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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D. in Economics, 2003
Fields of Specialization: Labor Economics, Econometrics

Franklin and Marshall College
B.A. in Economics, 1997
Summa cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Dartmouth College
Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), July 2013 to present
Assistant Professor of Economics, July 2006 to June 2013
Courses Taught: Topics in Public Economics, Introduction to Statistical Methods

National Bureau of Economic Research
Research Associate, October 2013 to present
Faculty Research Fellow, November 2004 to October 2013
Program Affiliations: Education, Development of the American Economy, Children

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)
Research Fellow, July 2005 to present
Research Affiliate, July 2003 to June 2005

Industrial and Labor Relations Review
Member of the International Editorial Board, January 2019 to present

PAST APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Davis
Assistant Professor of Economics, July 2003 to June 2006
Courses Taught: Econometrics, Economics of Education, Intermediate Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics (graduate)

Journal of Human Resources
Co-Editor, June 2014 to October 2019

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Visiting Scholar, July 2007 to June 2009

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Who Needs a Fracking Education? The Educational Response to Low-Skill Biased Technological Change” (with Ayushi Narayan). Accepted, *ILR Review*. (Most recent version February 2020. Earlier version available as NBER Working Paper 21359.)
- “A Century of the American Woman Voter: Sex Gaps in Political Participation, Preferences, and Partisanship Since Women’s Enfranchisement” (with Na’ama Shenhav). *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 34(2), 24-48, Spring 2020.
- Featured in AEA Research Highlights Podcast, August 19, 2020.
- “Distributing the Green (Cards): Permanent Residency and Personal Income Taxes After the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986” (with Ethan G. Lewis), *Journal of Public Economics* 172, 135-150, April 2019.
- “First in the Class? Age and the Education Production Function” (with Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach), *Education Finance and Policy*, 11(3), 225-250, Summer 2016.
- “The Effectiveness of Policies that Promote Labor Force Participation of Women with Children: A Collection of National Studies” (with Steven J. Haider and Helena Skyt Nielsen), *Labour Economics*, 36, 64-71, October 2015.
- “The Promises and Pitfalls of Universal Early Education,” *IZA World of Labor* 2015: 116, January 2015.
- “Valuing the Vote: The Redistribution of Voting Rights and State Funds Following the Voting Rights Act of 1965” (with Ebonya Washington), *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 129(1), 379-433, February 2014.
- “The Impacts of Expanding Access to High-Quality Preschool Education” (with Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach), *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Fall 2013, 127-178.
- “Local Responses to Federal Grants: Evidence from the Introduction of Title I in the South” (with Nora Gordon and Sarah Reber), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 5(3), 126-159, August 2013.
- “The Poverty Gap in School Spending Following the Introduction of Title I” (with Sarah Reber), *American Economic Review Papers & Proceedings*, 103(3), 423-427, May 2013.
- “Cracks in the Melting Pot: Immigration, School Choice, and Segregation” (with Ethan Lewis), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 4(3), 91-117, August 2012.
- “Is Being in School Better? The Impact of School on Children’s BMI When Starting Age is Endogenous” (with Patricia Anderson, Kristin Butcher, and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach), *Journal of Health Economics*, 30(5), 977-986, September 2011.
- “Paying for Progress: Conditional Grants and the Desegregation of Southern Schools” (with Nora Gordon, Ethan Lewis, and Sarah Reber), *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 125(1), 445-482, February 2010.
- “Maternal Labor Supply and the Introduction of Kindergartens into American Public Schools,” *The Journal of Human Resources*, 44(1), 140-170, Winter 2009.
- “From Brown to Busing” (with Nora Gordon, Ethan Lewis, and Sarah Reber), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 64(2), 296-325, September 2008.

“Education and the Age Profile of Literacy into Adulthood” (with Damon Clark and Nora Gordon), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 22(3), 47-70, Summer 2008.

“Schooling and the Armed Forces Qualifying Test: Evidence from School-Entry Laws” (with Ethan Lewis), *The Journal of Human Resources*, 41(2), 294-318, Spring 2006.

ARTICLES IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Public Investments in Child Care.” In *The 51%: Driving Growth through Women’s Economic Participation* (eds. Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach and Ryan Nunn), Washington, D.C.: The Hamilton Project, pp. 123-142, October 2017.

