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EDUCATION	<b>Harvard University</b> , M.A., 2003, Ph.D. in Political Economy, 2006.  <b>Yale University</b> , M.A. Degree in International and Development Economics, 1996.  <b>Dartmouth College</b> , B.A. in Economics, 1994.
AFFILIATIONS	National Bureau of Economic Research, Faculty Research Fellow. Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, 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.
TEACHING AND RESEARCH	American Indian Studies Economic Development, Labor Economics, Development Economics, Immigration
PUBLICATIONS	“The Role of Race, Ethnicity and Tribal Enrollment on Asset Accumulation: An Examination of American Indian Tribal Nations” (with S.K. Stockly, W. Darity, Jr., D. Hamilton, and P. Ong), forthcoming in <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> .  “Critical Junctures and Economic Development—Evidence from the Adoption of Constitutions Among American Indian Nations.” (with Miriam Jorgensen and Uwe Sunde), <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i> , 43:4 (November 2015): 844-861.

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“The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and Its Effects on American Indian Economic Development” (with K. Spilde and J. Taylor), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 29:3 (Summer 2015): 185-208.

“Social and Economic Changes on American Indian Reservations in California: an Examination of Twenty Years of Tribal Government Gaming” (with Katherine Spilde and Jonathan Taylor), *UNLV Gaming Research & Review Journal*, 18:2 (2014): 39-64.

“Investigating the Effects of Furloughing Public School Teachers on Juvenile Crime in Hawaii” (with T. Halliday and S. Kwak), *Economics of Education Review*, 42 (October 2014): 1-11.

“Property Institutions and Business Investment on American Indian Reservations” (with M. Jorgensen), *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 46 (May 2014): 116-125.

“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*, 57 (May 2014): 349-386.

“Young Adult Obesity and Household Income: Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers.” (with E. Simeonova, J. Costello, W. Copeland, and A. Angold), *American Economics Journal: Applied Economics*, 5:2 (2013):1-28.

“The Persistence of Self-Employment Across Borders: New Evidence on Legal Immigrants to the United States” (with D.A. Jaeger and K. Tatsiramos), *Economics Bulletin*, 33:1 (January-March 2013): 126-137.

“The Decreasing Effect of Skin-Tone on Women’s Full Time Employment” (with M. Yuksel), *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 65:2 (April 2012): 398-426.

“‘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 T. Yazzie-Mintz), *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, 35:3 (2011): 119-150.

“Errors in Self-Reported Wages: The Role of Previous Earnings Volatility and Individual Characteristics” *Journal of Development Economics*, 96:2, (November 2011): 409-421.

“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: Migration and Culture*, edited by G.S. Epstein and I. Gang, Volume 8, (Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2010): 691-716.

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“Parents’ 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*, 2:1 (January 2010): 86-115.

“Who Leaves? Deciphering Immigrant Self-Selection from a Developing Country” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 58:2 (January 2010): 323-344.

“Combating Trafficking in Women and Children: A Review of International and National Legislation, Coordination Failures, and Perverse Economic Incentives” (with A. Basu, A. Bedi, and N. Chau), *Journal of Human Rights and Civil Society*, 2 (Fall 2009):1-24.

“Checkerboards and Coase: Transactions Costs and Efficiency in Land Markets” *Journal of Law and Economics*, 52 (May 2009): 395-410.

SUBMITTED OR  
WORKING  
PAPERS

“Reservation Employer Establishments: Data from the U.S. Census Longitudinal Business Data Set,” (with R. Todd, E. Mykerezi)

“Race Matters: Income Shares, Income Inequality, and Income Mobility for All U.S. Races” (with M. Jones and S. Porter) under review.

“How Does Household Income Affect Child Personality Traits and Behaviors?” (with E. Simeonova, J. Costello, and B. Copeland) second-round revise and resubmit at the *American Economic Review*.

“Socioeconomic Outcomes for Indigenous Students attending a High Performing School” revise and resubmit at *Journal of American Indian Education*.

“Land Titles and Dispossession: Allotment on American Indian Reservations,” second revise and resubmit at *Journal of Economic History*

“Yes, American Indian Families Talk to their Children: An Examination of Confidential Use National Data to Inform AIAN Early Learning Practices.” (with T. Yazzie-Mintz) under review.

“Excess Mortality, Institutionalization and Homelessness among Status Indians in Canada.” (with D. Feir) revise and resubmit at *Canadian Journal of Economics*.

