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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of California at Davis

2009-present	Professor of Economics
2017-present	Director, UC Davis Center for Poverty and Inequality Research
2011-2017	Deputy Director, UC Davis Center for Poverty Research
2005-2011	Director, UC Davis Economy, Justice and Society Program
2003-2008	Associate Professor of Economics
1996-2003	Assistant Professor of Economics

Santa Clara University

1995-1996	Assistant Professor of Economics
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2015-present	Research Fellow, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)
2015-present	Affiliate, Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunity
2013-present	Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty
2003-present	Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research
2011-2020	Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Michigan, 1995

B.A., Economics, Cum Laude, University of Washington, 1987

PUBLICATIONS: JOURNALS AND VOLUMES (student mentees underlined>

“New Advances on an Old Question: Does Money Matter for Children’s Outcomes?”
Journal of Economic Literature, 62(3): 891-947, September 2024.

“Multi-generational Impacts of Childhood Access to the Safety Net: Early Life Exposure to Medicaid and the Next Generation’s Health” (with Chloe East, Sarah Miller and Laura Wherry), *American Economic Review*, 113(1): 98-135, January 2023.

“How Do Early Life Health Experiences Affect Future Generations’ Equality of Opportunity?” (with Chloe East), in *Confronting Inequality: Policy and Practice to*

Promote Equality of Opportunity for Children (American Psychological Association edited volume), May 2020.

“Welfare Reform, 1834: Did the New Poor Law in England Produce Significant Economic Gains?” (with Gregory Clark), *Cliometrica*, 13, 221-244, May 2019.

“The Effects of Aggregate and Gender-Specific Labor Demand Shocks on Child Health” (with Jessamyn Schaller and David Simon), *Journal of Human Resources*, 54(1): 37-78, January 2019.

“Cash for Kids” (with Marianne Bitler and Annie Hines), *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 4(2): 43-73, February 2018.

“The Best of Times, the Worst of Times: Understanding Pro-cyclical Mortality,” (with Ann Stevens, Doug Miller, and Mateusz Filipski), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 7(4):279-311, November 2015.

“War and Marriage: Assortative Mating and the World War II G.I. Bill,” (with Matthew Larsen, T.J. McCarthy, Jeremy Moulton, and Ankur Patel), *Demography*, 52(5): 1431-1461, October 2015.

“A Pint for a Pound: New Evidence on Minimum Drinking Age Laws, Pregnancy, and Birth Outcomes” (with Alan Barreca), *Health Economics*, 24(4): 400-418, April 2015.

“Estimating the Distributional Effects of Education Reforms: A Look at Project STAR,” (with Erika Felts), *Economics of Education Review*, 32: 92-103, February 2013.

“Can Targeted Transfers Improve Birth Outcomes? Evidence from the Introduction of the WIC Program,” (with Hilary Hoynes and Ann Stevens), *Journal of Public Economics*, 95 (7-8): 813-827, August 2011.

“Sex and Science: How Professor Gender affects the Gender Gap,” (with Scott Carrell and Jim West), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 125 (3): 1101-1144, August 2010.

“The Signaling Model of Education,” in International Encyclopedia of Education Third Edition, Eva Baker, Penelope Peterson and Barry McGaw, Editors, Elsevier Limited, Oxford, 2010.

“Why Are Recessions Good for your Health?” (with Doug Miller, Ann Stevens, and Mateusz Filipski), *American Economic Review*, 99(2): 122-127, May 2009.

“Parental Income Shocks and Outcomes of Disadvantaged Youth in the United States” (with Ann Stevens and Jason Lindo), in An Economic Perspective on the Problems of Disadvantaged Youth, Jonathan Gruber, Editor; University of Chicago Press, Chicago, IL, 2009: 213-235.

“The Intergenerational Effects of Worker Displacement” (with Philip Oreopoulos and Ann Stevens), *Journal of Labor Economics*, 26(3): 455-483, July 2008.

“Family Background and Children’s Transitions to Adulthood Over Time” (with Melanie Guldi and Ann Stevens), in The Price of Independence: The Economics of Early Adulthood. Sheldon Danziger and Cecilia Elena Rouse, Editors; Russell Sage Foundation Press, New York, NY, 2007: 261-277.

“Does Human Capital Transfer from Parent to Child? The Intergenerational Effects of Compulsory Schooling.” (with Philip Oreopoulos and Ann Stevens), *Journal of Labor Economics*, 24(4): 729-760, October 2006.

