2020.

“Can Nudges Increase Take-Up of the EITC? Evidence from Multiple Field Experiments” (with Elizabeth Linos, Allen Prohovsky, Aparna Ramesh, and Matt Unrath). May 2020.

“Winners and Losers? The Effect of Gaining and Losing Access to Selective Colleges on Education and Labor Market Outcomes” (with Sandra E. Black and Jeffrey T. Denning). March 2020. NBER working paper no. 26821.

“Synthetic Controls and Weighted Event Studies with Staggered Adoption” (with Eli Ben-Michael and Avi Feller). December 2019. arXiv:1912.03290.

“The Augmented Synthetic Control Method” (with Eli Ben-Michael and Avi Feller). November 2019. arXiv:1811.04170.

“The Unintended Consequences of Encouraging Work: Tax Incidence and the EITC.” May 2008.

“Mismatch in Law School” (with Albert Yoon). August 2008.

CALIFORNIA POLICY LAB REPORTS

“Increasing Take-Up of the Earned Income Tax Credit” (with Elizabeth Linos, Aparna Ramesh, and Matt Unrath). January 2020.

“The ‘Gig Economy’ and Independent Contracting: Evidence from California Tax Data” (with Annette Bernhardt and Allen Prohovsky). August 2019.

“Making California Data More Useful for Educational Improvement (with Meredith Philips and Sarah Reber). Published by Getting Down To Facts II, Stanford University / Policy Analysis for California Education, September 2018

“Linking Administrative Data: Strategies and Methods” (with Elsa Augustine and Vikash Reddy). White paper, December 19, 2018.

“Increasing the Take Up of Cal Grants” (with Elizabeth Linos and Vikash Reddy). In *Designing Financial Aid for California’s Future*. The Institute for College Access and Success, November 2018.

“The Impact of Letters of Recommendation on UC Berkeley Admissions in the 2016-17 Cycle.”
June 2017.

REPORTS, OPINION, AND OTHER WRITING

“Jobs Numbers Across Countries Since COVID-19” (with Martha Gimbel and Danny Yagan).
June 4.

“The White House’s Favored Recovery Strategy Could Permanently Scar the Economy” (with
Jared Bernstein). Op-ed, *The Washington Post*, May 25, 2020.

Testimony to Regents of the University of California on “Standardized College Entrance Exams:
Current Uses and Academic Perspectives on Use.” May 21, 2020.

“Labor Market Impacts of COVID-19 on Hourly Workers in Small- and Medium-Sized
Businesses: Four Facts from Homebase Data” (with Alexander W. Bartik,
Marianne Bertrand, Feng Lin, and Matthew Unrath.” April 8, 2020 (updated
weekly thereafter).

“UC Regents Should Consider All Evidence and Options in Decision on Admissions Policy”
(with Michal Kurlaender and Sarah Reber). Policy Analysis for California
Education, April 2020.

“Pay now, verify later to loosen the Unemployment Insurance bottleneck,” (with Arindrajit
Dube). Policy brief, Economics for Inclusive Prosperity, March 2020.

“A Fast, Simple Way to Get Support to Workers Without Paid Leave” (with Jared Bernstein).
Op-ed, *The Washington Post*, March 10, 2020.

“The EITC and Minimum Wage Work Together to Reduce Poverty and Raise Incomes” (with
Ben Zipperer). Report, Economic Policy Institute & Institute for Research on
Labor and Employment, January 22, 2020.

“An Expanded View of Government’s Role in Providing Social Insurance and Investing in
Children” (with Sandra Black). In Suresh Naidu, Dani Rodrik, and Gabriel
Zucman, eds., *Economics for Inclusive Prosperity: An Introduction*, January 2019.

“What Does the Seattle Experience Teach Us About Minimum Wages?” (with Diane
Schanzenbach). EconoFact, Tufts University, August 2017.

“Do Minimum Wages Really Kill Jobs?” (with Michael Reich). EconoFact, Tufts University,
April 2017.

“Social Security Benefits: When Do You Plan to Retire?” EconoFact, Tufts University, February
2017.

“Expand Social Security.” Washington Center for Equitable Growth, October 31, 2016.

“UC Berkeley Admissions in 2015 and 2016: An Analysis of the Role of Letters of
Recommendation and Augmented Review.” Report to the UC Berkeley faculty
committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education, July 2016.

“Taking on Teacher Tenure Backfires.” Op-ed, *The New York Times*, June 13, 2014.

“Effects of Value-Added Policies.” *Focus* (University of Wisconsin Institute for Research on
Poverty) 29(2), Fall/Winter 2012-13, 23-24.