RESEARCH IN  
PROGRESS

“Poverty and Voting: Identifying Causal Mechanisms Across Generations,” (with E. Simeonova, J. Holbein, E. Costello and W. Copeland)

OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

“Access to Capital and Credit in Native Communities: A Data Review,” Native Nations Institute Report (with M. Jorgensen).  
(<http://nni.arizona.edu/publications-resources/publications/papers/accessing-capital-and-credit-native-communities-data-review>)

“American Indians on Reservations: A Databook of Socioeconomic Change from 1990 to 2010,” (with J. Taylor), 2014. <http://taylorpolicy.com/us-databook/>

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 THE Center for Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania (with D. Kapur), 2012.

Research in Labor Economics. “Child Labor and the Transition between School and Work,” Vol. 31, edited with E.V. Edmonds and K. Tatsiramos, Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2010.

Institute for the Study of Labor Prize Book. “Wages, School Quality and Employment Demand” by David Card and Alan B. Krueger, edited with K.F. Zimmermann (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011).

“O Ke Kahua Mamua, Mahope Ke Kukulu. First the foundation, then the building.” *Honolulu Weekly*, August 27, 2003.

POPULAR PRESS  
COLUMNS

“Credit Scores & Indians: Recent Evidence on the Prevalence of Low Scores & Borrowing” Indian Country Today Media Network, April 10, 2016  
<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2016/04/10/credit-scores-indians-recent-evidence-prevalence-low-scores-borrowing>

“The Good(?) and Bad of Boarding Schools” Indian Country Today Media Network, March 3, 2016.  
<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2016/03/03/good-and-bad-boarding-schools>

“Manufacturing Consent for the Living AND the Dead in Hawai‘i” (with N. Arista). Indian Country Today Media Network, November 20, 2015.  
<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/11/20/manufacturing-consent-living-and-dead-hawaii>

MEDIA  
COVERAGE

Murphy, Rosalie, “Half of Palm Springs sits on Rented Land” *The Desert Sun*, September 22, 2016. <http://www.desertsun.com/story/money/real-estate/2016/09/22/palm-springs-agua-caliente-land-lease/87944598/>

Press for: NBER Working Paper 21562 “How Does Household Income Affect Child Personality Traits and Behaviors?”

Madrick, Jeff. “Handouts Are Often Better Than a Hand Up” *The New York Times*, The Opinion Pages, April 7, 2016.  
[https://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/07/opinion/handouts-are-often-better-than-a-hand-up.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/07/opinion/handouts-are-often-better-than-a-hand-up.html?_r=0)

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Radio Interview on National Public Radio WHYY Philadelphia  
“RadioTimes” Show on October 21, 2015.  
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Ferdman, Roberto. “The remarkable thing that happens to poor kids when you give their parents a little money” *The Washington Post*, Wonkblog, October 8, 2015.  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2015/10/08/the-remarkable-ways-a-little-money-can-change-a-childs-personality-for-life/?utm\\_term=.da404ee76998](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2015/10/08/the-remarkable-ways-a-little-money-can-change-a-childs-personality-for-life/?utm_term=.da404ee76998)

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<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/study-reveals-what-happens-to-poor-children-when-you-give-their-parents-a-little-money-a6689031.html>

Radio Interview on *The Wayne Besen Show* on Chicago Progressive Talk Station <http://www.chicagosprogressivetalk.com/ive-got-issues-w-wayne-besen/>

White, Gillian. “A Small Boost in Family Income Makes a Big Difference for Kids” *The Atlantic*, September 27, 2015.  
<http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2015/09/income-inequality-poverty-children/407512/>

Levitz, Eric. “How the ‘Free Stuff’ Jeb Bush Complained About Pays Off for Families and Children” *New York Magazine*, September 29, 2015. <http://nymag.com/scienceofus/2015/09/how-free-stuff-pays-off.html>

Bryan, Bob. “Wealthier families have happier kids” *Business Insider*, September 21, 2015. <http://www.businessinsider.com/how-household-income-impacts-personality-trait-behaviour-2015-9>

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<http://www.bloombergview.com/articles/2015-10-09/new-findings-from-war-on-poverty-just-give-cash>

Press for: “The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and Its Effects on American Indian Economic Development” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*

“Has tribal gaming been a boon for American Indians? The impact of the 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act” American Economic Association Research Highlight Webpage:

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Press for: “Young Adult Obesity and Household Income: Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers.” *American Economics Journal: Applied Economics*.

