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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1998
B.S. in Mathematics, with Honors, The Pennsylvania State University, 1991

Research Interests

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Health Economics,
Applied Microeconomics

Experience and Affiliations

7/15 to present	Professor , Department of Economics and Center for Poverty Research, University of California-Davis.
1/07 to 6/15	Professor , Department of Economics, University of California-Irvine (Assistant Professor 07-08, Associate Professor 08-13).
7/10 to 6/11	Economist , San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank, Economic Research (also Visiting Scholar).
4/10 to present	Faculty Research Associate (affiliation) , National Bureau of Economic Research, Children's Program, Health Economics Program (FRF since 4/08).
7/04 to 5/07	Research Fellow , Population Program, Public Policy Institute of California.
10/01 to 6/04	Associate Economist/Fellow in Population Studies and the Study of Aging , RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, Labor and Population Program.
1/03 to present	Research Fellow (affiliation) , Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).
4/99 to 6/01	Economist , Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, Research and Statistics, Survey of Small Business Finances.
9/98 to 4/99	Economist , Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Economics, Antitrust Program.

Articles and Chapters

"SNAP and the Pay Cycle," joint with Tim Beatty, Xinzhe Cheng, and Cynthia van der Werf. *Southern Economic Journal*, forthcoming.

"Health Impacts of Food Assistance: Evidence from the United States," joint with Arian Siefoddini. *Annual Review of Resource Economics*, forthcoming.

Articles and Chapters (continued)

- “Boosting School Readiness: Should Preschool Teachers Target Skills or the Whole Child?” with Jade Marcus Jenkins (first author), Greg Duncan, Anamarie Auger, Thurston Domina, and Margaret Burchinal. 2018, *Economics of Education Review*. 65(C): 107–125.
- “Cash for Kids.” with Annie Laurie Hines and Marianne Page. 2018, *Russell Sage Journal of the Social Sciences*. 4(2): 42–73.
- “Can Variation in Subgroups’ Average Treatment Effects Explain Treatment Effect Heterogeneity? Evidence from a Social Experiment,” with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. 2017, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, **99**:4, pp. 683–697.
- “The EITC and the Social Safety Net in the Great Recession.” 2017, *Tax Law Review*, 70, pp. 533–543.
- “The Impact of Welfare Reform on the Health Insurance Coverage, Utilization, and Health of Low Education Single Mothers,” with Kimberly Narain (first author), Ninez Ponce, Gerald Kominsky, and Susan Ettner. 2017, *Social Science & Medicine*, 180, pp. 28–35.
- “Do In-Work Tax Credits Serve as a Safety Net?” with Hilary Hoynes and Elira Kuka. 2017, *Journal of Human Resources*, 52(2), pp. 319–350.
- “Child Poverty and the Great Recession in the United States,” with Hilary Hoynes and Elira Kuka. 2017, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 36(2), pp. 358–389.
- “Health Insurance Mandates, Mammography, and Breast Cancer Diagnoses” with Christopher Carpenter. *AEJ: Economic Policy*, 8(3), 2016, pp. 39–68.
- “Effects of State Cervical Cancer Insurance Mandates on Pap Test Rates,” with Christopher Carpenter. 2017, *Health Services Research*, 52(1), pp. 156–175.
- “Medicaid,” with Madeline Zavodny. In, **Edward Elgar Handbook, Law and Economics of Federalism Volume**. J. Klick, ed., 2017.
- “The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same? The Safety Net and Poverty in the Great Recession,” with Hilary Hoynes. *Journal of Labor Economics* 34(S1), January 2016, pp. S403–S444.
- “Health and Nutrition Effects of SNAP: Selection into the Program and a Review of the Literature.” In *SNAP Matters: How Food Stamps Affect Health and Well-Being*. J. Bartfeld, C. Gundersen, T. Smeeding, and J. Ziliak, eds. Palo Alto: Stanford Press, 2015.
- “Distributional Analysis in Educational Evaluation: A Case Study from the New York City Voucher Program,” with Thurston Domina, Emily Penner, and Hilary Hoynes. *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness*, 8, 2015, pp. 419–450. PMID: PMC4507830.
- “Intended and Unintended Effects of the War on Poverty: What Research Tells Us and Implications for Policy,” with Lynn Karoly. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 34(3), 2015, pp. 649–696

