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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

McCourt Chair, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (August 2025 – present).

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (September 2012 – present).
Faculty research fellow (April 2009 – September 2012).

Nonresident Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC (August 2017 – present).
Senior Fellow (August 2015 – August 2017).

Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (July 2005 – June 2020; September 2023 – present).

Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin (September 2011 – present).

Margaret Walker Alexander Professor, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (September 2017 – July 2025).

Faculty Co-Director, Early Childhood Research Alliance of Chicago (EC-REACH).

Director, Institute for Policy Research (September 2017 – July 2023).

Courtesy appointment, Department of Economics.

Professor, School of Education and Social Policy, September 2016 – August 2017.

Associate Professor, School of Education and Social Policy, July 2010 – August 2016.

Senior Advisor to the President for Academic Excellence and Associate Provost, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (August 2023 – August 2024).

Visiting Professor.

Director, The Hamilton Project, Washington, DC (August 2015 – August 2017).

Assistant Professor, Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (July 2004 – June 2010).

Scholar in Health Policy Research, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, University of California-Berkeley (August 2002 – July 2004).

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Princeton University, November 2002.

M.A., Economics, Princeton University, November 1999.

A.B., magna cum laude, Economics and Religion, Wellesley College, June 1995.

PUBLICATIONS

- "The Effects of Lump-Sum Food Vouchers During the COVID-19 Pandemic on Spending, Hardship and Health," with Lauren Bauer and Krista Ruffini. *Journal of Public Economics* 240:105269, December 2024.
- "Raising State Minimum Wages, Lowering Community College Enrollment," with Julia A. Turner and Sarah Turner. Forthcoming, *Review of Economics and Statistics*.
- "Impact of the Chicago Universal Pre-Kindergarten Expansion: Effects on Pre-kindergarten Capacity and Enrollment and Implications for Quality," with Kathryn Gonzalez and Terri J. Sabol. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, Special Issue "Equitable Access to Early Care and Education in the United States," 154-165, 4th Quarter 2024.
- "Trends in the School Lunch Program: Selection, Nutrition, Health and Achievement," with Therese Bonomo. *Food Policy* 124: 102608, April 2024.
- "Work and Poverty Over the Past Quarter Century," with Lisa Barrow and Bea Rivera. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 711(1): 100-120, January 2024.
- "Employment and Labor Supply Responses to the Child Tax Credit Expansion: Theory and Evidence," with Michael R. Strain. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 710(1): 141-156, November 2023.
- "Suffering, the Safety Net and Disparities during COVID-19," with Marianne Bitler and Hilary Hoynes. *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 9(3): 32-59, May 2023.
- "Limited Supply and Lagging Enrollment: Production Technologies and Enrollment Changes at Community Colleges during the Pandemic," with Sarah Turner. *Journal of Public Economics* 212 (2022): 104703.
- "Does Money Still Matter? Attainment and Earnings Effects of Post-1990 School Finance Reforms," with Jesse Rothstein. *Journal of Labor Economics*, 40(S1): S141-S178, 2022.
- "Employment Effects of the Earned Income Tax Credit: Taking the Long View," with Michael Strain. *Tax Policy and the Economy*. 35 (2020), pp. 87-129.
- "The Social Safety Net in the Wake of COVID-19," with Marianne Bitler and Hilary Hoynes. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Summer 2020, pp. 119-145.
- "Supporting Development through Child Nutrition," with Betsy Thorn. *The Future of Children* 30(2). Fall 2020.
- "Exploring Options to Improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 686, no. 1 (2019): 204-228.

