

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Wisconsin–Madison, August 2004
Research Areas: Public Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics

M.S. Economics, University of Wisconsin–Madison, December 2001

B.A. Mathematics and Economics (with Honors), Calvin College, May 1999

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Public Administration & Int'l Affairs, Syracuse University (*Summer 2015 – present*)

Assistant Professor, Public Administration & Int'l Affairs, Syracuse University (*Fall 2013 – Spring 2015*)

Senior Research Associate, Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University (*Fall 2013 – present*)

Assistant Professor, Economics, University of Florida (*Fall 2004 – Summer 2013*)

Research Assistant, Institute for Research on Poverty (Fall 2001-Summer 2002)

Research Assistant, Calvin College Department of Economics and Business (*Summer 1998*)

PUBLISHED RESEARCH

“AFDC and Births to Unwed Women.” with Kurt C. Schaefer and Thomas VanderVeen. *Labour Economics* 9, Issue 6: December 2002.

“The Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Tax Credits: Participation Rates Among Eligible Workers.” *National Tax Journal* 56, Issue 4: December 2003.

“Temporary Help Service Firms’ Use of Employer Tax Credits: Implications for Disadvantaged Workers’ Labor Market Outcomes.” with Carolyn Heinrich. *Southern Economic Journal* 74, Issue 4: April 2008.

- “The Effects of an Employer Subsidy on Employment Outcomes: A Study of the Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Tax Credits.” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 27, Issue 3: Summer 2008.
- “Does Pre-Natal WIC Participation Improve Birth Outcomes?” with David Figlio and Jeffrey Roth. *Journal of Public Economics* 93, Issues 1-2: February 2009.
- “The Effect of Parental Medicaid Expansions on Job Mobility.” with Matthew Kim. *Journal of Health Economics* 28, Issue 4: July 2009.
- “Why Don’t Eligible Firms Claim Hiring Subsidies? The Role of Job Duration.” *Economic Inquiry* 49, Issue 3, pp. 916-934: July 2011.
- “Participation and Crowd Out: Assessing the Effects of Parental Medicaid Expansions.” with Matthew Kim. *Journal of Health Economics* 32, Issue 1, pp. 160-171: January 2013.
- “The Effects of Medicaid Earnings Limits on Earnings Growth among Poor Workers.” *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy (Topics)* 13, Issue 2, pp. 887-919: 2013.
- “Temporary Help Work: Compensating Differentials and Multiple Jobs.” with Carolyn Heinrich and Peter Mueser. *Industrial Relations*, 53, Issue 1, pp. 72–100: January 2014.
- “Information Shocks and the Takeup of Social Programs” with David Figlio and Jeffrey Roth. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 34, Issue 4, pp. 781-804: Fall 2015.
- “Food Security and Teenage Labor Supply” with Matthew Kim. *Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy*, 38, Issue 1, pp. 73-92: March 2016.
- “Wearing Out Your Welcome: Examining Differential Medicaid Eligibility of New Entrants and Continuing Recipients” with Burçin Ünel. *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 35, Issue 3, pp. 457-471: July 2017.
- “Pregnancy Medicaid Expansions and Fertility: Differentiating Between the Intensive and Extensive Margins” with Lincoln Groves and Leonard Lopoo. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 37, Issue 3, pp. 461-484: June 2018.
- “Business Cycles, Medicaid Generosity, and Birth Outcomes” with Yilin Hou, Yusun Kim, and Douglas Wolf. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 37, Issue 5, pp. 729-749: October 2018.
- “The Effects of Parental Medicaid Expansions on Children’s Health Insurance Coverage” with Matthew Kim and Brenden Timpe. *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 37, Issue 2, pp.297-311: April 2019.
- “Do expansions in adolescent access to public insurance affect the decisions of substance use disorder treatment providers?” with Johanna Catherine Maclean, *Journal of Health Economics* Vol. 76, March 2021.
- “Insurance Expansions and Adolescent Use of Substance Use Disorder Treatment” with Johanna Catherine Maclean, *Health Services Research*, 56, Issue 2, pp.256-267: April 2021
- “The Effect of Public Health Insurance Expansions on the Mental and Behavioral Health of Girls and Boys” with Jinqi Ye, *Social Science and Medicine*, Vol. 280, July 2021.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book review of “Lifting Up the Poor: A Dialogue on Religion, Poverty, and Welfare Reform,” by Mary Jo Bane and Lawrence M. Mead. *Faith and Economics* 44: Fall 2004, pp. 96-100.

