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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, 2003, University of California at Berkeley
M.A., Statistics, 1999, University of California at Berkeley
B.A., Math and Economics, 1993, University of California at Santa Cruz,

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

July 2003 – Present: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics,
University of California, Santa Cruz

Sept 2007 – Present: National Bureau of Economic Research,
Faculty Research Fellow, Health Economics Program (2007 -)
Faculty Research Fellow, Program on Children (2008 -)

Sept 2007 – July 2008: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics,
University of California, Berkeley

Oct 2007 – Oct 2009: Adjunct RAND Economics and Statistics Group

GRANTS

Internal

UCSC Committee on Research 2004-2005 (5,000)
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UCSC Divisional Research Grant 2003-2004 (6,505)
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UCSC Divisional Research Grant 2005-2006 (7,270)
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UCSC Special Research Grant (10,000)

External

UC Berkeley Center for Studies in Higher Education, Co-Investigator, 2002, (5,000)
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 52165, Co-Investigator, 2003-2005, (64,792)
National Institute on Aging, R03AG025155, Co-Investigator, 2005-2007, (122,199)
National Institute on Drug Abuse, R03DA019016, Co-Investigator 2005-2007, (147,290)
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 58008, Co-Investigator, 2006-2008 (178,832)
National Institute on Aging, R01AG026290, Co-Investigator, 2006-2009, (671,986)
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, R01AA017302, Co-Investigator, 2007-
2010, (282,655)

PUBLICATIONS

"Does Medicare Save Lives?"

Joint with David Card and Nicole Maestas,

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Vol. 124, No. 2, pp. 597–636, May 2009

"The War on Drugs: Methamphetamine, Public Health and Crime"

Joint with Nancy Nicosia

American Economic Review, Vol. 99, No. 1, pp. 324–49, March 2009

"The Effect of Alcohol Consumption on Mortality: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from the Minimum Drinking Age"

Joint with Christopher Carpenter

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 164–82, January 2009

"The Long Term Health Effects of Military Service: Evidence from the National Health Interview Survey and the Vietnam Era Draft Lottery"

Joint with Reza Shabani

Economic Inquiry, Vol. 47, Issue 1, pp. 69-80, January 2009

"The Impact of Nearly Universal Insurance Coverage on Health Care: Evidence from Medicare"

Joint with David Card and Nicole Maestas

American Economic Review, Vol. 98, No. 5, pp. 2242–58, December 2008

"The Incremental Inpatient Costs Associated with Marijuana Comorbidity"

Joint with Rosalie Pacula, Jeanne Ringel and Khoa Truong,

Drug and Alcohol Dependence, Vol. 92, Issues 1-3, pp. 248-257, January 2008

"The Effects of Government Transfers on Monthly Cycles in Drug Abuse, Crime and Mortality"

Joint with Steven Puller

Journal of Public Economics, Vol. 91, pp. 2137-2157, December 2007

"Clean Air Act of 1970 and Adult Mortality"

Joint with Kenneth Chay and Michael Greenstone

Journal of Risk and Uncertainty, Vol. 27, Issue 3, pp. 279-300, December 2003

"Welfare Leavers' Use of Medicaid Transitional Medical Assistance in California 1993-1997"

Joint with Jane Mauldon and Kamran Nayeri

Inquiry, Vol. 39, Num. 4, pp. 372-387, Winter 2002

"Ultraviolet Transmittance of the Vistakon Disposable Contact Lenses"

Joint with Harris M., Chin R., Lee D., and Tam M

Contact Lens and Anterior Eye, Vol. 23, Issue 1, pp. 10-15, March 2000

"Do School Entry Laws Affect Educational Attainment and Labor Market Outcomes?",

Joint with Fernando Ferreira,

Economics of Education Review (Conditionally accepted)

"Causes and Consequences of Skipping Class in College",

Joint with Ricard Gil and Justin Marion,

Economics of Education Review (Conditionally accepted)

WORKING PAPERS

“The Effect of Health Insurance Coverage on the Use of Medical Services”, Joint with Michael Anderson and Tal Gross, August 2009

“Are Supply-Side Drug Control Efforts Effective? Evaluating OTC Regulations Targeting Methamphetamine Precursors”, Joint with Nancy Nicosia, September 2009

"The Drinking Age, Alcohol Consumption, and Crime", joint with Christopher Carpenter, July 2009

"Hospital Staffing and Inpatient Mortality", Mimeo June 2003

"Plagiarism in U.S. Higher Education: Estimating Internet Plagiarism Rates and Testing a Means of Deterrence", joint with Jeffrey Weinstein, Mimeo May 2003

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: American Economic Review, Health Services Research Journal, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Health Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Journal of Economics and Business, Economics of Education Review, Southern Economic Journal, Journal of Labor Economics, The Review of Economics and Statistics, Criminology & Public Policy, Addiction, Economic Journal

2003-2004 Econometrics Search Committee

2004-2005 Economics Department Seminar Coordinator

2004-2009 ICPSR Representative for UCSC

2005-2007 Computer Committee

2005-2009 Ph.D. Committee

2006-2007 Development Search Committee

2007 Graduate Public Health Committee

2008-2009 National Institute of Health Review Panel

PRESENTATIONS

2003 RAND; University of California, Santa Cruz; Baylor College of Medicine; Suffolk University; Baruch College; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

2004 NBER Summer Institute, Health Economics; University of California, Davis; City University of New York Health Economics Seminar; Columbia, Brown Bag; Health Care and Quality Outcomes Conference

2005 NBER Summer Institute, Aging/Health Care/Productivity; Society of Labor Economists Conference; University of California, Berkeley, Labor Lunch; UCSC Center for Justice Tolerance and Community; International Health Economics Association Conference, Texas A & M, University of Houston/Rice University

2006 NBER Health Economics; NBER Education; Columbia; Stanford Medical School; RAND

2007 University of California, Santa Barbara Quasi-Experimental Methods in Health Economics; University of California, Davis All UC Labor Workshop

2008 University of California, Berkeley Survey Research Center; University of California, Berkeley Labor Seminar; University of Hawaii; Brown University; NBER Program on

Children; ASHE Duke Conference; NBER Summer Institute Crime working group;
University of California, Santa Barbara

2009 Columbia School of Public Health; University of California, Berkeley IGERT;
University of Florida; NBER Summer Institute, Health Economics; NBER Summer
Institute, Crime Pre-conference; University of California, Cornell University (Scheduled)
Berkeley Agricultural Economics (Scheduled), MIT (Scheduled); Wharton (Scheduled)