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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics and Public Policy: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2012

M.A. in Economics: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2008

B.A. in Economics, *summa cum laude*: Case Western Reserve University,
Cleveland OH, 2004

EMPLOYMENT AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The Hamilton Project, Washington DC

Policy Director. 2016-present.

Economic Studies Program, Washington DC

Fellow. 2016-present.

University of Maryland, College Park

Adjunct Lecturer. “Program Analysis and Evaluation” (Master of Professional Studies Program in Applied Economics). 2015-2018. Recipient of Fall 2016 Teaching Award.

U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington DC

Economist. 2012-2016: Briefed Assistant Secretary and other Treasury Department leadership on relevant labor and public finance issues. Performed independent statistical analysis of microeconomic datasets in support of these briefings. Participated in inter-agency policy initiatives and reports, notably including those related to occupational licensing reform. Conducted academic research in empirical microeconomics, with a focus on labor market implications of tax policy. Wrote policy papers regarding labor market policy.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Lecturer. “Principles of Microeconomics” (Department of Economics). 2010. Prepared and taught the course.

Graduate Student Instructor (7 semesters).

“Principles of Microeconomics” (Department of Economics). Taught discussion sections and served as head graduate student instructor for three semesters.

“World Economic History” (Department of Economics). Worked with students on research assignments and methodology.

Research Assistant (Professors Miles Kimball and Daniel Silverman). 2007-2009.
Assisted with research on hedonic adaptation in Health and Retirement Study data.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Referee: Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economic Inquiry, Economics Bulletin.

Member: Panel of Experts for *Occupational Licensing: Assessing State Policy and Practice*, an initiative of the National Conference of State Legislatures, National Governors Association, and The Council of State Governments. Labor and Employment Relations Association.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Nunn, Ryan and Gabriel Scheffler. *Occupational Licensing and the Limits of Public Choice Theory*. ALR Accord, vol. 4 (2).

Hunt, Jennifer and Ryan Nunn. *Is Employment Polarization Informative About Wage Inequality and Is Employment Really Polarizing?* NBER WP #26064.

Kawano, Laura, Katherine Lim, and Ryan Nunn. *The Effect of Unemployment Insurance on Wage Growth*.

Kawano, Laura, Ben Klemens, and Ryan Nunn. *Unemployment Insurance and Worker Mobility*. Tax Policy Center (February 2018).

Kimball, Miles, Ryan Nunn, and Daniel Silverman. *Accounting for Adaptation in the Economics of Happiness*. NBER WP #21365.

Nunn, Ryan. *Occupational Licensing in a Tax Incidence Framework*.

Nunn, Ryan. *Optimal Tax Preferences*.

THE HAMILTON PROJECT

2019

Nine Facts about State and Local Policy (with Jana Parsons and Jay Shambaugh)
Nine Facts about Monetary Sanctions in the Criminal Justice System (with Patrick Liu and Jay Shambaugh)

Recession Ready: Fiscal Policies to Stabilize the American Economy (edited with Heather Boushey and Jay Shambaugh)

The Damage Done by Recessions and How to Respond (with Heather Boushey, Jimmy O'Donnell, and Jay Shambaugh)

The Shift in Private Sector Union Participation: Explanations and Effects (with Jimmy O'Donnell and Jay Shambaugh)

Employment, Education, and the Time Use of American Youth (with Lauren Bauer, Emily Moss, and Jay Shambaugh)

2018

Revitalizing Wage Growth: Policies to Get American Workers a Raise (edited with Jay Shambaugh)

How Declining Dynamism Affects Wages (with Jay Shambaugh and Patrick Liu)

How Occupational Licensing Matters for Wages and Careers

The State of Competition and Dynamism: Facts about Concentration, Start-ups, and Related Policies (with Jay Shambaugh, Audrey Breitwieser, and Patrick Liu)

Where Work Pays: How Does Where You Live Matter for Your Earnings? (with Lauren Bauer, Audrey Breitwieser, and Jay Shambaugh)
Place-based Policies for Shared Economic Growth (edited with Jay Shambaugh)
The Geography of Prosperity (with Jana Parsons and Jay Shambaugh)
A Dozen Facts about Immigration (with Jimmy O'Donnell and Jay Shambaugh)
Labor Market Considerations for a National Job Guarantee (with Jimmy O'Donnell and Jay Shambaugh)
The Economics of Bail and Pretrial Detention (with Patrick Liu and Jay Shambaugh)

