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TEACHING AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2012- Associate Professor of Public Policy, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
- 2005-2012 Assistant Professor of Public Policy, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
- 2005-2013 Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
- 2013- Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research
- 2003-2005 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research, University of California, Berkeley

EDUCATION

- 2003 Ph.D., Economics, Harvard University
- 1996 A.B., Economics, Harvard University, *magna cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

[“Assessment of Exposure to High-Performing Schools and Risk of Adolescent Substance Use: A Natural Experiment,”](#) (with Rebecca N. Dudovitz, Paul J. Chung, David Kennedy, Joan S. Tucker, Steve Shoptaw, Kulwant K. Dosanjh, and Mitchell D. Wong). *Journal of the American Medical Association: Pediatrics*. December 2018.

[“Setting the Stage: Trends in Student Demographics and Enrollment in California,”](#) (with Demetra Kologrides) in *Getting Down to Facts II*. Susanna Loeb, Ed. September 2018.

[“Making California Data more Useful for Educational Improvement,”](#) (with Meredith Phillips and Jesse Rothstein). in *Getting Down to Facts II*. Susanna Loeb, Ed. September 2018.

[“The effects of school desegregation on mixed-race births”](#) (with Nora Gordon). *Journal of Population Economics*, April 2018.

[Description: Why and how descriptive analysis informs education decisions, A Guide for Researchers](#) (with Loeb, S., S. Dynarski, D. McFarland, P. Morris, S. Reardon), Institute for Education Sciences Applied Research Methods Series. March 2017.

“The Quest for a Targeted and Effective Title I ESEA: Challenges in Designing and Implementing Fiscal Compliance Rules,” (with Nora Gordon), *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, December 2015.

“[The K-12 Education Battle](#),” (with Elizabeth Cascio), In [The Legacies of the War on Poverty](#), July 2013, Sheldon Danziger and Martha J. Bailey, eds.

“[The Poverty Gap in School Spending Following the Introduction of Title I](#),” (with Elizabeth Cascio), *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, May 2013.

“[Local Responses to Federal Grants: Evidence from the Introduction of Title I in the South](#),” (with Elizabeth Cascio and Nora Gordon), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, August 2013. (formerly “Federal Aid and Equality of Educational Opportunity: Evidence from the Introduction of Title I in the South,” NBER WP 17155).

“[From Separate and Unequal to Integrated and Equal? School Desegregation and School Finance in Louisiana](#),” *Review of Economics and Statistics*. May 2011.

“[Desegregation and Educational Attainment for Blacks](#),” *Journal of Human Resources*. Fall 2010.

“[Paying for Progress: Conditional Grants and the Desegregation of Southern Schools](#),” (with Elizabeth Cascio, Nora Gordon, and Ethan Lewis), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. February 2010. ([Online Appendix](#))

“[From Brown to Busing](#),” (with Elizabeth Cascio, Nora Gordon, and Ethan Lewis), *Journal of Urban Economics*. September 2008.

“[Court-Ordered Desegregation: Successes and Failures in Integration Since Brown vs. Board of Education](#),” *Journal of Human Resources*. Summer 2005.

“[Paying for Health Insurance: The Tradeoff between Competition and Adverse Selection](#),” with David M. Cutler, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. May 1998.

OTHER WRITING

[School Vouchers: Promise and Pitfalls](#), *Econofact*. March 2017.

Comment on “Explaining Trends in High School Graduation: The Changing Elementary and Secondary Education Policy Landscape and Income Inequality over the Last Half

Century” by Nora Gordon. In [*Human Capital In History*](#), Leah Platt Boustan, Carola Frydman, and Robert A. Margo, eds. 2014.

[*Review of Sharing the Prize: The Economics of the Civil Rights Movement in the South*](#). By Gavin Wright. In *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*. Winter 2014.

[*Review of The Elusive Ideal: Equal Educational Opportunity and the Federal Role in Boston's Public Schools, 1950-1985*](#). By Adam R. Nelson. In *Journal of Economic History*. December 2005.

WORKING PAPERS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

[*“When ‘Low Touch’ is Not Enough: Evidence from a Random Assignment College Access Field Experiment”*](#) (with Meredith Phillips).

“State and Local Fiscal Responses to the Introduction of Title I” (with Elizabeth Cascio and Nora Gordon).