“Poverty in America: Trends and Explanations,” (with Hilary Hoynes and Ann Stevens), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 20(1): 47-68, Winter 2006.

“Understanding Racial Differences in the Economic Costs of Growing Up in a Single Parent Family,” (with Ann Huff Stevens), *Demography*, 42(1): 75-90, February 2005.

“Does the Minimum Wage Affect Welfare Caseloads?” (with Joanne Spetz and Jane Millar), *The Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 24(2): 273-295, Spring 2005.

“The Economic Consequences of Absent Parents,” (with Ann Huff Stevens), *The Journal of Human Resources*, 39(1): 80-107, Winter 2004.

“To What Extent to Fiscal Regimes Equalize Opportunities for Income Acquisition Among Citizens?” (with John E. Roemer, Rolf Aaberge, Ugo Colombino, Johan Fritzell, Stephen P. Jenkins, Ivo Marx, Evert Pommer, Javier Ruiz-Castillo, Maria Jesus San Segundo, Torben Traanes, Gert G. Wagner and Ignacio Zubiri); *The Journal of Public Economics*, 87(3-4): 539-565, March 2003.

“Can School Choice and School Accountability Successfully Coexist?” (with David Figlio); in The Economics of School Choice, Caroline M. Hoxby, Editor; University of Chicago Press (for the National Bureau of Economic Research), Chicago, IL, 2003: 49-66.

“Are Single-Year Measures of Neighborhood Characteristics Useful Proxies for Children’s Long-Run Neighborhood Environment?” (with James Kunz and Gary Solon); *Economics Letters*, 79(2): 231-237, May 2003.

“Correlations between Sisters and Neighboring Girls in Their Subsequent Income as Adults” (with Gary Solon), *The Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 18(5): 545-562, September/October 2003.

“Correlations between Brothers and Neighboring Boys in Their Adult Earnings: The Importance of Being Urban” (with Gary Solon), *The Journal of Labor Economics*, 21(4): 831-855, October 2003.

“School Choice and the Distributional Effects of Ability Tracking: Does Separation Increase Inequality?” (with David Figlio), *The Journal of Urban Economics*, 51(3), 497-514, May 2002.

“The U.S. Fiscal System as an Equal-Opportunity Device” (with John E. Roemer); in Inequality in Tax Policy, Kevin A. Hassett and R. Glenn Hubbard, eds., Washington, D.C: The American Enterprise Institute Press, 2001.

“New Evidence on Intergenerational Correlations in Welfare Participation.” in Generational Income Mobility in North America and Europe, Miles Corak, Editor, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK; 2004.

“Correlations between Neighboring Children in Their Subsequent Educational Attainment” (with Gary Solon and Greg Duncan); *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 82(3), 383-392, August 2000.

“Examining the Link Between Wages and Quality in the Teacher Workforce: The Role of Alternative Labor Market Opportunities and Non-Pecuniary Variation” (with Susanna Loeb); *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 82 (3), 393-408, August 2000.

“Degrees Matter: New Evidence on Sheepskin Effects in the Returns to Education” (with David Jaeger), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 78 (4), 733-739, November 1996.

“Racial and Ethnic Discrimination in Urban Housing Markets: Evidence from a Recent Audit Study,” *Journal of Urban Economics*, 38 (20), 183-206, September 1995.

REVIEWS, COMMENTS, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“*Safety Net Programs Have Long Term Benefits for Children in Poor Households*” UC Davis Center for Poverty Research Policy Brief, March 2017.

“*The Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty and the Long Reach of Child Health and Nutrition Programs*” UC Center Sacramento Bacon Competition White Paper and Policy Brief, March 2017.

“*GOP Health Plan Would Harm Low-Income Kids*” Sacramento Bee, March 16, 2017.

“*Children and the Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty: Research Frontiers and Policy Implications*” UC Davis Center for Poverty Research White Paper, February 2016.

“*Despite the Statistics, We Haven’t Lost the War on Poverty*” (with Ann Stevens) Time Magazine (online edition), January 8, 2015.

“*Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children Increases Infant Health*” UC Davis Center for Poverty Research Policy Brief, September 2015.

“Are Jobs the Solution to Poverty?” *Pathways, A Magazine on Poverty, Inequality and Social Policy*, Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, Summer 2014: 10-13.

“*War on Poverty: It’s Not a Lost Cause*” (with Ann Stevens) Los Angeles Times, January 8, 2014.

“Review of Soldiers to Citizens: The G.I. Bill and the Making of the Greatest Generation.” *Journal of Economic Literature*, 65(4): 1076-1078, December 2007.