“The Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Tax Credits.” Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center Brief No. 15, October 2005.

Book review of “The Decline of the Secular University: Why the Academy Needs Religion,” by C. John Sommerville. *Faith and Economics* 47/48: Spring/Fall 2006, pp. 111-114.

“The Bare Minimum” *New York Times* op-ed. March 8, 2007.

“Employment Subsidies to Firms and Workers: Key Distinctions between the Effects of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit.” Chapter 7 in What Works for Workers, ed. Stephanie Luce, Jennifer Luff, Joseph A. McCartin, and Ruth Milkman. Russell Sage Foundation, January 2014: pp. 186-214.

“Finding Trust in the Economy” *Comment* magazine, Spring 2017.

“On Being a Visible Christian Economist” (essay contribution), *Faith and Economics* 71, Spring 2018, pp. 34-40.

“Are We Our Students’ Keepers?” *Comment* magazine, Spring 2018.

Guest Editor for *Comment* magazine, “Minimalism” issue, Winter 2018, Vol. 36, Issue 4.

“New York’s Recovery Drove National COVID-19 Case Reduction” Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion, Data Slice #25, July 2, 2020.

“Countering Counter-Factual COVID Confusion.” *Convivium* magazine, July 10, 2020.

“Uncertainty: The Beauty and Bedrock of Statistics.” *Comment* magazine, Fall 2020.

REVISED FOR RESUBMISSION

“Identifying the Effects of Pregnancy Medicaid on Mother, Infant, and Child Health” with Melanie Guldi (*resubmitted Dec 2021*)

WORKING PAPERS

“Under the Same Umbrella: Public health insurance expansions and the uniformity of insurance for families” with Dan Grossman and Sebastian Tello-Trillo

“Does Early Food Insecurity Impede the Educational Access Needed to Become Food Secure?” with Matthew Kim

“Does SNAP Increase Young Adults’ Engagement in Higher Education: Longitudinal evidence from the PSID” with Matthew Kim

“SNAP Access and Young Adults’ Educational Engagement: Evidence from SIPP and ACS”

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Extent and Consequences of SNAP Underreporting among Young Adults”

GRANTS

William T. Grant Foundation (May 2020-April 2022; extended to December 2022)

Grant for the project “Keeping the ‘Great Equalizer’ Fed: SNAP Access and Young Adults’ Educational Engagement.” (\$140,058)

University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, Funding Research on Food Security using the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (July 2017-December 2018)

Grant for the project “Does Early Food Insecurity Impede the Educational Access Needed to Become Food Secure?” (with coauthor Matthew Kim). (\$40,000)

Cornell Population Center - Center for Aging Policy Studies Upstate Population Seed Grant (January 2017-December 2018)

Grant for the project “SNAP and Labor Market Decisions over the Life Course” (with coauthor Warren Brown). (\$16,000)

University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, Research Program on Child Hunger (April 2013-June 2014)

Grant for “Very Low Food Security and Teenage Labor Supply” (with coauthor Matthew Kim). (\$75,000)

RIDGE Center for Targeted Studies Grant, Southern Rural Development Center (September 2010-December 2011)

Grant for “Does Prenatal WIC Affect Birth Outcomes and School Performance? Examining the Consequences of a Dip in WIC Participation” (with coauthor David Figlio). (\$35,000)