- "Understanding Recent Trends in Childhood Obesity in the United States," with Patricia Anderson and Kristin Butcher. *Economics and Human Biology* 34:16-25 (2019).
- "Safety Net Investments in Children," with Hilary W. Hoynes. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Spring 2018, 89-132.
- "School Finance Reform and the Distribution of Student Achievement," with Julien Lafortune and Jesse Rothstein. *American Economic Journal – Applied Economics*. 10(2): 1-26. April 2018.
- "Adequate (or Adipose?) Yearly Progress: Assessing the Effect of 'No Child Left Behind' on Children's Obesity," with Patricia Anderson and Kristin Butcher. *Education Finance and Policy*. 12(1): 54-76. Winter 2017.
- "Long-run Impacts of Childhood Access to the Safety Net," with Hilary Hoynes and Douglas Almond. *American Economic Review* 106(4): 903-934. April 2016.
- "First in the Class? Age and the Education Production Function," with Elizabeth Cascio. *Education Finance and Policy*. 11(3): 225-250. Summer 2016.
- "Beyond Income: What Else Predicts Very Low Food Security Among Children?" with Patricia Anderson, Kristin Butcher and Hilary Hoynes. *Southern Economic Journal* 82(4): 1078-1105. April 2016.
- "Changes in Safety Net Use During the Great Recession," with Patricia Anderson and Kristin Butcher. *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings* 105(2): 161-165. May 2015.
- "The Impact of Chicago's Small High School Initiative," with Lisa Barrow and Amy Claessens. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 87: 100-113. May 2015.
- "The Impacts of Expanding Access to High-Quality Preschool Education," with Elizabeth Cascio. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity* 2013.2: 127-192. 2013.
- "Experimental Evidence on the Effect of Childhood Investments on Postsecondary Attainment and Degree Completion," with Susan Dynarski and Joshua Hyman. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 32(4):692-717. September 2013.
- "Work Incentives and the Food Stamp Program," with Hilary Hoynes. *Journal of Public Economics* 96(1-2): 151-62. February 2012.
- "How Does Your Kindergarten Classroom Affect Your Earnings? Evidence from Project STAR," with Raj Chetty, John N. Friedman, Nathaniel Hilger, Emmanuel Saez, and Danny Yagan. *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 126(4): 1593-1660. November 2011.
- "Is Being in School Better? The Impact of School on Children's BMI when Starting Age is Endogenous," with Patricia Anderson, Kristin Butcher and Elizabeth Cascio. *Journal of Health Economics* 30(5): 977-986. September 2011.

- "Inside the War on Poverty: The Impact of the Food Stamp Program on Birth Outcomes," with Douglas Almond and Hilary Hoynes. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 93(2): 387-403. May 2011.
- "Consequences of SCHIP Expansions for Household Well-Being," with Lindsey Leininger and Helen Levy. *Forum for Health Economics & Policy* 13:1 (Frontiers in Health Policy Research), Article 3, 2010.
- "Left Behind by Design: Proficiency Counts and Test-Based Accountability" with Derek Neal. *Review of Economics and Statistics* 92(2): 263-283. May 2010.
- "Consumption Responses to In-Kind Transfers: Evidence from the Introduction of the Food Stamp Program," with Hilary Hoynes. *American Economic Journal – Applied Economics* 1(4): 109-139. October 2009.
- "Does the Federal School Lunch Program Contribute to Childhood Obesity?" *Journal of Human Resources* 44(3): 684-709. Summer 2009.
- "Selection Bias in College Admissions Test Scores," with Melissa Clark and Jesse Rothstein. *Economics of Education Review* 28(3): 295-307. June 2009.
- "Time Use and Food Consumption," with Marianne Bertrand. *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings* 99(2): 170-176. May 2009.
- "The Impact of Children's Health Insurance Expansions on Educational Performance," with Phillip Levine. *Forum for Health Economics & Policy* 12:1 (Frontiers in Health Policy Research), Article 1, 2009.
- "The Economic Costs of Childhood Poverty in the United States," with Harry Holzer, Greg Duncan and Jens Ludwig. *Journal of Children and Poverty*, 14(1): 41-51. March 2008.
- "What Have Researchers Learned from Project STAR?" *Brookings Papers on Education Policy*, 2007.
- "Resource and Peer Impacts on Girls' Academic Achievement: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment." *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings*, 95(2): 199-203. May 2005.
- "The Effect of Attending a Small Class in the Early Grades on College-Test Taking and Middle School Test Results: Evidence from Project STAR," with Alan B. Krueger. *Economic Journal*, 111(468): 1-28. January 2001.
- "The Impact of Welfare Reform on the AFDC Caseload," with Phillip B. Levine. *National Tax Association Proceedings – 1997*. Washington, DC: National Tax Association, pp. 24-33.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- "Long-term Impacts of Class Size Reduction." In Peter Blatchford, et al., eds., *International Perspectives on Class Size*. London: Routledge, 2016.

