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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Ph.D. in Economics, 2002; M.A. in Economics, 1998
Thesis: Wealth Shocks and Retirement Timing and Other Essays
Thesis Advisors: Robert J. Willis and Matthew D. Shapiro

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
B.S. in Policy Analysis, 1995

CURRENT POSITION

2007-present, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Hunter College, New York, NY

2002-2007, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Hunter College, New York, NY

2005-present, Member of the Doctoral Faculty, City University of New York

Research Associate, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan (1998-2002)

Research Assistant, The Lewin Group, Fairfax VA (1995-1997)

PUBLICATIONS

“Taxes, Wages, and the Labor Supply of Older Americans” forthcoming 2009 (with Lucie Schmidt), *Research on Aging*.

“State Fiscal Institutions and Empty Nest Migration: Are Tiebout Voters Hobbled?” (with Martin Farnham) 2006. *Journal of Public Economics* Volume 90 (3): 405-550.

“Gender, Marriage and Asset Accumulation in the United States.” (with Lucie Schmidt). *Feminist Economics* 2006. Volume 12 (1): 139-160.

“Can Family Caregiving Substitute for Nursing Home Care?” (with Kerwin Charles) 2005. *Journal of Health Economics* Volume 24 (6): 1174-1190.

“The Economic Consequences of a Husband’s Death,” (with David Weir and Robert Willis). 2003/2004 (released 2005). *Social Security Bulletin* Volume 65 (3).

“AFDC, SSI, and Welfare Reform Aggressiveness: Caseload Reductions vs. Caseload Shifting,” (with Lucie Schmidt) 2004. *Journal of Human Resources* Volume 39 (3).

“Disability Symptoms and the Price of Self-Sufficiency,” (with Lois M. Verbrugge) 2004. *Journal of Aging and Health* Volume 16 (5).

“Use, Type, and Efficacy of Assistance for Disability,” (with Lois M. Verbrugge) 2002. *Journals of Gerontology*, 57: S366-S379.

WORKING PAPERS

“Immigrant-Native Fertility and Mortality Differentials in the United States” (with Lucie Schmidt), Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2008-181, 2008.

“Housing Wealth and Retirement Timing” (with Martin Farnham), Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2007-172, 2007.

“How Do Immigrants Fare in Retirement?” (with Lucie Schmidt), Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2007-169, 2007.

“The Responsiveness of Private Savings to Medicaid Long Term Care Policy” (with Lina Walker), Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2006-150, 2006.

“Constructing a Household Panel for the Study of Fiscal Migration among Older Households” (with Martin Farnham) Unpublished Manuscript, 2005.

“Economic Adjustment of Retirees to Adverse Wealth Shocks” (with Gabor Kezdi), Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2004-075, 2004.

“Wealth Shocks and Retirement Timing: Evidence from the Nineties,” Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2002-027, 2002. (updated manuscript available on my website)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Brookdale Center on Aging at Hunter College, Faculty Fellow (2006-2007).

Gender Equity Project Sponsorship Award, funded by the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Advance Institutional Transformation Award to Hunter College (2004-2005).

Gender Equity Project Sponsorship Award, funded by the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Advance Institutional Transformation Award to Hunter College (2003-2004).

Institute for Social Research Founders’ Fellowship, University of Michigan (2001-2002).

Steven H. Sandell Dissertation Award, Social Security Administration (2000-2001).

National Institute of Aging (NIA) Economic Demography Training Fellowship (1997-2000).

GRANTS

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “Immigrant-Native Fertility and Mortality Differentials in the United States” 2007.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “How Do Immigrants Fare in Retirement?” 2006.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “Housing Prices, “Bubbles” and Retirement Timing” 2006.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “The Effect of Tax Rates and Tax Treatment of Pension and Social Security Income on Labor Supply of the Elderly” 2005.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “Health Risk in Retirement” 2005.

PSC-CUNY Research Grant. “Gender, Marriage and Asset Accumulation in the United States” 2005.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “Gender, Marriage and Asset Accumulation in the United States.” 2004.