Warrington College of Business Administration Summer Research Grant (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010)

Grants for summer research projects. (typically \$25,000 each)

National Poverty Center Small Grant (April 2008-December 2008)

Grant for “Job Lock and the Role of Public Health Insurance During Employment Transitions” (with coauthor Matthew Kim). (\$17,500)

University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, Young Investigator Grant (Spring 2007)

Grant for “The Consequences of Welfare Reform for Prenatal WIC Participation and Birth Outcomes.” (\$5,000)

Smith Richardson Foundation Domestic Public Research Fellowship (October 2005-December 2006)

Grant for “The Effects of Medicaid Earnings Limits on Earnings Growth Among Poor Workers.” (\$60,000, grant #2005-5056)

W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research Mini-Grant (May 2005)

Grant for “The Use of Federal Employer Tax Credits by Temporary Help Service Firms and their Implications for Disadvantaged Workers’ Labor Market Outcomes.” (\$5,000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Syracuse University (Fall 2013 – present)

- Economics for Public Decisions – MPA core (Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016; Spring 2021)
- Quantitative Analysis – MPA core (Spring 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2021)
- Health Economics and Policy – MPA elective (Spring 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022)
- Applied Econometrics for Policy Analysis – PA Ph.D. course (Spring 2014, 2018, 2020; Fall 2015, 2021)
- Introduction to Statistics – MPA core (Fall 2018, 2019, 2020)
- Capstone advisor – MPA required project (Summer 2016 and Summer 2018)

University of Florida (Fall 2004 – Spring 2013)

- Labor Economics (Fall 2004, 2005, 2008, 2012; Spr. 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012)
- Intermediate Microeconomics (Spr. 2008, Fall 2012)
- Introduction to Managerial Statistics – MBA/MSM course (Fall 2011)
- Applied Econometrics – Ph.D. field course (Spr. 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013)
- Econometric Methods – core Ph.D. course (Spr. 2006)

University of Wisconsin–Madison Department of Economics (Fall 2002, Spring 2003)

- Principles of Microeconomics (teaching assistant, Fall 2002)
- Labor Economics (lecturer, Spr. 2003)

Pew Younger Scholars' Summer Workshop (Summer 2000)

- Assisted Professor Glenn Loury in leading a 3-week small seminar course entitled “Freedom, Markets, and Economic Justice.”

PRESENTATIONS (2013 - present)

“Wearing Out Your Welcome: Examining Differential Medicaid Eligibility of New Entrants and Continuing Recipients” with Burçin Ünel

- Midwest Health Economics Conference (MHEC), April 2013
- Baylor University economics seminar, October 2013
- Southern Economic Association meetings, November 2013
- Queen’s University seminar, April 2014

“Very Low Food Security and Teenage Labor Supply” with Matthew Kim

- Center for Policy Research seminar, Syracuse University, February 2014
- Midwest Economic Association meetings, March 2014
- UKCPR Research Program on Childhood Hunger (grantee conference), March 2014
- Society of Labor Economists meetings, poster, May 2014
- Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis, Health Economics seminar, September 2014
- University of Illinois, Division of Nutritional Sciences seminar, December 2014

“Public Health Insurance and Work Incentives: Could the Affordable Care Act Reduce Labor Market Distortions?”