“Expanding Preschool Access for Disadvantaged Children” (with Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach), Proposal 1 in *Policies to Address Poverty in America* (eds. Melissa S. Kearney and Benjamin H. Harris), Washington, D.C.: The Hamilton Project, pp. 19-28, June 2014.

“The K-12 Education Battle” (with Sarah Reber), Chapter 3 in *Legacies of the War on Poverty* (eds. Martha J. Bailey and Sheldon Danziger), New York: Russell Sage Foundation, pp. 66-92, 2013.

WORKING PAPERS

“Does Universal Preschool Hit the Target? Program Access and Preschool Impacts,” NBER Working Paper 23215, revised August 2020. Revised and resubmitted, *Journal of Human Resources*.

“Opening the Door: Migration and Self-Selection in a Restrictive Legal Immigration Regime” (with Ethan G. Lewis). Manuscript, December 2019.

“Knowledge, Tests, and Fadeout in Educational Interventions” (with Douglas Staiger), NBER Working Paper 18038, May 2012.

“Do Investments in Universal Early Education Pay Off? Long-term Effects of Introducing Kindergartens into Public Schools” NBER Working Paper 14951, May 2009.

“School Progression and the Grade Distribution of Students: Evidence from the Current Population Survey” IZA Discussion Paper 1747, September 2005.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Early Childhood Education” in preparation for *Routledge Handbook of the Economics of Education*.

“Before *Brown*: Re-examining the Roles of Social Activism and School Resources in the Race Gap in Educational Attainment”

“Expanding Financial Aid and Undermatching: A Case Study” (with Alan Caniglia)

OTHER PUBLISHED WRITINGS

“Why Early Childhood Education Matters and Why We Should Pay for It.” *Milken Institute Review: A Journal of Economic Policy*, 20(3), 13-23, Third Quarter 2018.

“Here’s how to sniff out bad science.” *San Jose Mercury News*, June 26, 2015.

“What Happened When Kindergarten Went Universal?” *Education Next*, 10(2), 63-68, Spring 2010.

“Long-term Effects of Investments in Universal Early Education: Evidence from the American Kindergarten Expansion” CEPR VoxEU.org column, August 20, 2009.

“Race to the Top? Relative Age and Student Achievement” CEPR VoxEU.org column, September 6, 2008.

“How and Why Does Age at Kindergarten Entry Matter?” Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco *Economic Letter* Number 2008-24, August 8, 2008.

“Can Young Americans Compete in a Global Economy?” Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco *Economic Letter* Number 2008-22, July 18, 2008.

Review of *Passing the Torch: Does Higher Education for the Disadvantaged Pay Off across the Generations?* By Paul Attewell and David E. Lavin. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 46(2), 431-433, June 2008.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

Labour Economics Best Reviewer Award, 2014, €1000 (Chosen from among the 25 recipients of the 2014 *Labour Economics* Certificate of Excellence in Reviewing)

National Center for Teacher Effectiveness, Supplemental Study, “Determining Why Teacher Effects ‘Fade Out’” (with Douglas Staiger, PI), \$25,933.

National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2009-11.

Spencer Foundation (PI), “The Federal Role in Equality of Educational Opportunity: Evidence from the Civil Rights Act and Title I” (with Nora Gordon and Sarah Reber), 2006-08, \$157,400.

National Science Foundation, “Local Responses to Federal Education Policy: Evidence from the Civil Rights Act and Title I” (with Nora Gordon (PI), Ethan Lewis, and Sarah Reber), 2005-07, \$220,441.

University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research (PI), “From Follower to Leader: State-Sponsored Preschools and the Well-Being of Children and Families in the American South,” 2004-05, \$18,422.

Spencer Dissertation Fellowship for Research Related to Education, 2002-03.

Internal

Senior Faculty Grant, Dartmouth College, 2019-20

Rockefeller-Haney Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2009-10, 2016-17

Dartmouth Public Voices Fellowship, 2015

Elizabeth R. and Robert A. Jeffe 1972 Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2013-14

Junior Faculty Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2009-10 (declined)

Walter and Constance Burke Award, Dartmouth College, 2006-09

UC Davis Small Grant in Aid of Research, 2005-06

UC Davis Institute of Governmental Affairs Junior Faculty Research Grant, 2003-06

UC Davis Institute of Governmental Affairs Summer Seed Grant (with Marianne Page), 2004