- “Review of Two Culminating Reports from the MET Project” (with William J. Mathis).
Published online in Think Tank Review, National Education Policy Center,
Boulder Colorado, <http://nepc.colorado.edu/thinktank/review-MET-final-2013>,
January 31, 2013.
- “Evaluating Teacher Evaluation” (with Linda Darling-Hammond, Audrey Beardsley, and
Edward Haertel). *Phi Delta Kappan* 93(6), March 2012: 8-15.
- “Let’s Not Rush into Value-Added Evaluations.” In *Room for Debate* feature,
<http://www.nytimes.com>, January 16, 2012.
- “Using Housing Markets to Estimate the Value of School Infrastructure Investments” (with
Stephanie Riegg Cellini and Fernando Ferreira). *Wharton Real Estate Review* 15
(2), Fall 2011.
- “Review of ‘Learning About Teaching: Initial Findings from the Measures of Effective
Teaching Project.’” Published online in Think Tank Review, National Education
Policy Center, Boulder Colorado, <http://nepc.colorado.edu/thinktank/review-learning-about-teaching>,
January 13, 2011.
- “Assessing a Teacher’s Value: More Harm Than Good.” In *Room for Debate* feature,
<http://www.nytimes.com>, Sept. 6, 2010.
- “Conversation: Merit, Testing, and Opportunity” (with Richard Rothstein). *The American
Prospect* 11 (21), Sept. 25-Oct. 9, 2000, pp. 19-20.
- “Taxes and the Internet: Updating Tax Structures for a Wired World” (with Traci Gleason
Wright). *State Tax Notes* 17 (9), August 23, 1999.

POLICY & ISSUE BRIEFS

- “There Is More to Equal Access to a Good Education Than Sound School Budgets.” Policy
Brief, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, August 2017.
- “Can Value-Added Models Identify Teachers’ Impacts?” Policy Brief, UC Berkeley Institute for
Research on Labor and Employment, December 2016.
- “Can School Finance Reforms Improve Student Achievement?” (with Julien Lafortune and
Diane Schanzenbach). Policy Brief, UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor
and Employment, March 2016.
- “The New California Earned Income Tax Credit” (with Claire Montialoux). Policy Brief, UC
Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, December 2015.
- “The Earned Income Tax Credit” Issue Brief, Washington Center for Equitable Growth,
December 2015.
- “The Great Recession and Its Aftermath: What Role Do Structural Changes Play?” Issue Brief,
Washington Center for Equitable Growth, June 2015.
- “Extended Unemployment Insurance Remains Critical.” Issue Brief, Washington Center for
Equitable Growth, May 25, 2014.

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2011 John T. Dunlop Outstanding Scholar, Labor and Employment Relations
 Association

- 2006 - 2007 Nicholas Fellow, Center for Economic Policy Studies, Princeton University
 2006 - 2009 Jacob Viner University Preceptorship, Princeton University
 2003 Public Policy Research Prize, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley
 2000 - 2003 Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation
 2002 - 2003 Graduate Fellowship, Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics, UC Berkeley
 1998 - 1999 Departmental Fellowship, Goldman School of Public Policy, UC Berkeley

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2019 - Board of Editors, *Education Finance and Policy*
 2019 - Associate Editor, *Review of Economics and Statistics*
 2011 - Board of Editors, *American Economic Review*
 2012 - Associate Editor, *Industrial Relations*
 2016 - Advisory Board, *Capital & Main* (online newspaper)
 2015 - Research Advisory Board, Washington Center for Equitable Growth
 2010 - Review Panel, College & Beyond (Mellon Foundation)
 2019 Testimony, U.S. Civil Rights Commission hearing on school finance.
 2012 - 2018 Technical Review Committee, National Longitudinal Surveys
 2016 - 2018 Technical Working Group on Adequacy of Unemployment Insurance Benefits, U.S. Department of Labor
 2019 Testimony, New York Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, hearing on school finance.
 2014 - 2016 Member (2014) and Chair (2016), H. Gregg Lewis Prize Committee (Society of Labor Economists)
 2012 - 2016 Executive Committee, UC Berkeley / UC San Francisco Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Scholars in Health Policy Research Program.
 2011 - 2015 Expert Panel, Interagency Working Group on Expanded Measures of Enrollment and Attainment (National Center for Education Statistics)
 2010 - 2015 Advisory Council, Tipping Point Foundation
 2010 - 2013 Technical Review Panel, High School Longitudinal Study of 2009
 2009 - 2011 External Advisory Council, Chicago Public Education Fund