- “U.S. Food and Nutrition Programs,” with Hilary Hoynes. In Robert Moffitt, ed., *Means Tested Transfer Programs, Volume II*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2016. (Also available as NBER Working Paper 21057).
- “SNAP and Food Consumption,” with Hilary Hoynes and Leslie McGranahan. In Judith Bartfeld, Craig Gundersen, Timothy M. Smeeding, and James P. Ziliak, eds., *SNAP Matters: How Food Stamps Affect Health and Well Being*, Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2015.
- “Current Themes in Education Policy in the United States.” In John Karl Scholz, Hyungpyo Moon, and Sang-Hyop Lee, eds., *Social Policies in an Age of Austerity: A Comparative Analysis of the U.S. and Korea*, Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2015.
- “Class Size.” In James Wright, ed., *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, London: Elsevier, 2015.
- “Education and the Poor,” with Lisa Barrow. In Philip N. Jefferson, ed., *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Poverty*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- “School Policies and Children’s Obesity” with Patricia Anderson and Kristin Butcher. In Daniel Slottje and Rusty Tchernis, eds., *Current Issues in Health Economics (Contributions to Economic Analysis)*, Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2010.
- “The Economics of Class Size,” in *International Encyclopedia of Education*, Baker, E., McGaw, B. & Peterson, P., eds. Amsterdam: Elsevier Publishers, 2010.
- “Child Disadvantage and Obesity: Is Nurture Trumping Nature?” with Patricia Anderson and Kristin Butcher. In Jonathan Gruber, ed., *The Problems of Disadvantaged Youth: An Economic Perspective*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009.
- “Would Smaller Classes Help Close the Black-White Achievement Gap?” with Alan Krueger. In John E. Chubb and Tom Loveless, eds., *Bridging the Achievement Gap*. Washington: Brookings Institution Press, November 2002.

OTHER ACADEMIC WRITING

- “Confronting Poverty: Measuring its Causes, Costs, and Consequences,” with Leslie McGranahan. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 711(1): 8-18, January 2024.
- “Help Boys, but First Do No Harm,” and “Minding the (Achievement) Gap.” Point-Counterpoint, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 43(2): 623-628. Spring 2024.
- “How Food Purchase Restrictions and Incentives May Impact Diet Quality.” Research Editorial. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, 124(5): 565-568. May 2024.

"Understanding SNAP: An Overview of Recent Research." *Food Policy* 114 (January 2023): 102397. Editor's introduction to special issue on "The Economics of the U.S. Food Stamp/SNAP Program."

"Can Benefits and Incentives Promote Work?" and "Employment Policies Should Work with the Labor Market." Point-Counterpoint, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 37(4): 903-911. 2018.

"Early Life Impacts on Later Life Health and Economic Outcomes." *Journal of Law & Policy*. 57(1): 103-116. January 2018.

"Consumer Credit Trends by Income and Geography 2001-2012," with Gene Amromin and Leslie McGranahan. *Chicago Fed Letter* 342. 2015.

"Limitations of Experiments in Education Research." *Education Finance and Policy* 7(2): 219-232. Spring 2012.

"Who would be affected by soda taxes?" with Leslie McGranahan. *Chicago Fed Letter* 284. 2011.

WORKING PAPERS

"Structuring Consumption Subsidies: The Impact of Recurrent and One-shot Food Vouchers and Cash Transfers on Grocery Purchases," with Therese Bonomo and Krista Ruffini.