UC Davis New Faculty Research Grant, 2003-04

UC Berkeley Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, Spring 2002

UC Berkeley Continuing Student Fellowship, Department of Economics, Fall 2001

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley, 2000

Minnie Zeid Memorial Prize in Economics, Franklin and Marshall College, 1997

RECENT PRESS MENTIONS

- “Women Won the Right to Vote 100 Years Ago. They Didn’t Start Voting Differently from Men Until 1980.” *FiveThirtyEight*, August 19, 2020.
- “Public School is a Child’s Right. Should Preschool Be Also?” *The New York Times*, March 15, 2020.
- “Why Men Vote for Republicans, and Women Vote for Democrats.” *The Atlantic*, February 9, 2020.
- “The 2010s featured a lot of great social science. Here are my 12 favorite studies.” *Vox*, December 23, 2019.
- “The Benefits of Pre-Schooling May Extend for Generations.” *The Economist*, June 11, 2019.
- “How to fix capitalism: nine expert solutions for America’s broken system.” *The Guardian*, May 8, 2019.
- “Awarding green cards does little to boost government revenue, study finds.” *MarketWatch*, July 30, 2018.
- “Who Should Pay for Preschool for the Middle Class?” *The Hechinger Report*, June 25, 2018.
- “Some Good News – Seriously – About Politics.” *The New York Times*, June 3, 2018.
- “Universal preschool is most cost effective, study finds.” *The Hechinger Report*, April 10, 2018.
- “Universal preschool works best for poor kids, study finds.” *Forbes*, April 5, 2018.
- “13 economists on the research that shaped our world in 2017.” *Quartz*, December 22, 2017.
- “Race Baiting for the Presidency.” *The Atlantic*, November 18, 2015.
- “The true cost of Voter ID: Everything you need to know about the monumental cost of voter suppression.” *Salon*, October 4, 2015.
- “The fracking boom may have driven an increase in high school dropouts.” *Business Insider*, September 11, 2015.
- “Are Americans passing up a chance at the best jobs?” *The Economist*, July 30, 2015.
- “You can blame fracking for causing kids to drop out of school.” *Salon*, July 15, 2015.
- “Did the Oil and Gas Boom Spur Men to Drop Out of High School?” *The Wall Street Journal*, July 14, 2018.
- “Fracking Jobs Encouraged American Teens to Become High School Dropouts.” *Bloomberg*, July 14, 2015.
- “How Education Policy Went Astray.” *The Atlantic*, April 10, 2015.
- “Youngest Kid, Smartest Kid?” *The New Yorker*, September 19, 2013.

RECENT INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Seminars

- Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison (upcoming April 2021)
- University of Nebraska, Department of Economics (upcoming April 2021)
- Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz College (to be rescheduled due to COVID-19)
- Virtual Economic History Seminar (June 2020)
- University of Texas-Austin, Economics Department (March 2020)
- Texas A&M University, Economics Department (March 2020)
- Duke University, Sanford School of Public Policy (November 2019)
- Tufts University, Economics Department (October 2019)
- Aarhus University, Economics Department (June 2019)
- University of Southern Denmark, Economics Department (June 2019)
- Williams College, Economics Department (October 2018)
- Boston College, Economics Department (April 2018)
- Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (March 2018)
- University of Connecticut, Department of Public Policy (February 2018)
- Southern Methodist University, Economics Department (December 2017)
- American University, School of Public Affairs (September 2017)

Ohio State University, Economics Department (March 2017)
University of Nottingham, Economics Department (December 2016)
Institute for Fiscal Studies (December 2016)
Montana State University, Agricultural Economics and Economics Department (October 2016)
McMaster University, Economics Department (September 2016)
UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs (May 2016)
Michigan State University Economics of Education Seminar (May 2015)
Cornell University, Economics and PAM (March 2015)
FRBNY-NYU Education Seminar Series (November 2014)
University of Virginia, Curry School of Education (April 2014)
Stanford University, Graduate School of Education (April 2014, April 2010)
Yale University, Economics Department (April 2013)
Yale Law School (March 2012)
University of Miami, Economics Department (October 2011)

Conference Presentations

American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta (January 2019)
Austin-Bergen Applied Microeconomics conference (December 2018)
AEA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (2x, January 2018)
Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Washington, DC (March 2017)
Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting, Montreal (June 2015)
NBER Summer Institute, Real Estate and Local Public Finance Program (July 2012)
SOLE Annual Meeting, Chicago (May 2012)
NBER Development of the American Economy (DAE) Spring Meeting (April 2012)
NBER Summer Institute, DAE Program (July 2011)
Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Summer Research Workshop (June 2011)
NBER Education Program Spring Meeting (May 2011)
AEA Annual Meeting, Denver (2x, January 2011)