PSC-CUNY Grant “Why do immigrants exhibit different saving and investment behavior?” 2004.

Sandell Junior Scholars Grant, Social Security Administration and Boston College Center for Retirement Research, for “Estimating the Wage Elasticity of Labor Supply for Older Workers.” 2003.

PSC-CUNY Research Grant “Economic Adjustment of Retirees to Adverse Wealth Shocks.” 2003.

Social Security Administration, Subcontract UM03-S2 (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center) “Do The Newly Retired Adjust Their Consumption or Labor Supply When Their Retirement Wealth Drops?” 2002.

PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH

“Housing Wealth and Retirement Timing”/“Early Retirement and the Housing Bubble”

- American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA), January 2008
- Michigan Retirement Research Center workshop, April 2007.
- Midwest Economics Association, 2006.
- Canadian Economics Association, 2006.

“Marriage Delay and Private Saving”

- American Economic Association, January 2007.
- Society of Labor Economists, May 2007

“The Responsiveness of Private Savings to Medicaid Long Term Care Policy”

- Michigan Retirement Research Center workshop, April 2007.
- Michigan Retirement Research Center workshop, April 2006.

“Taxes and the Labor Supply of the Older Americans”

- Midwest Economics Association, 2005
- National Tax Association, November, 2005.
- Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Seminar on Public Policy, Hunter College, 2006.

“Gender, Marriage and Asset Accumulation in the United States”

- International Association for Feminist Economics, June 2005
- Yale University, November 2004
- American Economic Association, January 2005

"State Policy and Local Residential Sorting: Are Tiebout Voters Hobbled?"

- NBER Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar (TAPES), Munich, May 2004.
- Population Association of American, 2004

"Economic Adjustment of Retirees to Adverse Wealth Shocks?"

- Midwest Economic Association Annual Meetings, 2003.

"Can Family Caregiving Substitute for Nursing Home Care?"

- International Longevity Center (New York) 2003.
- Institute for Social Research (Ann Arbor, MI) 2000.

"Tiebout *Non*-Sorting? Empty-Nest Migration and the Local Fiscal Bundle"

- 2003: CUNY Graduate Center, New York Women Economists.
- 2002: Midwest Economics Association.

"Wealth Shocks and Retirement Timing: Evidence from the Nineties"

- 2002: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Georgetown University, Georgia State University, Hunter College, Oxford University, Skidmore College, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S Census Bureau, Vanderbilt University
- 2001: University of Michigan Labor Seminar, Population Association of America, Retirement Research Consortium of the Social Security Administration.

"AFDC, SSI, and Welfare Reform Aggressiveness: Caseload Reductions vs. Caseload Shifting"

- Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, 2000.
- University of Michigan Public Finance Lunch Seminar, 2000.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Hunter College

- Principles of Microeconomics (2002-2008)
- Labor Economics (Fall 2005)
- Public Finance (Fall 2002)

University of Michigan

- Principles of Microeconomics (Fall 2000 – Head Teaching Assistant)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Discussant for "Cracking Open the Nest Egg" by Paul Smith. National Tax Association, 2005.

Discussant for "Parental Leave and Intrafamily Distribution" by Elisabeth Gugl and Linda Welling (University of Victoria). National Tax Association, 2005.

Discussant for "What Gives Rise to Changes in Marriage Penalties and Bonuses: A Panel Model Approach" by Robert Gillette, Janet Holtzblatt, and Emily Lin (Department of Treasury). National Tax Association, 2005.

Discussant for "Phased Retirement Decisions" by Steven Allen Robert Clark and Linda Ghent (Eastern Illinois University). Midwest Economics Association, 2005.

Discussant for “Informal Care and the Division of End-of-Life Transfers,” by Meta Brown (University of Wisconsin). Midwest Economics Association meetings, 2004.

Served on Panel of Judges for the American Risk and Insurance Association *Kulp-Wright* Award, 2003.