"Impacts of Universal Pre-kindergarten on the Local Early Care and Education Market: Evidence from Chicago," with Terri J. Sabol, Kathryn Gonzalez, Tianshi Wang, Zina Noel, Julia Honoroff and Sothène Guei.

"Income Elasticity of Demand for Healthy and Unhealthy Foods: Evidence from Lump-Sum Earned Income Tax Credit Payments," with Emma LaGuardia and Leslie McGranahan. NBER Working Paper #34007.

"Food Insecurity as an Economic Indicator: Evidence from the Great Recession," with Patricia Anderson, Kristin Butcher and Hilary Hoynes. Mimeo.

"Expanding the School Breakfast Program: Impacts on Children's Consumption, Nutrition and Health," with Mary Zaki. NBER Working Paper #20308.

RESTING PAPERS

The Effect of Court-Ordered Hiring Guidelines on Teacher Composition and Student Achievement," with Cynthia DuBois. NBER Working Paper #24111.

"The Earned Income Tax Credit and Food Consumption Patterns," with Leslie McGranahan. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Working Paper #2013-14.

"What Are Food Stamps Worth?" Princeton University Industrial Relations Section Working Paper #468.

"Teen Motherhood, Labor Market Involvement and the Receipt of Public Assistance," with Phillip B. Levine. *Joint Center for Poverty Research* Working Paper #84, November 1997.

“Experimental Estimates of Peer Effects.” Mimeo.

“Assessing the Impacts on Students of Closing Persistently Failing Schools,” with Lisa Barrow and Kyung Park. Mimeo.

SELECTED POLICY BRIEFS

“Proposed SNAP cuts would permanently undermine recession readiness and responsiveness,” with Lauren Bauer. The Hamilton Project, June 2025.

“The Shifting Demographics of Chicago’s Young Children,” with Monica Agarwal, John Q. Easton, Arthur Raines & Terri Sabol. EC*REACH Research Report, May 2025.

“Access to Free, Full-day Pre-K by School Racial and Ethnic Characteristics,” with Katie Gonzalez, Nick Fleming, Terri Sabol, and Kevin Wallace. Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University Rapid Research Report, April 2025.

“Does the Impact of Universal Pre-K on Access Vary Based on Neighborhood Poverty Rates?” Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University Rapid Research Report, April 2024.

“The Impact of Chicago’s Universal Prekindergarten Expansion on Access to School-Based Pre-K,” with Terri Sabol. Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University Rapid Research Report, December 2023.

“The Impact of SNAP Emergency Allotments on SNAP Benefits and Food Insufficiency.” Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University Rapid Research Report, January 27, 2023.

“SNAP Supports Rural Families.” American Enterprise Institute, April 2022.

“The Effect of Pandemic EBT on Measures of Food Hardship,” with Lauren Bauer, Abigail Pitts and Krista Ruffini. The Hamilton Project, Economic Analysis, July 30, 2020.

“Why the Safety Net Might Not Respond as Effectively to COVID-19 As It Should,” with Marianne Bitler and Hilary Hoynes. *The Milbank Quarterly*, April 30, 2020.

“Policies to Strengthen Our Nation’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,” with Hilary Hoynes. In *Vision 2020: Evidence for a Stronger Economy*, Washington Center for Equitable Growth.

“Who Would Be Affected by Proposed Changes to SNAP?” *Econofact*, August 1, 2019.

“Strengthening SNAP as an Automatic Stabilizer,” with Hilary Hoynes. In Boushey, Heather, Ryan Nunn, and Jay Shambaugh, eds., *Recession Ready: Fiscal Policies to Stabilize the American Economy*. The Hamilton Project at Brookings and Washington Center for Equitable Growth.

“Food Support Programs and their Impacts on Very Young Children,” with Betsy Thorn. Health Policy Brief, *Health Affairs*, March 28, 2019.

