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Teaching and Research Appointments

University of California, Los Angeles, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy, 2013-Current

Tufts University, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, 2009 – 2012

Center for Labor Economics, University of California, Berkeley, Visiting Fellow, September 2011-June 2012.

Center for Global Development, Visiting Fellow, June – September 2011.

Institute for the Study of Labor, Research Associate (2006-2009), Bonn, Germany.

Affiliations

Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA, Research Fellow.

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Research Fellow.

California Center for Population Research (CCPR), UCLA, Faculty Affiliate.

Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), UC Berkeley, Faculty Affiliate.

Education

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, M.A., 2003, Ph.D. in Political Economy, 2006.

Publications

1. “Investigating the Effects of Furloughing Public School Teachers on Juvenile Crime in Hawaii” (with T. Halliday and S. Kwak) *forthcoming in Economics of Education Review*.
2. “Property Institutions and Business Investment on American Indian Reservations” (with M. Jorgensen) *forthcoming in Regional Science and Urban Economics*.

3. "Transnational Tracking, Law Enforcement and Victim Protection: A Middleman Tracker's Perspective" (with A. Basu, A. Bedi and N. Chau), *Journal of Law and Economics*, forthcoming.
4. "Young Adult Obesity and Household Income: Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers." (with Emilia Simeonova, J. Costello, W. Copeland, and A. Angold), *American Economics Journal: Applied Economics*, 2013, 5(2):1-28.
5. "The Persistence of Self-Employment Across Borders: New Evidence on Legal Immigrants to the United States", (with David A Jaeger and Konstantinos Tatsiramos) *Economics Bulletin*, Vol. 33 No. 1 pp. 126-137, 2013.
6. "Skin Tone's Decreasing Importance on Employment: Evidence from a Longitudinal Dataset, 1985-2000." (with Mutlu Yuksel) *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, V. 62, No. 2, 2012.
7. 'Counting Experience' Among the Least Counted: The Role of Cultural and Community Engagement on Educational Outcomes for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Students." (with Tarajeen Yazzie-Mintz), *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, V. 35 Num. 3, pp. 119-150, 2011.
8. "Errors in Self-Reported Wages: The Role of Previous Earnings Volatility and Individual Characteristics." *Journal of Development Economics*, V. 96, No. 2, Nov. 2011, pp. 409-421.
9. "Ethnic Fragmentation, Conflict, Displaced Persons and Human Trafficking: An Empirical Analysis" (with A. Basu, N. Chau and M. Khamis) *In Frontiers of Economics and Globalization*, (2010). Volume 8, Migration and Culture, Ed. Ira Gang and Gil Epstein, Emerald Publishing.
10. "Parent's Incomes and Children's Outcomes: A Quasi-Experiment with Casinos on American Indian Reservations," (with J. Costello, W. Copeland, G. Keeler and A. Angold), *American Economics Journal: Applied Economics*, Volume 2, No. 1, January 2010, pp. 86-115.
11. "Who Leaves? Deciphering Immigrant Self-Selection from a Developing Country," *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, October 2009.
12. "Combating Trafficking in Women and Children: A Review of International and National Legislation, Coordination Failures, and Perverse Economic Incentives," (with Arnab Basu, Arjun Bedi and Nancy Chau), *Journal of Human Rights and Civil Society*, Issue 2, Fall 2009, pp. 1-24.
13. "Checkerboards and Coase: Transactions Costs and Efficiency in Land Markets," *Journal of Law and Economics*, 2009, vol. 52.

Other Publications

1. Research Report for the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs. “Migrant Households In India: A Comparison Of The Average Migrant Household And Migrant Households With Non-Resident Accounts In Kerala, Gujarat, Maharashtra And Punjab.” A Joint Report of Center for Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania, 2012, with Devesh Kapur.
2. Research in Labor Economics. “Child Labor and the Transition between School and Work” 2010. Vol. 31, edited with Eric Edmonds and Konstantinos Tatsiramos, Emerald Publishing.
3. Institute for the Study of Labor Prize Book. “Wages, School Quality and Employment Demand David Card and Alan Krueger” 2011. edited with Klaus Zimmermann, Oxford University Press.

Working Papers under Review at Economics Journals

1. “Constitutions and Economic Development – Evidence from the American Indian Nations” (with Miriam Jorgensen and Uwe Sunde)
2. “Benefits and Costs of Cash Transfers” (with Emilia Simeonova, Jane Costello, Bill Copeland and Adrian Angold)

Research in Progress

1. “Private School Education and Native Hawaiians’ Long-Run Social and Economic Outcomes”
2. “Uniform Commercial Code Adoption on American Indian Reservations” (with Richard Todd and Sue Woodrow)
3. “Long Run Effects of Cash Intervention and Personality Traits” (with Emilia Simeonova, Jane Costello, Bill Copeland and Adrian Angold)
4. “Changes in Household Income on Pre-Natal Care and School Readiness” (with Emilia Simeonova)
5. “Asset Building in Native Communities” (with Paul Ong and Silvia Jimenez)
6. “Land Policies and Family Changes: Evidence from the Dawes Act” (with Mishuana Goeman)

Grants and Awards

Institute of American Cultures Grant 2014-2015.

UCLA Hellman Fellowship, 2014-2015.

UCLA Faculty Career Development Award, 2014-2015.

Center for American Politics and Public Policy Fellowship, UCLA, 2013-2014.

Sycuan Institute on Tribal Gaming, Research Grant Award, San Diego State University, 2012.

Faculty Research Awards Committee, Tufts University, \$4,940 for project on “Self-Employment of American Indians”, Fall 2009.

Spencer Foundation, “The Effect of School Quality on Students’ Long-Run Outcomes,” \$40,000 for survey implementation, 2009-2010.

Humboldt Foundation, “Illegal and Illicit Migration” joint with Hilmar Schneider, Melanie Khamis, Nancy Chau and Arnab Basu, 50,000 Euros for research and workshop, June 2009.

Teaching and Research Fields

Primary fields: Development Economics, Labor Economics, Quantitative Methods

Teaching Experience

Fall 2014 Microeconomics I, UCLA Public Policy.

Winter 2014 Economic Principles and Economic Development in Indigenous Communities, UCLA American Indian Studies

Fall 2013 Microeconomics I, UCLA Public Policy; Program Evaluation in Developing Countries and American Indian Communities, UCLA American Indian Studies

Spring 2013 Migration Policy and Analysis, UCLA Public Policy

Fall 2009, 2010, 2012 Basic Econometrics, Tufts University
Spring 2010, 2011

Editorial Experience

Coeditor for “Wages, School Quality and Employment Demand David Card and Alan Krueger” 2011. Institute for the Study of Labor Prize Book. (with Klaus Zimmermann) Oxford University Press.

Guest Editor for special issue of Research in Labor Economics on Child Labor, 2010.