2017

If You Build It: A Guide to the Economics of Infrastructure Investment (with Diane Schanzenbach and Greg Nantz)
In Order That They Might Rest Their Arguments on Facts: The Vital Role of Government-Collected Data (with Nicholas Eberstadt, Diane Schanzenbach, and Michael Strain)
Twelve Economic Facts on Energy and Climate Change (with Diane Schanzenbach, Audrey Breitwieser, Megan Mumford, Greg Nantz, Michael Greenstone, and Sam Ori)
Putting Your Major to Work: Career Paths after College (with Diane Schanzenbach and Greg Nantz)
The Closing of the Jobs Gap: A Decade of Recession and Recovery (with Diane Schanzenbach, Lauren Bauer, and Audrey Breitwieser)
Who is Out of the Labor Force? (with Diane Schanzenbach, Lauren Bauer, and Megan Mumford)
Thirteen Facts about Wage Growth (with Jay Shambaugh, Patrick Liu, and Greg Nantz)
The 51%: Driving Growth through Women's Economic Participation (edited with Diane Schanzenbach)
The Incomplete Progress of Women in the Labor Market (with Megan Mumford)
Lessons from the Rise of Women's Labor Force Participation in Japan (with Jay Shambaugh and Becca Portman)
Eleven Facts about Innovation and Patents (with Jay Shambaugh and Becca Portman)

2016

Nine Facts about the Great Recession and Tools for Fighting the Next Downturn (with Diane Schanzenbach, Lauren Bauer, David Boddy, and Greg Nantz)
Where Does All the Money Go: Shifts in Household Spending Over the Past 30 Years (with Diane Schanzenbach, Lauren Bauer, and Megan Mumford)
Who is Poor in the United States? (with Diane Schanzenbach and Lauren Bauer)
Occupational Licensing and American Workers
The Changing Landscape of American Life Expectancy (with Diane Schanzenbach and Lauren Bauer)
Seven Facts on Noncognitive Skills from Education to the Labor Market (with Diane Schanzenbach, Lauren Bauer, Megan Mumford, and Audrey Breitwieser)
The Economics of Private Prisons (with Megan Mumford and Diane Schanzenbach)

Twelve Facts about Incarceration and Prisoner Reentry (with Diane Schanzenbach, Lauren Bauer, Audrey Breitwieser, Megan Mumford, and Greg Nantz)
Money Lightens the Load (with Diane Schanzenbach, Megan Mumford, and Lauren Bauer)

SELECTED COMMENTARY AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The Regulatory Review. January 30, 2017. *The Future of Occupational Licensing Reform*.
The Wall Street Journal (with Matthew Mitchell). July 6, 2017. *Rule Reversal: How the Feds Can Challenge State Regulation*.
The Hill (with Gabriel Ehrlich). August 2, 2017. *Eliminating In-house CBO Scoring Would Be Profoundly Unwise*.
Harvard Business Review (with Jay Shambaugh). October 24, 2017. *Why Wages Aren't Growing in America*.
Econofact.org (with Matt Marx). May 20, 2018. *The Chilling Effect of Non-Compete Agreements*.
BBC News (with Jay Shambaugh). July 10, 2018. San Francisco: *Where a Six-Figure Salary Is 'Low Income'*.
Econofact.org (with Kathleen Adams and Sara Markowitz). October 9, 2018. *How Do Occupational Licensing Rules Affect the Health Care Sector?*
BBC News (with Kriston McIntosh and Jay Shambaugh). November 29, 2018. *Six Charts on the Immigrants Who Call the US Home*.
Real Clear Markets (with Kriston McIntosh and Jay Shambaugh). August 27, 2019. *Who Watches Out for Workers?*

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

NBER Economics of Infrastructure Conference. March 2, 2018. *Economic Issues Raised by Recent U.S. Proposals for Infrastructure Investment*.
FRB Chicago conference: Occupational Licensing Over Time and Across Countries. September 13, 2018. *Linking Research to Policy*.
2018 Multi-State Learning Consortium Meeting of the NCSL, CSG, and NGA. November 29, 2018. *The Future of Work*.
LERA 2019 Annual Meeting. January 4, 2019. *Why are Fewer Workers Earning Middle Wages and Is It a Bad Thing?*
SOLE 2019 Annual Meeting. May 4, 2019. *Is Employment Polarization Informative About Wage Inequality and Is Employment Really Polarizing?*
Whitman School of Management conference on the Changing Nature of Work and Workplaces. June 22, 2019. *Occupational Licensing in a Tax Incidence Framework*.