- Midwest Economic Association Meetings, March 2015

“The Effects of Parental Medicaid Expansions on Children’s Health Insurance Coverage”

- Marquette University Economics Seminar, April 2016

- “Educational Compromises: The Impacts of Food Inadequacy Among Young Adults”
- Daniel Patrick Moynihan Syracuse/Cornell Summer Education Seminar, June 2016
 - American Society of Health Economists meetings, June 2016 (poster)
- “Pregnancy Medicaid Expansions and Higher-Order Births”
- Southern Economic Association meetings, November 2016
- “Medicaid and Birth Outcomes over the Business Cycle” with Doug Wolf, Yilin Hou, and Yusun Kim
- Midwest Economic Association meetings, March 2016 (coauthor presented)
- “The Effect of SCHIP on the Mental and Behavioral Health of Children” with Jinqi Ye
- Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop, June 2017
 - Temple University Department of Economics, September 2017
 - ASSA meetings, Association of Christian Economics session, January 2018
- “SNAP and Labor Market Decisions Over the Life Course” with Warren Brown
- Cornell/Syracuse joint CAPS/ASI conference, October 2017
- “Does Early Food Insecurity Impede the Educational Access Needed to Become Food Secure?” with Matthew Kim
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management meetings, November 2017 (coauthor presented)
 - PSID user conference, September 2018 (coauthor presented)
 - UKCPR/USDA grantee conference, September 2018
 - University of North Carolina-Charlotte seminar, October 2018
 - Syracuse University, Moynihan workshop, May 2019
- “Does SNAP Increase Young Adults’ Engagement in Higher Education?” with Matthew Kim
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management meetings, November 2017
 - SU Population Health Symposium, November 2018
 - American Society of Health Economists annual meeting, June 2019
 - Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management meetings, November 2019
- “Identifying the Effects of Pregnancy Medicaid on Mother, Infant, and Child Health” with Melanie Guldi
- Southern Economic Association meetings, November 2017
- “Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Youth Access to Public Health Insurance” with Catherine Maclean
- Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics seminar, University of Pennsylvania, Dec. 2017
 - American Society of Health Economists meetings, June 2018
 - Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management meetings, November 2018
- “Research, Dissemination, and Advocacy: the Role of the Policy Scholar” (panel discussion)
- Organized panel discussion at Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management meetings, November 2018
 - Organized panel discussion at Southern Economic Association meetings, November 2019
- “Publishing in Top Policy Journals” (panel presentation and discussion as a journal co-editor)
- Invited by Chinese Policy Scholars Group for November 2020 pre-APPAM roundtable

“Keeping the “Great Equalizer” Fed: SNAP Access and Young Adults’ Educational Engagement”

- San Diego State University, Center for Health Economics and Policy Studies (CHEPS) seminar, September 2019
- Indiana University, O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) seminar, October 2020
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management meetings, November 2020
- Southern Economic Association meetings, November 2020

“Under the Same Umbrella: Public health insurance expansions and the uniformity of insurance for families”

- University of Louisville, economics seminar (virtual), October 2021

“SNAP Policy Variation and Educational Attainment: Evidence from the SIPP”

- Southern Economic Association meetings, November 2021

MEDIA CITATIONS

- Interview on the local television news (WCJB, an ABC affiliate) regarding changes in federal welfare policy and their potential effects on Florida. (June 2006)
- University of Florida Press Release and subsequent radio interviews regarding “Temporary Help Work: Compensating Differentials and Multiple Jobs” (January 2010)
- Research cited in Boston Globe, New York Times Magazine, San Francisco Chronicle, 538, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Affiliations:

American Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists, Association of Christian Economists, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Southern Economic Association

Referee:

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Policy, American Journal of Health Economics, Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Inquiry, Economics and Human Biology, Economics of Education Review, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, Evaluation Review, Faith and Economics, Health Affairs, Health Services Research, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Industrial Relations, International Journal of Human Resource Management, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Research, Journal of Nutrition, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, National Tax Journal, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Social Science and Medicine, Social Services Review, Southern Economic Journal

Grant Reviewer:

National Science Foundation, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research (University of Kentucky), Economic Self-Sufficiency Policy Research Institute (UC-Davis), Lerner Center (SU), NYU Abu Dhabi Office of Research Administration, W.T. Grant Foundation

SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS

Department/Employer (recent):