PUBLIC LECTURES AND KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Arena Stage Civil Dialogues, “Suffer the Children: Child Care and Schools if COVID-19 Persists,”
Dialogue Starter (upcoming September 2020)
Institute for Research on Poverty’s 2018 Annual Poverty Research and Policy Forum on “Rethinking
Welfare: Promoting Opportunity and Independence” (September 2018)
8th International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education, keynote address (June 2017)
Institute for Fiscal Studies Event on “Childcare policy, maternal employment, and the UK policy debate:
examining the evidence” (December 2016)
Franklin and Marshall College, Department of Economics Van Dyke Lecture (November 2016)
Montana State University, College of Letters and Science Distinguished Speakers Series (October 2016)
University of New Hampshire, Carsey School of Public Policy Symposium on “The Economics and
Policy of Early Childhood Education” (October 2014)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Berkeley Electronic Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Developmental Psychology, Econometrica, Economica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Education Policy Analysis Archives, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, European Economic Review, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Industrial Relations, International Migration, IZA Journal of Labor Policy, Journal of Economic History, Journal of the European Economic Association, 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 Urban Economics, Labour Economics, the National Science Foundation, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Public Finance Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, the Russell Sage Foundation, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Spencer Foundation, among others

- Discussant: AEA Annual Meeting: Atlanta (January 2019), Philadelphia (January 2018, January 2014), San Francisco (January 2016, January 2009)
APPAM Fall Research Conference (November 2017)
NBER Conference on American Universities in a Global Market (October 2008)
Harris School of Public Policy Conference on Gender and Education (April 2007)
NBER Conference on Disadvantaged Youth (April 2007)
National Tax Association (NTA) Annual Conference, Boston (November 2006)
Economic History Association (EHA) Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh (September 2006)
Federal Reserve System Applied Micro Conference, San Francisco (June 2005)
WEA Annual Meeting, San Francisco (July 2005), Vancouver (July 2004)
SOLE Annual Meeting, San Antonio (May 2004)
- Organizer: Applied Microeconomics Seminar, Dartmouth College (Spring 2008)
Sessions at AEA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (January 2005) and WEA Annual Meeting, Vancouver (July 2004)
- Chair: Dartmouth Economic Research Scholars (DERS) program, Dartmouth College (Jul. 2017-)
Junior Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, Dartmouth College (2013-14)
- Member: Evaluation Panel of the Economic Opportunity Challenge of Lever for Change, an affiliate of the MacArthur Foundation (March 2020)
Program Committee, 2019 SOLE Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA (December 2018)
Search Committee for Director of Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and the Social Sciences, Dartmouth College (June 2018-June 2019)
Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid, Dartmouth College (July 2017 to June 2020)
Search Committee for Director, Dartmouth College Child Care Center (Feb to May 2018)
Rockefeller Center Faculty Council (February 2018-)
Spencer Foundation Small Grants Review Committee (February 2014 to February 2016)
Faculty Advisory Committee on Athletics, Dartmouth College (July 2012 to June 2015)
Junior Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, Dartmouth College (2008-09)

UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

- Thesis Advisees: Ayushi Narayan `14 ** (CEA; Harvard Econ Ph.D.)
William Paja `16 (Oxford University MPhil in Development Studies)
Erin Huffer `17 (Urban Institute; Columbia Teachers College Ed. & Econ Ph.D.)
Helen Gu `18 (Cornerstone Research; MIT Econ Post-bac)
Akhila Kovvuri `18 * (Northwestern Econ Post-bac; Stanford Econ Ph.D.)
Peter Choi `19 (University of Michigan Econ Ph.D.)

** Rintels Prize Winner * Economics Department Nominee for Rintels Prize

- RAs (recent): Hana Dai `20, Meriem Fouad `21, Andrew Ahn `21, Catalina Garcia Valenzuela `21, Charlotte Driscoll `21

DERS: I direct the Dartmouth Economic Research Scholars program, which provides additional mentoring and support for 15-20 students in each academic class, starting sophomore year.

PERSONAL

Married to Ethan G. Lewis; two children born 2009 and 2012

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