Articles and Chapters (continued)

- “Heterogeneity in the Impact of Economic Cycles and the Great Recession: Effects within and across the Income Distribution,” with Hilary Hoynes. *AER: Papers and Proceedings*, 105(5), May 2015, pp. 154–160.
- “Living Arrangements, Doubling Up, and the Great Recession: Was This Time Different?” with Hilary Hoynes. *AER: Papers and Proceedings*, 105(5), May 2015, pp. 166–170.
- “Immigrants, Welfare Reform, and the U.S. Safety Net,” with Hilary Hoynes. In *Immigration, Poverty, and Socioeconomic Inequality*, D. Card and S. Raphael, eds. New York: Russell Sage, 2013.
- “Birth Rates and the Vietnam Draft,” with Lucie Schmidt. *AER: Papers and Proceedings* 102(3), May 2012, pp. 566–569.
- “Utilization of Infertility Treatments: The Effects of Insurance Mandates,” with Lucie Schmidt. *Demography* 49(1), 2012, pp. 124–149.
- “Smoking Restrictions in Bars and Bartender Smoking in the US, 1992–2007,” with Christopher Carpenter and Madeline Zavodny. *Tobacco Control* 20(3), May 2011, pp. 196–200.
- “An Economic View of Food Deserts in the United States,” with Steven Haider. *Policy Retrospectives, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 30(1), Winter 2011, pp. 153–176.
- “The State of the Social Safety Net in the Post-Welfare Reform Era,” with Hilary Hoynes. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity* 2, Fall 2010, pp. 71–127.
- “Effects of Venue-Specific State Clean Indoor Air Laws on Smoking-Related Outcomes,” with Christopher Carpenter and Madeline Zavodny. *Health Economics* 19(2), December 2010, pp. 1425–1440.
- “The Effect of Medicaid Eligibility Expansions on Fertility,” with Madeline Zavodny. *Social Science and Medicine* 71(5), September 2010, pp. 918–924.
- “The Link between Couples’ Pregnancy Intentions and Behavior: Does It Matter Who Is Asked?” with Maureen Waller. *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 40(4), December 2008, pp. 194–201.
- “Distributional Impacts of the Self-Sufficiency Project,” with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. *Journal of Public Economics* 92(3–4), April 2008, pp. 748–765.
- “Welfare Reform and Indirect Impacts on Health,” joint with Hilary Hoynes. In *Making Americans Healthier: Social and Economic Policy as Health Policy*, R. Schoeni, J. House, G. Kaplan, and H. Pollack, eds. New York: Russell Sage, 2008, pp. 231–280.
- “What Mean Impacts Miss: Distributional Effects of Welfare Reform Experiments,” with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. *American Economic Review* 96(4), September 2006, pp. 988–1012.

Articles and Chapters (continued)

- “Health Disparities and Infertility: Impacts of State-Level Insurance Mandates,” with Lucie Schmidt. *Fertility and Sterility* 85(4), April 2006, pp. 858–65.
- “Welfare Reform and Children’s Living Arrangements,” joint with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. *Journal of Human Resources* 41(1), Winter 2006, pp. 1–27.
- “Are WIC Non-Recipients at Less Nutritional Risk than Recipients? An Application of the Food Security Measure,” with Craig Gundersen and Grace Marquis. *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy* 27(3), September 2005, pp. 433–438.
- “Welfare Reform and Health,” with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. *Journal of Human Resources* 40(2), Spring 2005, pp. 309–334.
- “Testing Agency Theory with Entrepreneur Effort and Wealth,” with Tobias Moskowitz and Annette Vissing-Jørgensen. *Journal of Finance* 60(2), April 2005, pp. 539–576. Distinguished Paper Prize 2005 Brattle Award for the Best Corporate Finance Paper in the *Journal of Finance*.
- “Does WIC Work? The Effects of WIC on Pregnancy and Birth Outcomes,” with Janet Currie. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 24(1), Winter 2005, pp. 73–91. Prize for Best Economics Paper in the Field of Food Safety and Nutrition in 2005, Food Safety and Nutrition Section of the American Association of Agricultural Economics.
- “Child Maltreatment, Abortion Availability, and Economic Conditions,” with Madeline Zavodny. *Review of Economics of the Household* 2(2), June 2004, pp. 119–141.
- “The Impact of Welfare Reform on Marriage and Divorce,” with Jonah Gelbach, Hilary Hoynes, and Madeline Zavodny. *Demography* 41(2), May 2004, pp. 213–236.
- “WIC Eligibility and Participation,” with Janet Currie and John Karl Scholz. *Journal of Human Resources* 38(S), Summer 2003, pp. 1139–1179.
- “Some Evidence on Race, Welfare Reform, and Household Income,” with Jonah Gelbach and Hilary Hoynes. *AER: Papers and Proceedings* 93(2), May 2003, pp. 293–298.
- “Child Abuse and Abortion Availability,” with Madeline Zavodny. *AER: Papers and Proceedings* 92(2), May 2002, pp. 363–367.
- “Did Abortion Legalization Reduce the Number of Unwanted Children? Evidence from Adoptions,” with Madeline Zavodny. *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 34(1), January/February 2002, pp. 25–33.
- “The Effects of Abortion Restrictions on the Timing of Abortions,” with Madeline Zavodny. *Journal of Health Economics* 20(6), November 2001, pp. 1011–1032.