- “Work Requirements and Safety Net Programs,” with Lauren Bauer and Jay Shambaugh. The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution, October 2018.
- “Most Workers in Low-Wage Labor Market Work Substantial Hours, in Volatile Jobs,” with Kristin Butcher. Center on Budget & Policy Priorities: Policy Futures. July 24, 2018.
- “The Future of SNAP: Continuing to Balance Protection and Incentives.” In *Agricultural Policy in Disarray: Reforming the Farm Bill*, American Enterprise Institute, November 2017.
- “The Recent Decline in Women’s Labor Force Participation,” with Sandra Black and Audrey Breitwieser. In *The 51%: Driving Growth through Women’s Economic Participation*, The Hamilton Project, October 2017.
- “What Does the Seattle Experience Teach Us About Minimum Wages?” with Jesse Rothstein. *Econofact*, August 7, 2017.
- “Is Your Child Ready for Kindergarten? ‘Redshirting’ May Do More Harm than Good,” with Stephanie Howard Larson. *Education Next*, 17(3), Summer 2017.
- “In Order That They Might Rest Their Arguments on Facts: The Vital Role of Government-Collected Data,” with Nicholas Eberstadt, Ryan Nunn, and Michael R. Strain. The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution and AEI, March 2017.
- “If You Build It: A Guide to the Economics of Infrastructure Investment,” with Ryan Nunn and Greg Nantz. The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution, February 2017.
- “Money Lightens the Load,” with Ryan Nunn, Megan Mumford, and Lauren Bauer. The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution, December 2016.
- “Lessons for Broadening School Accountability under the Every Student Succeeds Act,” with Lauren Bauer and Megan Mumford. The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution, October 2016.
- “Seven Facts on Noncognitive Skills from Education to the Labor Market,” with Ryan Nunn, Lauren Bauer, Megan Mumford, and Audrey Breitwieser. The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution, October 2016.
- “The Long-Term Impact of the Head Start Program,” with Lauren Bauer. The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution, August 2016.
- “Twelve Facts about Food Insecurity and SNAP,” with Lauren Bauer and Greg Nantz. The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution, April 2016.
- “Who Has Access to Charter Schools?” with Megan Mumford and Lauren Bauer. The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution, March 2016.

“Can school finance reforms improve student achievement?” with Jesse Rothstein and Julien Lafortune. *Washington Center for Equitable Growth Policy Brief*, March 16, 2016.

“Expanding Preschool Access for Disadvantaged Children,” with Elizabeth Cascio, in Melissa S. Kearney and Benjamin H. Harris, eds., *Policies to Address Poverty in America*, The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution, June 2014.

“Does Class Size Matter?” Policy brief, National Education Policy Center. February 2014.

Strengthening SNAP for a More Food-Secure, Healthy America. Discussion paper, The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution, December 2013.

“The Safety Net: An Investment in Kids,” with Hilary Hoynes. *Spotlight on Poverty*. July 2013.

“\$320,000 Kindergarten Teachers.” *Phi Delta Kappan* 92(3): 322-25. November 2010

“Leaving children behind ... by design.” *Milken Institute Review* Quarter 1 2008, pp. 18-25.

“Many U.S. Children are Left Behind by Design,” with Derek Neal. *VoxEU.org*, August 2007.

GRANTS AND FUNDED PROJECTS

“Early Childhood Research Alliance of Chicago,” co-Principal Investigator, \$1,100,000 combined from Start Early and Anonymous Foundation.

“Studying the Impact of Chicago’s Universal Prekindergarten Expansion,” co-Principal Investigator, \$787,500 combined from Peter G. Peterson Foundation, CME Group Foundation, Arie and Ida Crown Memorial Foundation, Steans Family Foundation, Anonymous Foundation, and Administration for Children and Families.

“A Policy Agenda for Improving Child Outcomes,” Principal Investigator, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$730,700, 2019-2020.

“The Impacts of School Lunch Reforms on Student Outcomes,” Principal Investigator, Research, Innovation, and Development Grant in Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture (administered by University of Wisconsin), \$39,932, 2015-2016.

“School Finance Reform and the Distribution of Student Achievement,” Principal Investigator, Spencer Foundation, \$305,469, 2014-2016.