“Does the Minimum Wage Affect Welfare Caseloads?” Public Policy Institute of California Working Paper No. 2003.18, June 2003.

“Review of Understanding Poverty, Sheldon H. Danziger and Robert H. Haveman eds.” *Journal of Economic Literature*, 41(2); 603-605, June 2003.

“The Food Stamp Program in an Era of Welfare Reform: Discussion,” *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 82(3), 656-658, August 2000.

WORKING PAPERS

“Generational Persistence in the Effects of an Early Childhood Health Intervention” (with Sara Abrahamsson, Aline Butikofer and Katrine Loken), submitted.

“Do WIC’s Health Impacts Translate into Improvements in Children’s Academic Achievement?” (with Briana Ballis).

“The Kids Will Be Alright: Long term Effects of “Growing Up” During a Recession” (with Xiaohan Zhang), July 2014

“Fathers’ Education and Children’s Human Capital: Evidence from the WWII G.I. Bill,” October 2007.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Do Early Life Health Interventions Impact Educational Outcomes?” (with Briana Ballis).

“Intergenerational Impacts of an Immigration Policy on Infant Health and Schooling Outcomes” (with Briana Ballis, Chloe East, Elira Kuka and Na’ama Shenav).

EXTERNAL AWARDS AND GRANTS

National Institutes of Health, “Economic Security Policy and Birth Outcomes among Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Women.” 2023. Co-I.

- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), “National Research Center on Poverty and Economic Mobility.” 2021. Co-I.
- UC Multicampus Research Programs and Initiatives, “UC Network on Child Health, Poverty and Public Policy.” 2019. PI.
- National Institutes of Child Health and Development, “Investments, Life Events, and Health Within and Across Generations.” 2018. Co-PI.
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, “Multi-generational Effects of Early Life Health and Nutrition Investments.” 2017. PI.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, “Multi-generational Effects of Prenatal and Early Life Access to SNAP.” 2017. PI.
- Military Family Research Institute, “War and Marriage: Assortative Mating and the World War II G.I. Bill.” Award for Excellence in Research Regarding Military and Veteran Families. 2016.
- UCCS Bacon Public Lectureship and White Paper Competition, “The Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty and the Long Reach of Child Health and Nutrition Programs.” 2016.
- National Science Foundation, “Understanding the Long-Term Effects on Children in Economic Distress.” 2013.
- UC Davis Interdisciplinary Frontiers in the Humanities and Arts, “Understanding the Long-term Effects on Children in Economic Distress.” 2013.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, “UC Davis Poverty Research Center.” 2011.
- National Science Foundation, “Why are Recessions Good for your Health? Understanding Procyclical Mortality.” 2009.
- National Institute of Health, “The Effects of Alcohol Policies on Fetal Health and Children’s Development.” 2009.
- UC Berkeley-National Institute of Health, “Are Recessions Really Good for Your Health? Understanding Pro-cyclical Mortality.” 2008.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, “The Impact of Food and Nutrition Programs on Short and Long Run Economic and Health Outcomes: New Results Using Program Introduction.” 2007.
- California Department of Social Services, “Does the Rising Tide Lift All Boats?” 2005.
- National Science Foundation, “The Intergenerational Transmission of Human Capital.” 2004.
- Joint Center for Poverty Research/Department of Health and Human Services, “A Dynamic Analysis of the Consequences of Growing up in a Single Parent Family: Does Welfare Help?” 2001.
- National Science Foundation, “Is There Profit in Reforming the Poor?: The English Poor Law 1812-1842.” 2001.
- Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research Visiting Scholar Position, January 2001-December 2001.
- National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship, January 2001-December 2002.

Public Policy Institute of California, “To Estimate the Degree to Which Minimum Wages Help Low Income Families,” 2000.

Spencer Foundation, “The Role of Compensating Differentials, Alternative Labor Market Opportunities and Endogenous Selection in Teacher Labor Markets” 1999.

Joint Center for Poverty Research, “Does the Minimum Wage Affect AFDC and Food Stamp Participation?” 1998.

National Science Foundation, “Correlations Between Neighboring Children in their Socioeconomic Status as Adults.” 1996.