“What Happens When the Poor Receive a Stipend?” in *The New York Times*, January 18, 2014,  
<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/01/18/what-happens-when-the-poor-receive-a-stipend/>

Reposted at the following blogs:

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/01/20/1271174/-What-Happens-when-Poor-People-get-Cash-An-Empirical-Study#>

<http://economistsview.typepad.com/economistsview/2014/01/what-happens-when-the-poor-receive-a-stipend.html>

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<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2014/01/21/wonkbook-how-americans-feel-about-inequality/>

Press for: “Investigating the Effects of Furloughing Public School Teachers on Juvenile Crime in Hawaii” *Economics of Education Review*

<http://www.kitv.com/news/hawaii/oahu-juvenile-crime-lower-on-teacher-furlough-days/22267412#%210kj1W>

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/23605931/ohau-juvenile-crime-lower-on-teacher-furlough-days>

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<http://westhawaiitoday.com/sections/news/state-wire/oahu-juvenile-crime-down-teacher-furlough-days.html>

Press for “Parents’ Incomes and Children’s Outcomes” *American Economics Review: Applied Economics*

Vox Talks at the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)  
October 3, 2008. Audio at:  
<http://www.voxeu.eu/index.php?q=node/1260>

HONORS,  
GRANTS AND  
AWARDS

C. Doris and Toshio Hoshide Distinguished Teaching Prize in Asian American Studies at UCLA, 2016-2017, \$1,000.

UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, The Institute on Inequality and Democracy, "Income Inequality and Income Mobility for American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders," \$10,500. 2016.

Institute of American Cultures Grant, for work on "Income Inequality and Income Mobility for American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders." \$5000. 2016-2017.

Institute of American Cultures Ralph M. Parsons Foundation Faculty Research Award, for work on "Income Inequality and Income Mobility for American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders." \$2500. 2016-2017.

National Institute of Food and Agriculture, US Department of Agriculture, "The Economic Geography and Dynamics of Businesses on Indian Reservations: The Role of Space, Demographics and Institutions." \$108,983. 2015-2017.

Institute of American Cultures Grant, 2014-2015.

UCLA Hellman Fellowship, 2014-2015.

UCLA Faculty Career Development Award, 2014-2015.

Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics, Duke University; University of California Los Angeles Faculty Career Development Award, 2014.  
Center for American Politics and Public Policy Fellowship, UCLA, 2013-2014.

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

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

Faculty Research Awards Committee, Tufts University, for project on "Self-Employment of American Indians" \$4,940. Fall 2009.  
Humboldt Foundation, "Illegal and Illicit Migration" for research and workshop, joint with H. Schneider, M. Khamis, N. Chau, and A. Basu, €50,000. June 2009.

CONSULTING  
ACTIVITY

National Academies of Science Commissioned Paper on "Reducing Child Poverty – Alaska Native and American Indian Children", July – October 2017.

International Growth Centre (“IGC”), London School of Economics and Political Science. “Myanmar’s Remittance Economy” Project Number 53405 with D. Kapur. 2016.

US Treasury Department, American Indian Community Development Financial Institutions Research, 2013.

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis – American Indian Reservations and Uniform Commercial Codes. 2010-2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

AM IND M200D/PUB PLC M270 “Economic Principles and Economic Development in Indigenous Communities,” UCLA American Indian Studies. Winter 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

PUB PLC 203 “Microeconomics I,” UCLA Public Policy. Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

PUB PLC 290 “Program Evaluation in Developing Countries and American Indian Communities, UCLA American Indian Studies / Public Policy. Fall 2013, Fall 2016.

AM IND 187 Pacific Island Economic Development, UCLA American Indian Studies. Winter 2016.

PUB PLC 290 Migration Policy and Analysis, UCLA Public Policy. Spring 2013, Winter 2016.

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

PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

2017. University of Reno, Nevada, Economics Seminar; US Department of the Interior Data for Indian Economic Development Workshop, Flagstaff, AZ. Tulane University Economics Department Seminar; Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, “Tribal Community Perspectives on Higher Education”; Federal Statistical Research Data Center Conference Presentation at UCLA.

2016. University of Montana, Economics Seminar; Society for Labor Economists Annual Meeting; Western Economics Association Annual Meeting; Dartmouth College, Economics Department Seminar; Dartmouth College, Native American Studies; UCLA California Center for Population Research Seminar; UCLA Human Development and Psychology Colloquium Series, Winter 2016; US Census Bureau, Summer at Census.

2015. President-Elect Featured Session in Western Economics Association Meetings; National Bureau of Economic Research, Children and Education Meetings; University of Hawaii, Political Science Department; Midwest Economics Association Meetings; Royal Economics Society, Manchester, UK; University of North Dakota, Economics Department; University of Hawaii, Economics Department; US Census Bureau, Summer at Census.

