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Current Position

July 2011 – present Associate Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz
July 2005 – June 2011 Assistant Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz

Related Experience

1997 – 1999 Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Education

June 2005 Ph.D. Economics, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago
Dissertation: Essays on Efficiency and Government Expenditures in
Redistributive Public Procurement Programs
Committee: Marianne Bertrand, Jonathan Guryan, Ali Hortacsu, Steve
Levitt (chair)

May 1997 B.S. Economics, B.B.A. Finance, Southern Methodist University, Dallas,
Texas

Publications and Forthcoming

“Are Bid Preferences Benign? The Effect of Small Business Subsidies in Highway Procurement Auctions,” *Journal of Public Economics* 91:7-8, p. 1591-1624, August 2007.

“Measuring Illegal Activity and the Effects of Regulatory Innovation: Tax Evasion and the Dyeing of Untaxed Diesel,” (with Erich Muehlegger) *Journal of Political Economy* 116:4, p. 633-666, August 2008.

“The Effects of Low Income Housing Tax Credit Developments on Neighborhoods,” (with Nathaniel Baum-Snow), *Journal of Public Economics* 93:5, p. 654-666, June 2009.

“How Costly Is Affirmative Action? Government Contracting and California’s Proposition 209,” *Review of Economics and Statistics* 91:3, August 2009.

“Firm Racial Segregation and Affirmative Action in the Highway Construction Industry,” *Small Business Economics* 33:4, p. 441-453, December 2009

“Skipping class in college and exam performance: Evidence from a regression discontinuity classroom experiment,” (with Carlos Dobkin and Ricard Gil), *Economics of Education Review* 29:4, p. 566-575, August 2010.

“Affirmative Action and the Utilization of Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses in Highway Procurement,” *Economic Inquiry* 49:3, p. 899-915, July 2011.

“Affirmative Action Programs and Business Ownership Among Minorities and Women,” September 2009 (with Rob Fairlie), accepted subject to minor revisions, *Small Business Economics*.

“Fuel Tax Incidence and Supply Conditions,” (with Erich Muehlegger), *Journal of Public Economics* 95:9-10, p. 1202-1212, October 2011.

“Self-Enforcing Agreements and Relational Contracting: Evidence from California Highway Procurement,” August 2011 (with Ricard Gil), *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, forthcoming.

Working Papers

“Sourcing with the Enemy: Horizontal Subcontracting in Highway Procurement,” August 2011.

“Do the Laws of Tax Incidence Hold? Point of Collection and the Pass-through of State Diesel Taxes,” (with Wojciech Kopczuk, Erich Muehlegger, and Joel Slemrod)

“Average Marginal Tax Rates Revisited: A Comment,” Harris School of Public Policy Working Paper 01.4. (with Casey Mulligan)

Grants, Honors, and Awards

- UC Santa Cruz General Non-tenured faculty development award 2008-2009
- UC Transportation Center Faculty Research Grant 2007-2008
- UC-Santa Cruz Faculty Research Grant, 2006-2007
- Kauffman Foundation Post-MBE Bootcamp Research Grant, 2006-2007
- University of California Labor and Employment Research Fund Grant, 2005-2006
- Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Dissertation Fellow, 2004 – 2005
- Doctoral Fellowship, Graduate School of Business, 1999 – 2003
- Arthur A. Smith Memorial Award, Outstanding Economics Undergraduate, 1997

Presentations

2011-2012 SMU, UC Davis, Stanford-Berkeley IO Fest

2010-2011 Stanford, National Tax Association annual conference, Depaul, UC Santa Cruz, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Policy Summit

- 2009-2010 Simon Fraser Univ., NBER Fall Public Economics meeting (discussant), UC Davis, Univ. of Michigan Ross School of Business, UC Berkeley ARE/Energy Institute, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Public Choice Society, UC San Diego
- 2008-2009 NBER Summer Institute, Economics of Taxation; All UC Labor Conference; UC Santa Cruz; University of Wisconsin; National Tax Association annual conference; Utah Winter Business Economics Conference (discussant)
- 2007-2008 UC Merced; Syracuse; Texas A&M; Univ. of Oklahoma; UC Santa Cruz; Economic Opportunity in California: The Labor & Employment Impact of Prop. 209 symposium; National Tax Association; International Industrial Organization Conference; Research Conference on Minorities and Women in Entrepreneurship, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2006-2007 UC Berkeley, UC Davis, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, International Industrial Organization Conference, UC Santa Cruz, Western Economic Association International Annual Conference
- 2005-2006 Stanford Institute of Theoretical Economics, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting
- 2004-2005 UC Santa Cruz, Queen's University, Missouri-Columbia, Department of Justice, Clemson, Kentucky Martin School, University at Buffalo, Cornell, Harvard Kennedy School, University of Illinois-Chicago, Chicago GSB Workshop in Applied Economics, Chicago Department of Economics Applied Micro Working Group
- 2003-2004 U. of Chicago Applied Micro Working Group, Western Economic Association International Annual Conference
- 2001-2002 U. of Chicago Applied Micro Working Group

Professional Activities

Referee and reviewer: *AEJ Economic Policy, Economics of Governance, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Manchester School, National Tax Journal, Production and Operations Management, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Small Business Economics, Manchester School, France-Berkeley Fund*