INVITED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (since 2015)

Institute of Fiscal Studies -University College London (2024), University of York (2024), University of Copenhagen (2024), University of Geneva (2024), Dondena-Cornell Gathering (2024), National Bureau of Economic Research (2024), Society of Labor Economics (2024), Northwestern Family and Education Workshop (2024), University of Aarhus (2023), All-UC Demography Conference (2023), Northwestern Family and Education Workshop (2023), University of Uppsala (2022), UC Santa Barbara (2022), University of Notre Dame (2022), University of Pittsburgh (2022), University of Kentucky (2022), Northwestern Family and Education Workshop (2022), San Diego State University (2021), Northwestern Family and Education Workshop (2020), Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (2019), 10th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference (2019), Montana State University (2019-Distinguished Lecture), Social Gradient Workshop, Uppsala, Sweden (2019), Norwegian School of Economics Workshop on Intergenerational Mobility, Gender, and Family Formation (2019), Northwestern Family and Education Workshop (2019), Bronfenbrenner Conference on Policy and Practice to Promote Equality of Opportunity for Children – Cornell University (2018), Duke University (2018), University of California Berkeley (2018), University of Wisconsin IRP Summer Research Workshop (2018), Society of Labor Economics (2018), Tufts/University of Connecticut RIDGE Workshop (2018), University of Arizona (2017), University of Mannheim (2017), Duke University (2017), Bacon Public Lectureship (2017), Northwestern Family and Education Workshop (2017), Purdue University (2016), Russell Sage Foundation Anti-Poverty Policy Initiatives Conference (2016), Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting (2016), University of Quebec Conference on Inequalities and Families (2016), California State University San Luis Obispo (2016), Northwestern Family and Education Workshop (2016), University of Southern California (2015), Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (2015), University of Houston (2015), University of Montreal Conference on Family Economics (2015), University of Texas-Austin (2015), Texas A & M (2015)

PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Editorial Boards

Editorial Board, Journal of Labor Economics, 2025-present

Co-Editor, Journal of Human Resources, 2020-present

Co-Editor, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2018-2020.
Editorial Board, *Education, Finance and Policy*, 2005-2012.
Editorial Board, *The B.E. Journals in Economic Policy and Analysis*, 2006-2012.

Policy Related Service

Member, Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, State of California 2020-2025
Member, Governor's Economic Recovery Taskforce, State of California 2020-2021
Senior Advisor, Project on Trends in Child Poverty, Child Trends Organization, 2022-2024
Program Organizer and Presenter, UC Davis Center for Poverty Research- UC Center Sacramento Workshop "Child Poverty Research, Public Policy, and the Road Ahead," March 2017.
Program Co-organizer and Presenter, UC Davis Center for Poverty Research Poverty Summit, April 2016.

Testimony and other Policy Speaking Engagements

Brookings-Congressional Budget Office Workshop on Children's Health, 2022.
California Little Hoover Commission, "How will the Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic Affect Intergenerational Mobility?" 2020.
10th Biennial Childhood Obesity Summit, 2019.
UC Riverside's Blum Initiative on Global and Regional Poverty Policy and Practice Summit, "Safety Net Programs and Economic Mobility," 2018.
Institute for Research on Poverty/Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Research and Policy Forum: Rethinking Welfare: Promoting Opportunity and Independence, "U.S. Health and Nutrition Programs and Intergenerational Economic Mobility," 2018.
UC Davis School of Public Health Lecture Series "The Long Term and Multigenerational Impacts of Childhood Access to Health and Nutrition Programs," 2018.
California Community Services Block Grant Advisory Council Meeting, 2015.
Assembly Select Committee on Delinquency Prevention and Youth Development, "Long Term Impacts of Childhood Food Insecurity and Interventions," 2014.
Solano County Supervisor Panel, "Discussion on Women in Poverty in Solano County," 2014.
CalFresh Nutrition Education Training Workshop, 2014.

Other Professional Service

Member, Board of Overseers, Panel Study of Income Dynamics, 2012-2017.
Member, Executive Board, Society of Labor Economists, 2012-2015.
Member, Steering Committee, NBER Children's Group, 2022-present
Member, Lewis Prize Committee, Society of Labor Economists, 2018-2020 (Chair).
Member, Program Committee, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2014-2015.
Member, Mincer Award Committee, Society of Labor Economists, 2014, 2015.
Mentor, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession Junior Mentoring Program, 2012, 2020.

Member, Panel Review Committee, National Institutes of Health, 2024.
 Member, Panel Review Committee, W.T. Grant Foundation, 2019.
 Member, Panel Review Committee, National Science Foundation, 2014, 2015.
 Invited Guest, KDVS “Office Hour” Radio Show, April 2018.
 Consultant, MacArthur Foundation, 2010, LA Times 2004.