“Multidisciplinary Program in Education Sciences,” Principal Investigator, Institute for Educational Sciences, Predoctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences Grant, \$3,908,332, 2014-2019.

“New Evidence on Why Children’s Food Security Varies across Households with Similar Incomes,” Principal Investigator, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, *Research Program on Childhood Hunger*, \$244,254, 2012-2014.

- “Understanding Food Insecurity During the Great Recession,” Principal Investigator, Russell Sage Foundation, \$146,614, 2011-2013.
- “Assessing the Impacts on Students of Closing Persistently Failing Schools,” Principal Investigator, Smith Richardson Foundation, Grant, \$60,000, 2008-2011.
- “Evaluating the Impact of SCHIP Expansions on Household Spending and Consumption using Consumer Expenditure Survey Data,” Co-Investigator, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization, \$124,694, 2008-2009.
- “Identifying Behavioral Economics Factors Affecting Food Consumption,” Principal Investigator, Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP), US Department of Agriculture, \$399,773, 2007-2009.
- “Assessing the Effectiveness of Chicago’s Small High School Initiative,” Principal Investigator, Institute for Educational Sciences, Research on High School Reform Grant, \$336,664, 2006-2008.
- “The Effect of School Accountability Policies on Childhood Obesity,” Principal Investigator, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Healthy Eating Research Grant, \$74,995, 2006-2008.
- “Measuring the Impacts of Stigma and Time Cost in the Food Stamp Enrollment Decision,” Principal Investigator, Research, Innovation, and Development Grant in Economics, US Department of Agriculture (administered by University of Wisconsin), \$29,921, 2006-2007.
- “The Introduction of the Food Stamp Program: Impacts on Food Consumption and Family Well-Being,” Principal Investigator, Research, Innovation, and Development Grant in Economics, US Department of Agriculture (administered by University of Chicago), \$37,748, 2005-2006.
- “Does Accountability Promote General or Test-Specific Skills?” Principal Investigator, NICHD University of Chicago Population Research Center pilot award, \$8000, 2005-2006.
- “Advancing Education Improvement by Improving Child Health: An Analysis of NAEP Data,” Principal Investigator, NAEP Secondary Analysis Grant, US Department of Education, \$99,912, 2005-2006.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Elected Member, National Academy of Social Insurance, 2020
- Elected Member, National Academy of Education, 2019
- Raymond Vernon Memorial Award, 2013
- Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*, 2012
- Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, Princeton University, 2000-2002
- Peggy Howard Fellowship, Wellesley College, 2001
- National Science Foundation Traineeship in the Economics of Education, 1997-2000

- Social Science Research Council Program in Applied Economics, 1998

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Board Memberships

- Start Early, 2022-present.
- Greater Chicago Food Depository, 2019-present.
- Food Research and Action Center, 2021-2024.
- Chicago HOPEs for Kids, 2018-2022.
- Hamilton Project Advisory Council, 2017-present.

Editorial Service

- Editorial Advisory Board, *Food Policy*, 2022-present.
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Milbank Quarterly*, 2020-2023.
- Coeditor, *Journal of Human Resources*, 2018-2021.
- Associate Editor, *Journal of Human Resources*, 2014-2018.
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2016-present.
- Editorial Board Member, *American Economic Journal – Applied Economics*.

National Committee Service

- Food and Nutrition Board, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, Member, 2024-.
- Technical Work Group, Designing a Pilot to Measure the Impact of Restricting SNAP Purchases, Member, 2024.
- National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine Committee on the Review of Federal Policies that Contribute to Racial and Ethnic Health Inequities, Member, 2022-2023.
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Policies for Action, National Advisory Committee, Chair, 2016-2020.
- Institute of Medicine CNSTAT Panel on Improving USDA's Consumer Data for Food and Nutrition Policy Research, Member, 2018-2020.
- Society for Research in Education Effectiveness, Program Committee for 2017 Annual Meeting.
- Society of Labor Economists, Program Committee for 2016, 2017 Annual Meetings.
- American Economic Association, Program Committee for 2015 Annual Meeting.
- Institute of Medicine Committee on Examination of the Adequacy of Food Resources and SNAP Allotments, Member, 2011-13.
- Technical Work Group, Healthy Incentives Pilot (HIP) Evaluation, Member, 2010-13.

