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CURRENT POSITION

Policy Economist II
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, August 2004
Dissertation chair: Judith Hellerstein
M.A. Economics, University of Maryland, May 2000
B.A. Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago, May 1998,
with High Departmental Distinction and College Honors

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Urban Economics, Regional Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics, Public Economics, Evaluation, Workforce Development

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- “Employer Wage Subsidy Caps and Part-Time Work,” with C. Lockwood Reynolds and Shawn M. Rohlin. *ILR Review* 76(1), 189-209 (2023).
- “Partially Disaggregated Household-Level Debt Service Ratios: Construction, Validation, and Relationship to Bankruptcy Rates,” with Mark Schweitzer. *Contemporary Economic Policy* 38(1), 166-87 (2019).
- “Stop Shoveling: A New Workforce Development Strategy to Promote Regional Prosperity,” chapter in *The Road through the Rustbelt: From Preeminence to Decline to Prosperity* edited by William M. Bowen. W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research: Kalamazoo, MI. 2014.
- “Empirical Estimates of the Influence of Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards on the Green Economies of States,” with William Bowen and SunJoo Park. *Economic Development Quarterly* 27(4), 338-351 (2013).
- “Introducing the Ohio New Establishment Dynamics Data.” *Cityscape: A Journal of Policy Development and Research*, 14(2), 303-12 (2012).
- “City Size and Skill Intensity.” *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 40(6), 367-79 (2010).
- “Enterprise Zones and Resident Employment: An Evaluation of the Enterprise Zone Programs of California and Florida”. *Economic Development Quarterly* 23(1), 44-59 (2009).

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- “Preliminary Micro Data Results from the Business List Comparison Project,” with Lucia Foster, C.J. Krizan, and David Talan, published in the proceedings of 2006 American Statistical Association Annual Meetings.
- “A Comparison of the Business Registers Used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Bureau of the Census,” with Randy Becker, Lucia Foster, C.J. Krizan, Sang Nguyen, and David Talan, published in the proceedings of 2005 American Statistical Association Annual Meetings.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CLEVELAND PUBLICATIONS

- “Demographic Trends Are Major Factors in Today’s Weak Labor Force Growth,” with Isabel Brizuela. *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*. April 21, 2022.
- “COVID-19 Mortality Rate Trends in Countries and US States,” with Mark Oleson. *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*. Serial ending on April 18, 2022.
- “Manufacturing Wage Premiums Have Diverged between Production and Non-production Workers,” with Julianne Dunn. *Regional Policy Report*. November 9, 2021.
- “Does Spending Slide When COVID-19 Surges?”, with Mark Oleson. *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*. October 7, 2021.
- “A Speeding Rate Starts to Slow: COVID-19 Mortality Rates by State.” *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*. April 16, 2020.
- “Getting to Accuracy: Measuring COVID-19 by Mortality Rates and Percentage Changes.” *Cleveland Fed District Data Brief*, April 16, 2020.
- “Changes in the Occupational Structure of the United States: 1860 to 2015.” *Economic Commentary*. June 26, 2019.
- “A WIB Turns to Demand: Helping Job Seekers by Serving Employers,” with Lisa A. Nelson and Francisca García-Cobián Richter. *Community Development Reports*. November 7, 2014.
- “Which Estimates of Metropolitan-Area Jobs Growth Should We Trust?” with Christopher Vecchio. *Economic Commentary*. April 1, 2014.

BOOK REVIEWS

Communities and Workforce Development, edited by Edwin Meléndez, *Journal of Regional Science* 46(3) (2006), 578-580.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research
Dissertation Award Honorable Mention, 2005

University of Maryland:
Graduate Assistantship, 1998 to 2000

University of Illinois at Chicago:
Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, 1998
Geldard Memorial Award, Department of Economics, 1998
Member of Honors College, Fall 1995 to Spring 1998
Dean’s List, Fall 1995 to Spring 1998

FUNDED RESEARCH

“The Ohio New Establishment Dynamics Data,” co-PI with Ziona Austrian, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Research Grant. March 2008 to February 2009.

CONTRACT RESEARCH

“Evaluation of Greater Cincinnati Workforce Network for National Fund for Workforce Solutions,” subcontractor to New Growth Group. June 2009 to July 2012.

“Assisting Cuyahoga Community College in Identifying Employer Needs in Northeast Ohio,” for Cuyahoga Community College. July 2008 to October 2009.

“Assisting Northeast Ohio Ohio Skills Bank in identifying occupations in shortage,” for Cuyahoga Community College and Lakeland Community College. March 2009 to June 2009.

“Study of Unionization Rates in Northeast Ohio,” for TeamNEO. January 2008 to August 2008

TEACHING

Applied Quantitative Reasoning I
Quantitative Research Methods I
Local Labor Market Analysis
Workforce Development Policy
Distressed People, Distressed Places

Statistics course for Master’s students
Regression course for Ph.D. students
Applied labor economics course
Survey of workforce development policy
Survey of policies to reduce poverty and assist communities in distress

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Director of Evaluation, New Growth Group, LLC, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, July 2012 to March 2013

Assistant Professor, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH, August 2007 to May 2012

Research Economist, Employment Research and Program Development Staff, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, DC, September 2004 to July 2007

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Research Practicum, Georgetown Public Policy Institute, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, Fall 2006 to Spring 2007

Social Science Analyst, Center for Economic Studies, U.S. Census Bureau, Suitland, MD, August 2000 to July 2004

COMPUTER SKILLS

R, SAS, and STATA
ArcGIS

Skilled programmer
Experienced user

REFERENCES

Available on request.