Program Organizer, UCD Center for Poverty Research/MRPI conference on Child Poverty in California: What Do We Know and How Can We Put Research Into Action? (February 2020), UCD Center for Poverty Research/MRPI Network on Child Health, Poverty and Public Policy Summer School (September 2019); UCD Center for Poverty Research conference on Employment Earnings and Inequality (October 2015), UCD Program Chair, UCD War on Poverty conference (January 2014), UCD Center for Poverty Research Conference on Long Term Effects of Early Life Events (May 2013), UCD Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Family (May 2011), UCD conference on Economic and Social Mobility (May 2010), UCD conference Race Matters: Socioeconomic Perspectives on the Racial Divide in America (May 2009), All-UC Labor Workshop (September 2007), UCD Conference on Gender over the Life-cycle (May 2007), UCD Conference on Child Well-being in the Twenty-first Century (June 2006), UCD Conference on Education, Diversity and Public Policy in California (May 2005), co-organizer UCD Conference on Income and Health (May 2004), co-organizer UCD Conference on Education, Human Capital and Social Inequality (May 2002).

Grant Reviewer, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Social Science and Humanities Research Council (Canada), William T. Grant Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, NorFace Dial Program, Russell Sage Foundation.

Journal Reviewer, American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Berkeley Electronic Press, Canadian Journal of Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, Demography, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Economic Journal, Education Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Industrial Relations, International Economic Review, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Economic Literature, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Southern Economic Journal, Science.

GRADUATE STUDENTS (by initial placement)

Seojung Oh 2025, University of North Carolina Charlotte
 Chang Jae Lee 2025, Korea Labor Institute
 Baiyu Zhou 2024, Charles River Associates
 Konstantin Kunze, 2023, University of Rochester (Post-Doc)
 Arian Seifoddini, 2022, Federal Trade Commission
 Justin Wiltshire, 2022, University of Queensland (currently University of Victoria)
 Eden Volkov, 2022, Employee Benefit Research Institute

Briana Ballis, 2020, UC Merced
 John Blanchette, 2020, California Air Resources Board
 Annie Hines, 2020, Cornerstone Research
 Cynthia Van der Werf, 2020, Louisiana State University (currently Inter-American Dev. Bank)
 Siobhan O’Keefe, 2019, Davidson College
 Chuan He, 2018, Huazhong University of Science and Technology
 Esra Kose, 2017, Bucknell University (currently UC Merced)
 Jongkwan Lee, 2017, Korea Development Institute
 Ariel Pihl, 2017, University of Gothenburg
 Zhe Yang, 2017, Jinan University
 Gaetano Basso, 2016, Bank of Italy
 Chloe East, 2016, University of Colorado Denver
 Ji Hyun Park, 2016, Korea Information Society Development Institute
 Na’ama Shenav, 2016, Dartmouth College
 Massimo Anelli, 2015, Bocconi University
 Elira Kuka, 2015, Southern Methodist University (currently, UC Merced)
 Xiaohan Zhang, 2015, CSU Los Angeles (currently, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas)
 Daniel Diaz Vidal, 2014, Wabash College
 David Simon, 2013, University of Connecticut
 Matthew Larsen, 2012, Tulane (currently Lafayette)
 Lisa Shulkind, 2012, Trinity College (currently University of North Carolina – Charlotte)
 Teny Maghakian, 2012, UC Merced (currently Santa Clara University)
 TJ McCarthy, 2012, USC School of Public Policy
 Rebbecca Reed-Arthurs, 2012, Berkeley Research Group
 Jed Richardson, 2011, Wisc Center for Educ Research (currently Wisconsin HOPE Lab)
 Jason Lindo, 2009, University of Oregon (currently Georgia State University)
 Peter Huckfeldt, 2009, RAND (currently University of Minnesota)
 Marcella Hemmeter, 2008, U.S. Naval Academy (adjunct)
 Sami Kitmitto, 2006, American Institute of Research
 Melanie Guldi, 2006, Mount Holyoke College (currently University of Central Florida)
 Eric Jamelske, 2002, UW Eau Claire
 Lisa Cappellari, 2000, Naval Post-Graduate School

TEACHING

Graduate Poverty and Public Policy (current)
 Graduate Labor Economics (current)
 Graduate Public Finance
 Undergraduate Labor Economics (current)
 Undergraduate Intermediate Microeconomics
 Undergraduate Principles of Microeconomics (at Santa Clara University)