Keynote Addresses

- Economics of Child Nutrition Workshop, University of London, June 2024.

- C. Woody Thomson Memorial Lecture, Midwest Economics Association, March 2024.
- Educational Resources and Student Performance, Oslo, Norway, August 2022.
- Kuyper Lecture, Calvin University, April 2022.
- Sulzberger Distinguished Lecture Series, Duke University, November 2020.
- Association for Education Finance and Policy 44th Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO, March 2019.
- BKK Bureau Kwaliteit Kinderopvang “Creating Opportunities” Conference, Berlin, Germany, November 2018.
- VATT Institute for Economic Research, Helsinki, Finland, October 2018.
- International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education, Catanzaro, Italy, 2018.
- Early Childhood Education Impact Evaluation Workshop, World Bank, Abu Dhabi, 2018.
- Hunger Action Summit, Second Harvest Food Bank, 2017.
- Early Childhood Inequality Workshop, Nuremberg Germany, 2016.
- Dennis Hastert Center, Wheaton College, 2014.
- Calderwood Lecture, Wellesley College, 2014.
- Illinois Education Research Council, 2012.
- Francis Marion University, Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty, 2011.

Congressional Testimony

- “The Power of Work: Expanding Opportunity through SNAP,” U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, April 8, 2025.
- “Recognizing and Building on the Success of Pandemic Relief Programs,” U.S. House of Representatives Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, September 22, 2021.
- “Ending Hunger in America: Challenges, Opportunities, and Building the Political Will to Succeed,” U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Rules, April 28, 2021.
- “Nutrition Programs: Perspectives for the 2018 Farm Bill,” U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, September 14, 2017.
- “Exploring Opportunities to Strengthen Education Research While Protecting Student Privacy,” U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, June 28, 2017.
- “Pros and Cons of Restricting SNAP Purchases,” U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, February 16, 2017.

University Committee Service

- Strategic Enrollment Committee, September 2023-June 2024.
- Civil Discourse Committee, 2023.

- Program Review Council, 2022-2023.
- Committee on Honorary Degrees, 2020-2023.
- Search Committee, Executive Director of the Buffett Institute for Global Studies, 2018.
- Executive Committee, Institute for Policy Research, 2014-2023.
- Executive Committee, School of Education and Social Policy, 2013-15.

Program Reviews

- Department of Economics, Wellesley College, October 2023.
- Marketing Department, Northwestern University, October 2022.
- Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto, June 2022.
- Department of Economics, Georgetown University, March 2019.

Referee: *American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, The B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Developmental Psychology, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics and Human Biology, Economics of Education Review, Economics Letters, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Health Economics, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Oxford University Press, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Science, State and Local Government Review, Social Science Quarterly, Social Service Review, Southern Economic Journal.*

Grant Reviewer: U.S. Department of Agriculture; National Institutes of Health; National Science Foundation; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Smith Richardson Foundation; Spencer Foundation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Florida (2024)

Public Economics (PhD course)

Northwestern University (2010 to 2023)

Economics of Social Policy (Undergraduate course)

Quantitative Methods I (PhD course)

Education Policy (PhD course)

Labor Economics (PhD course)

Contemporary Issues in Education (Undergraduate course)

University of Chicago (2004 to 2010)

Statistical Methods for Policy Research (Graduate course)

Economics of Education Policy (Graduate course)

Education Policy & Reform (Graduate course)

Program Evaluation (Graduate course)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Economic Counselor, Sebago Associates, Inc., Santa Monica, CA, September 1998–August 2001.

Research Assistant, Council of Economic Advisers, Washington, D.C., April 1996–May 1997.

Research Assistant, Survey of Consumer Finances, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C., August 1995–April 1996.