- PAIA, PA Ph.D. Director, May 2020 – present
- PAIA, PA Ph.D. Committee, Fall 2016 – present
- PAIA, Executive Committee, 2016-2017, 2020 – present
- College of Arts and Sciences, Promotion and Tenure Committee, AY 2016-2017 & Spring 2018
- Faculty Search Committees, 2017-18 and 2018-19

Profession:

- Co-editor, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* (2018-2021)
 - *JPAM* is an interdisciplinary, top-tier academic journal with <8% acceptance rate; I am responsible for evaluating submissions in the area of public finance.
- Contributing Editor, *Comment* magazine (2017-present)
 - *Comment* publishes essays, book reviews, and interviews under the tagline “public theology for the common good,” crossing disciplinary boundaries between the humanities and social sciences to thoughtfully examine our social architecture and affirm the value of Christian engagement in such reflection.
- Member, Executive Committee, *Association of Christian Economists* (January 2017-present)
- Vice President, *Association of Christian Economists* (January 2021-present)
 - *ACE* brings together economists in academic sessions and publishes an academic journal called *Faith and Economics*. Board member since 2018.
- Member, Board of Directors, *Christian Study Center of Gainesville* (January 2011 - 2019)
 - The CSC offers courses, lectures, and written essays that explore the intersection of Christian thought and academic discourse.
- Member, Board of Directors, *Consortium of Christian Study Centers* (January 2021 – present)
 - The CCSC is an association of Christian Study Centers at secular universities throughout the world that exists to advance their growth and effectiveness.
- Visiting speaker for University of Florida student chapter of Honors without Borders (November 2011)
- Visiting speaker for Florida State University Undergraduate Economics Club (April 2012)

Broader Community:

- Member, Board of Directors, *Hopeprint* (2017-2019)
 - Hopeprint is a non-profit organization on the north side of Syracuse with a mission to help resettled refugees thrive
- Treasurer, Ed Smith PK-8 School Parent Teacher Organization (AY 2015/16 and 2016/17)
- Faculty advisor, University of Florida International Justice Mission chapter (2009-2013)
 - IJM is a human rights organization that rescues victims of violence, sexual exploitation, slavery, and oppression

HONORS AND AWARDS

Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award, Syracuse University (Spring 2020)

Award honors faculty whose dedication to graduate students and commitment to excellence in teaching have contributed to graduate education at Syracuse University.

WEAI Contemporary Economic Policy Best Paper of 2019 Award (Spring 2020)

Award given annually by WEAI. Award received for ""The Effect of Parental Medicaid Expansions on Children's Health Insurance Coverage."

Maxwell Citizenship Award, Maxwell Public Administration and International Relations Association, Syracuse University (Spring 2016)

Award given annually by PAIRA (student organization) to one faculty member and two students.

Birkhead-Burkhead Teaching Excellence Award and Professorship, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, Syracuse University (Spring 2015)

Award given annually to recognize outstanding teaching in PAIA. Honorees hold the professorship for four years.

Teacher of the Year for MBA Core, University of Florida Warrington College of Business (Spring 2013)

Awarded recognition for best teacher in the MBA Core Curriculum by the 2013 traditional 2-year MBA graduating class.

Teacher of the Year, University of Florida Warrington College of Business (Spring 2008)

Received one of two annual awards given for "excellence in all aspects of teaching" based on recommendations from students and colleagues as well as a portfolio of teaching material.

Emerging Scholar, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research (Fall 2006)

Selected to spend a week at the UKCPR for presentation of my work and interaction with other scholars in poverty research.

Nominee, Teacher of the Year (Fall 2005)

Nominated for a UF College of Business annual teaching award

Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award (2004)

Award from the University of Wisconsin for outstanding research and scholarly writing in the social studies

Christensen Award in Empirical Economics (2003)

Award from the UW Economics Department (received jointly with John Karl Scholz)

Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Graduate Fellow (2002, 2003)

Participation in discussions/presentations on poverty research (led by IRP Director)