Articles and Chapters (continued)

“Financial Services Used by Small Businesses: Evidence from the 1998 Survey of Small Business Finances,” with Alicia Robb and John Wolken. *Federal Reserve Bulletin* 87(4), April 2001, pp. 183–205.

Working Papers

“Teacher Effects on Student Achievement and Height: A Cautionary Tale,” with Sean Corcoran, Thurston Domina, and Emily Penner. 2018.

“Long Run Effects of Food Assistance and Early Human Capital Programs,” with Ted Figinski. 2018.

“Do Food Assistance Programs Affect Retailers?” with Tim Beatty and Cynthia van der Werf Cuadros, 2018.

“Estimating the Health Impacts of WIC: A Regression Discontinuity Approach,” with Janet Currie, Hilary Hoynes, Lisa Schulkind, and Barton Willage. 2018.

“Changes in Public Sector Compensation and the Composition of the Public Sector Workforce,” with Christopher Jepsen. 2018.

“Experimental Evidence on Distributional Effects of Head Start,” with Hilary Hoynes and Thurston Domina. August 2016, NBER WP 20434, revising for resubmission.

“Marriage Markets and Family Formation: The Role of the Vietnam Draft,” with Lucie Schmidt. October 2015.

“New Evidence on the Effects of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program,” with Christopher Carpenter, August 2015.

“Effects of Increased Access to Infertility Treatment on Infant and Child Health: Evidence from Health Insurance Mandates.” 2008.

Work in Progress

“Welfare Reform and the Private Safety Net: Has the Cyclicity of Child Support Changed?”

“Does Under-Reporting of Social Program Receipt Lead to Bias in Two-Way Fixed Effects Models?” with Hilary Hoynes.

“The Effects of the EITC on Human Capital: Evidence from the NAEP,” joint with Jessica Monnet.

Policy Reports/Encyclopedia Entries/Comments

“The 2014 Redesign of the Survey of Income and Program Participation: An Assessment,” with other members of the panel on the review and evaluation of the 2014 Survey of Income and Program Participation content and design. J. Czajka and C. House, eds. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press, 2017.

Policy Reports/Encyclopedia Entries/Comments (continued)

“Review of WIC Food Packages: Improving Balance and Choice: Final Report,” with other members of the committee to review WIC food packages. K. Rasmussen, M. Latulippe, and A. Yaktine, eds. Washington DC: The National Academies Press, 2017.

“Strengthening Temporary Assistance for Needy Families,” with Hilary Hoynes. Washington, DC: The Hamilton Project, May 2016.

“Review of WIC Food Packages: Proposed Framework for Revisions: Interim Report,” with other members of the committee to review WIC food packages. K. Rasmussen, M. Latulippe, and A. Yaktine, eds. Washington DC: The National Academies Press, 2015.