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 2020 Co-organizer, Economics of Mobility conference, NBER
 2020 Trans-Pacific Labor Studies conference, UC Berkeley
 2019 Convening on Income Support Policies, Russell Sage Foundation
 2019 Convening on Higher Education Financing, Russell Sage Foundation
 2016 Conference on the Causes of Wage Stagnation, UC Berkeley
 2016,7,8 Program Committee, Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) Annual Meetings
 2012,3,6,7 Program Committee, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings
 2015 Program Committee, Econometric Society World Congress
 2011,4 Program Committee (2011) and Co-Organizer (2014), All-California Labor Economics Conference

EXTERNAL GRANTS

- 2020 – 2022 Laura and John Arnold Foundation, “The California Policy Lab – Berkeley” (PI; \$2,689,129)

- 2019 – 2022 California Workforce Development Board, “CAAL-Skills Evaluation and Assessment” (PI of subcontract from UCLA, \$250,000)
- 2019 – 2021 William T. Grant Foundation, “Subjectivity and Bias in College Admissions: Can Letters of Recommendation Promote Fairer Decisions?” (PI; \$265,223)
- 2019 – 2020 University of California Office of the President, “California Policy Lab: Studying Inequality and Homelessness” (Lead PI, with Michal Kurlaender, Margot Kushel, Emily Owens, and Till von Wachter; \$1,249,963)
- 2018 – 2021 Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, “Gig Economy” (Co-PI, with Annette Bernhardt; \$409,980)
- 2018 – 2020 James Irvine Foundation, “California Policy Lab” (PI; \$575,000)
- 2018 – 2020 Jameel Poverty Action Lab, “Increasing the Take-Up of Cal Grant Awards Through Improved Notification Letters” (PI; \$99,232)
- 2018 – 2020 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, “The ‘Gig Economy’ and Independent Contracting: Evidence from California Tax Data on Prevalence, Industry Concentration, Incomes, and Use by Older Workers” (Co-PI, with Annette Bernhardt; \$219,875)
- 2018 – 2019 Jameel Poverty Action Lab, “Using Tax Information to Reduce Poverty and Increase Tax Compliance in California” (Co-PI, with Julie Moreno; \$98,768)
- 2018 – 2019 U.S. Department of Labor / Avar Consulting, “The ‘Gig Economy’ and Independent Contracting: Evidence from California Tax Data” (PI; \$49,880)
- 2018 – 2019 Laura and John Arnold Foundation, “The California Policy Lab – Berkeley” (PI; \$2,675,000)
- 2018 – 2019 Tipping Point Community, “EITC Outreach Campaign Evaluation” (PI; \$110,000)
- 2017 Laura and John Arnold Foundation, “The California Policy Lab – Berkeley (Pilot Year Proposal)” (Co-PI, with Justin McCrary; \$931,629)
- 2016 – 2018 Russell Sage Foundation, “The Role of Education in the Intergenerational Transmission of Inequality: Using Spatial Differences in Developmental Trajectories to Identify Channels” (PI; \$142,821)
- 2014 - 2016 Washington Center for Equitable Growth, “School Finance Reform and Educational Equity” (PI; \$60,000)
- 2014 - 2016 Spencer Foundation, “School Finance Reform and the Distribution of Student Achievement” (co-PI, with Diane Schanzenbach; \$305,469)
- 2012 - 2013 Russell Sage Foundation, “The Labor Market in the Great Recession: What Role for the Supply Side?” (PI; \$156,270)
- 2008 - 2011 Institute for Education Sciences, “Value Added Models and the Measurement of Teacher Quality” (R305A080560, PI; \$294,295)
- 2005 - 2007 Mellon Foundation, “Affirmative Action and Law School Admissions: The Mismatch Hypothesis and Minority Student Performance” (co-PI, with Albert Yoon)
- 2004 - 2005 UCLA Center on Education Policy and Evaluation, “Race, Income and College in 25 Years” (co-PI, with Alan Krueger and Sarah Turner; \$50,000).

TEACHING

University of California, Berkeley:

Quantitative Methods for Public Policy (masters level)
Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate)
Economics of Education Policy (doctoral & masters level)
Statistics for Program Evaluation (masters level)
Introduction to Policy Analysis (masters level)

Princeton University:

Econometrics and Public Policy: Advanced (masters level)
Public Economics (Ph.D. level)
Nominated twice for Princeton University Graduate Mentoring Award.

Other:

Short course in Labor Economics (with Lowell Taylor). Delivered at:
American Economic Association continuing education program, January 2013.
Canadian Labour Market and Skills Research Network summer school, June 2013.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Economic Association, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Econometric Society, Labor and Employment Relations Association, Society of Labor Economists.