2014. UC Santa Barbara Broom Center for Demography; National Congress of American Indians Tribal Leaders / Scholars Forum; UC Irvine; UC Berkeley All Labor Conference; 2014 APPAM Conference Albuquerque NM; UC Riverside; Indian Health Service Budget Summit Meeting, Washington, DC.

2013. American Economics Association, San Diego, California; Pacific Development Conference, San Francisco State University and University of San Francisco; CEGA Research Retreat, UC Berkeley; William and Lee University.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee Experience. *American Economic Review; American Economics Journal: Applied Economics; Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders Policy; Berkeley Electronic Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy; Canadian Journal of Economics; Child Development; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Economic Systems; Economica, Economics and Human Biology; Economics of Education Review; European Journal of Health Economics, Industrial and Labor Relations Review; Industrial Relations; International Economic Review, International Journal of Epidemiology; Journal of African Economies; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics; Journal of International Economics; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Regional Science, Demography; Journal of the American Statistical Association; Labour Economics; PLOS ONE; Political Science Quarterly; Oxford Bulletin; Practice & Community; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Research in Labor Economics; Small Business Economics, Social Science & Medicine; University of Arizona Press; and World Development.*

Editorial Experience. *Hulili; Multidisciplinary Research on Hawaiian Well-Being*, Kamehameha Schools Publishing, 2008-current. Mellon Tribal College Research Journal, Denver, Co, Editorial Board Member, 2013- current. 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.

Conference and Research Event Organizing. “Policy Forum: The Governance of Indigenous Data” May 18-19, 2017 UCLA. “Across Indian Country, Children Sing.” Research Talk by Dr. Tarajean Yazzie-Mintz, Spring 2016. Co-sponsored by UCLA American Indian Studies Center and UCLA Kneller Endowment in Education and Anthropology. Luskin Inequality Speaker Series Co-Organizer. Speaker: William Sandy Darity. Spring 2014. UCLA American Indian Studies Center, UCLA Law School and UCLA Luskin School symposium. “Good Native Governance: Innovative Research in Law, Education, and Economic Development.” Winter, 2014. Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) and UCLA Pacific Development Conference (PACDEV), UCLA, Winter 2014. 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.

Committee Experience. UCLA 2017 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (GSRM) Review Committee; Vice Provost Robin Garrell, Dean, Graduate Division. American Indian Studies Center, UCLA, Awards Committee 2017. Institute for American Cultures, UCLA, Awards Committee 2017. UCLA Department of Public Policy, Applied Policy Project Awards Committee, 2016. American Indian Studies Center, UCLA, Awards Committee 2016. UCLA's 2016–2017 Dissertation Year Fellowship (DYF) Review Committee. UCLA 2016 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (GSRM) Review Committee; Vice Provost Robin Garrell, Dean, Graduate Division. UCLA Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Advisory Committee 2015-2017. American Indian Studies Center Director Recruitment Committee Member, UCLA 2014-2015. Faculty Advisory Committee for the American Indian Studies Center, UCLA, 2013-2017. Faculty Advisory Committee for the Asian American Studies Center, UCLA, 2013-2014. UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, Department of Public Policy Curriculum Committee, 2015-2016. UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, Department of Public Policy Admissions Committee, 2013-2016. Advisory Board, Tribal Learning Community Education and Exchange (TLCEE), UCLA Law School, 2013-2016.

External Committee Experience. External Review Group (ERG) member for the research project sponsored by the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation (DHHS/ASPE): Improving Data Capacity for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Populations, 2017. US Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network (USIDSN) Advisory Council Board, Founding Member, 2016. National Asset Scorecard and Communities of Color (NASCC) project leader for Native American subgroup, Duke University July 2014. Harvard University's Honoring Nations Evaluation Committee for Excellence in Tribal Governance, July 2014. US Census Bureau National Advisory Committee on Race, Ethnic, and Other Populations, 2013-2016. American Indian College Fund Review Committee for Mellon Research, Mellon Faculty Fellowship and Sloan STEM Fellowships. April 2012, March 2013.

Community Service and Student Support. "Pursuing the Phd? Choosing a Program and Application Tips." UCLA Panel for American Indian and Pacific Islander undergraduates. February 2015, November 2015. White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and Empower Pacific Island Communities, Webinar Speaker, "Next Generation NHPI Leaders' Dialogue on Higher Education," April 29, 2015. Empower Pacific Island Communities (EPIC) Pacific Islander Leaders of Tomorrow Program, University of Southern California, August 13, 2014. UCLA Native American and Pacific Islander Summer Intensive Transfer Experience (SITE) Program, Center for Community College Partnerships, July 2013.

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