“Review of WIC Food Packages: An Evaluation of White Potatoes in the Cash Value Voucher: Letter Report,” with other members of the committee to review WIC food packages. K. Rasmussen, M. Latulippe, and A. Yaktine, eds. Washington DC: The National Academies Press, 2015.

“Quantile Regression,” with Thurston Domina, Andrew Penner, and Emily Penner. In *Encyclopedia of Education Economics & Finance*, D. Brewer and L. Picus, eds., 2014.

“Economics of Nutrition,” with Parke Wilde. In *Encyclopedia of Health Economics*, editor-in-chief Anthony J. Culyer, 2014.

“Using American Community Survey Data to Expand Access to the School Meals Programs,” with other members of NAS panel. A. Schirm and N. Kirkendall, eds. Washington DC: The National Academies Press, 2012.

“Developing and Evaluating Methods for Using American Community Survey Data to Support the School Meals Programs: Interim Report,” with other members of NAS panel. A. Schirm and N. Kirkendall, eds. Washington DC: The National Academies Press, 2010.

“Health Insurance, Health Care Use, and Health Status in Los Angeles County,” with Weiyi Shi. San Francisco: Public Policy Institute of California, December 2006.

“The Changing Association between Prenatal Participation in WIC and Birth Outcomes in New York City: What Does It Mean?” with Janet Currie. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 24(4), Fall 2005, pp. 687–690.

Selected Grants

IRP–USDA Small Grant Program, “The Impact of the WIC Program on Pregnancy, Infant, and Child Outcomes,” with Janet Currie, 7/02–6/04.

NICHD R03 HD046485, “Advanced Reproductive Technology and Infant Health,” PI, 3/04–2/08.

NIOSH R03 OH008244, “Smoking Bans and Health: Effects of Exposure on the Job,” PI, with Madeline Zavodny, 7/05–12/08.

Selected Grants (continued)

American Cancer Society, “The Effects of Private Insurance and Public Health Plan Coverage for Mammography,” Co-PI, with Christopher Carpenter (PI), 12/10–12/15, \$695,634.

NICHD PO1 HD065704 (Subproject), “Unequal Effects? The Distributional Consequences of Educational Interventions,” PI (overall PI for PO1 is Greg Duncan), 7/11–5/16, \$156,954 in FY 2012.

NBER Economics of Food Security, Nutrition, and Health: Insights from FoodAPS Grant, “Is SNAP Like Cash for Recipients and Stores? Evidence from FoodAPS,” PI (with Timothy Beatty), 3/16–12/17, \$41,500.

NIA R21 AG053029, “Effects of Colon Cancer Insurance Policies: Evidence from NHIS,” PI (with Christopher Carpenter), 8/2016–4/2018, \$217,942 in year 1.

2017 Tufts/UConn RIDGE Grant, “Is Food Assistance Like Cash for Retailers,” PI (with Tim Beatty and Cynthia Van Der Werf Cuadros), 2017–2018.

2017 UC Irvine Economic Self-Sufficiency Policy Research Institute Grant, “How Do Programs Interact Across Children’s Lives? Short and Long Run Effects of the War on Poverty.” PI. 2018.

2018 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Evidence for Action, “The Impact of Childhood Nutrition Assistance on Child Health and Well-Being: Lessons from WIC and the School Breakfast and Lunch Programs,” PI with Janet Currie (with Hilary Hoynes, Lisa Schulkind, and Barton Willage), 2018–2020.

NICHD R01 HD0938898, “Investments, Life Events, and Health within and across Generations,” PI.

Selected Referee Experience

AEJ–Economic Policy; AEJ–Applied Economics; American Economic Review; American Journal of Agricultural Economics; Child Development; Demography; Economic Inquiry; Econometrica; Economic Journal; Fiscal Studies; Health Economics; Journal of Applied Econometrics; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Regional Science; Journal of Urban Economics; Labour Economics; Pediatrics; National Tax Journal; Quantitative Economics; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies Science; Social Science and Medicine; Southern Economic Journal

Selected Presentations 2016–Present

- 2018 Williams College, Syracuse, IRP Summer Research Workshop, IZA Summer School, University of Gothenberg, Swedish Institute for Social Research at Stockholm University, Southern Denmark University, University of Colorado Denver, University of Connecticut (scheduled), UMD ARE (scheduled), Tufts (scheduled), UCSD (scheduled)
- 2017 UCI, NBER Summer Institute Children’s Meeting, NBER FoodAPS Conference
- 2016 NBER Health Spring Meeting; Keynote Speaker European Society of Population Economics, Berlin

Professional Service and Affiliations

Editorial Board, *Demography*, 2015; Co-Editor, *Health: Economic Inquiry*, 2008–2013; Co-Editor, *Social Policy: Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2016–present; Co-Editor, *American Journal of Health Economics*, 2018–present.

