

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.

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.

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

PAPERS UNDER RESUBMISSION

“Pregnancy Medicaid Expansions and Higher-Order Births” with Leonard Lopoo and Lincoln Groves

“The Effects of Parental Medicaid Expansions on Children’s Health Insurance Coverage” with Matthew Kim and Brenden Timpe

PAPERS UNDER INITIAL SUBMISSION

“Medicaid and Birth Outcomes over the Business Cycle” with Doug Wolf, Yilin Hou, and Yusun Kim

WORKING PAPERS

“The Effect of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program on the Mental and Behavioral Health of Children” with Jinqi Ye

“Identifying the Effects of Pregnancy Medicaid on Mother, Infant, and Child Health” with Melanie Guldi

“Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Youth Access to Public Health Insurance” with Catherine Maclean

“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?” with Matthew Kim

“SNAP and Labor Market Decisions Over the Life Course” with Warren Brown

“The Role of Public Health Insurance During Employment Transitions” with Matthew Kim

GRANTS

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

Grant for the project “Does SNAP Increase Young Adults’ Engagement in Higher Education?” (with coauthor Matthew Kim). (\$40,000)

Cornell Population Center - Center for Aging Policy Studies Upstate Population Seed Grant (Jan. 2017)

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)

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

RIDGE Center for Targeted Studies Grant, Southern Rural Development Center (Fall 2010)
Grant for the project “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 (February 2008)
Grant for the project “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 project “The Consequences of Welfare Reform for Prenatal WIC Participation and Birth Outcomes.” (\$5,000)

Smith Richardson Foundation Domestic Public Research Fellowship Program (October 2005)
Grant for the project “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 data needs on the project “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 course (Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
- Quantitative Analysis – MPA core course (Spring 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- Health Economics and Policy – MPA elective (Spring 2015, 2017, 2018)
- Applied Econometrics for Policy Analysis – PA Ph.D. course (Spring 2014, 2018; Fall 2015)

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)

Teaching Assistant, 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 (last ~ 5 years)

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

- Association of Health Economists (ASHEcon) meetings, June 2012 (poster)
- University of Central Florida seminar, Economics Department, October 2012
- 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 the State Children’s Health Insurance Program 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)

“Does SNAP Increase Young Adults’ Engagement in Higher Education?” with Matthew Kim

- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management meetings, November 2017

“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

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, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal (most recent interview: February 2014)

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Referee:

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Policy, American Journal of Health Economics, Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education Review, Empirical Economics, European Economic 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)

Affiliations:

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

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Academic:

- Co-editor, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* (2018-present)
 - *JPAM* is an interdisciplinary, top-tier academic journal with <10% 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* (2017-2018)
 - *ACE* brings together economists in academic sessions and publishes an academic journal called Faith and Economics.
- Member, Board of Directors, *Christian Study Center of Gainesville* (January 2011 - present)
 - The CSC offers courses, lectures, and written essays that explore the intersection of Christian thought and academic discourse
- 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-present)
 - 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

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)