TEACHING

Awards

- Public Policy Professor of the Year (2016)
- Best MPP Course (2015, 2016)

Courses Taught

- Principles of Microeconomic Theory I (MPP core course)
- Statistical Methods for Policy Analysis II (MPP core course)
- Health Care Policy and Finance (Public Policy/Health Services Research)
- The Economics of Education Policy (Public Policy)
- Arguing with Data: Introduction to Descriptive Data Analysis (Public Policy)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Smith Richardson Foundation, *Balancing Efficiency and Equity: The Role of Local, State, and Federal Financing in Education*; co-PIs Elizabeth Cascio and Nora Gordon; \$45,493.

Institute for Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, *Promoting College Enrollment among Disadvantaged Students: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Two Low-Cost Interventions*, Joint PIs (in alphabetical order): Tiffani Chin, Meredith Phillips, Sarah Reber; August 2011-July 2016; \$2,977,299.

National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2008/09-2009/10.

UCLA Center for American Politics and Public Policy Kenneth L. Sokoloff Fellow, 2008/09.

California Center for Population Research Seed Grant, *The Health Effects of Air Pollution: Evidence from Forest Fires*, 2006-2007, \$12,500.

Spencer Foundation, Research Grant, *The Federal Role in Equality of Educational Opportunity: Evidence from the Civil Rights Act and Title I*, co-principal investigator with Elizabeth Cascio and Nora Gordon, 2006-2008, Award Number 200600131, \$157,400.

National Science Foundation, Research Grant, *Local Responses to Federal Education Policy: Evidence from the Civil Rights Act and Title I*, co-principal investigator with Nora Gordon, Elizabeth Cascio, and Ethan Lewis, 2005-2007, Award Number 0519126, \$220,441.

University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, Regional Small Grant recipient, 2005-2006. \$18,423.

Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship for Research Related to Education, 2002-2003.

American Educational Research Association Dissertation Fellowship, 2002-2003.

National Science Foundation, Graduate Fellowship, 1998-2001.

Lincoln Institute for Land Use Policy Dissertation Grant, 2001-2002.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Co-Organizer (with Leah Boustan), All-California Labor Economics Conference, 2015

Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools, UCLA Academic Senate, 2013-2016

Selection Committee, National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Program, 2013-2016

Faculty Advisor to Denver Public Schools Fellows, Strategic Data Project, Harvard Graduate School of Education, 2011-2013

Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*, 2010 and 2011

Referee: *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Inquiry*, *Berkeley Electronic Press*, *Demography*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Human Capital*, *European Economic Review*, *Industrial Relations*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Social Science Review*.

President's Council of Economic Advisers

- Staff Economist, May 1997-June 1998
- Research Assistant, August 1996-May 1997

PRESENTATIONS

2018-2019: National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Education Program Meetings; Annual Meeting of the American Association of Public Policy and Management (APPAM)

2016-2017: RAND Labor and Population Seminar Series; UC Riverside Department of Economics

2015-2016: University of Virginia, Batton School of Public Policy and Leadership; Annual Meetings of the American Economics Association; Annual Meeting of the American Association of Public Policy and Management (APPAM)

2014-2015: Southern California Conference in Applied Economics (discussant); Teachers College, Columbia University; American Education Finance and Policy Association Annual Conference; California Center for Population Research (CCPR), UCLA

2013-2014: Southern California Conference in Applied Economics (discussant)

2012-2013: Human Capital in History Conference in honor of Claudia Goldin, NBER (discussant); Annual Meetings of the American Economics Association (presenter and discussant); University of California, Santa Barbara; University of Southern California Rossier School of Education; Northwestern University; Southern California Conference in Applied Economics (discussant)

2011-2012: All-California Labor Economics Conference, RAND

2010-2011: Stanford University; National Bureau of Economics, Education Program Meetings; University of Texas, Austin; University of Wisconsin, Madison; Annual Meetings of the American Economics Association; Annual Meetings of the Association for Education Finance and Policy; Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics (discussant)

2009-2010: University of Colorado, Boulder; University of California, Irvine; Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics (discussant)

2008-2009: Annual Meetings of the National Academy of Education; Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin; University of Colorado, Denver; University of Colorado School of Education, Boulder

2007-2008: University of California, Davis

2006-2007: American Economic Association Annual Meetings

2005-2006: Northwestern Kellogg School of Management; American Economic Association Annual Meetings (discussant)

2004-2005: Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Meetings; Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin

2003-2004: Princeton University; Annual Meetings of the National Tax Association; Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Meetings; National Bureau of Economics, Education Program Meetings; University of Chicago Harris School (discussant)