Program Committees: All California Labor Conference, 2012; SOLE, 2012, 2017; Economic Demography Workshop at PAA, 2008–2012; Chair, Poverty and Income Policy Area Program Selection, APPAM Fall Meeting 2015, 2016, & 2017; NTA 2016, 2018; ASHE, 2018.

National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM), NRC Panel Member, Panel on Estimating Children Eligible for School Nutrition Programs using the ACS, 2009–2012

NASEM NRC Panel Member, Panel on the Review and Evaluation of the 2014 Survey of Income and Program Participation Content and Design, 2014–2017

NASEM HNB Panel Member, Panel on Evaluating the New WIC Food Package, 2014–2017

NASEM NRC Panel Chair, Panel on Improving Consumer Data for Food and Nutrition Policy Research for the Economic Research Service, USDA. 2018–present

Technical Working Group, Hispanic Children’s Center, 2015–present

Ad Hoc Reviewer: NICHD, NSF, SSHRC, USDA ERS FANRP

University Service

UCI: Council on Research Computing and Libraries, UCI Academic Senate, 2009–2010; Social Sciences Executive Committee 2012–2014; Dean Recruitment Committee for the Paul Merage School of Business; Executive Director, Irvine Branch of California Census Research Data Center

UC Davis: UCOP Catalyst Program Review, 2015; Executive Committee, UC Davis Center for Poverty Research, 2015–present; Member, Graduate Study Committee, 2016–2018; Graduate Advisor, 2016–present; Interim Director, Institute for Social Sciences, 2017–2018; Chair, Computational Research Service Faculty Advisory Committee, 2018–present.

Teaching Experience

Economics 230A/B, Public Economics-Methods (Graduate), UC Davis, Fall Quarters, 2016–2018

Economics 230C, Public Economics-Expenditures (Graduate), UC Davis, Spring 2016, Spring 2018

Economics 272c/249, Public Economics III/Public Expenditures (Graduate), UC Irvine, Spring 2008, Winter 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2014

Economics 229, Empirical Methods (Graduate), UC Irvine, Winter 2009, Winter 2013, Fall 2014

Economics 249, Economics of Government (MPP, Graduate), UC Irvine, Winter 2013, Winter 2014, Winter 2015.

Economics 130, Economics of Government, UC Davis, Spring 2016, 2017, 2018

Economics 122b, Applied Econometrics II, UC Irvine, Winter 2009, Winter 2010, Spring 2010, Spring 2012

Economics 122a, Applied Econometrics I, UC Irvine, Winter 2008, Summer 2008

Economics 149, Health Economics, UC Irvine, Spring 2007

Ph.D. committees by year of completion (first placement)

2009 Steven Carter (ECONorthwest), Jennifer Graves (University of Oklahoma), Kathleen Wong (University of Toronto)

2010 Smith Williams (FDIC)

2013 Ted Figinski, Chair, (Treasury), George Saioc, Chair, (On-Point Analytics), Andrew Chang (Federal Reserve Board of Governors), Ian Salas (David E. Bell Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard)

2014 Scott Barkowski (Clemson), Joanne Song (State University of New York, Buffalo)

2015 Andrew Porter, Chair, (OCC), Patrick Button (Tulane), Kip Jackson (OCC)

2016 Samuel Lundstrom (Litigation Analytics), Jennifer Muz (George Washington University Global Health), Katherine Williams (Analysis Group)

2017 Brian Asquith (NBER Postdoc., Upjohn), Nanneh Chehras (Amazon), Esra Kose (Bucknell), Ariel Pihl (Postdoc., University of Gothenburg)

2018 Jessica Monnet (Sam Houston University), Chuan He, Co-Chair, (Huazhong University of Science and Technology)