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Education

Ph.D., Economics (2005), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
M.A., Economics (2002), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
B.A., Mathematics-Economics and Spanish (2000), *Summa Cum Laude* and Class Valedictorian,
Denison University, Granville, OH

Professional and Teaching Experience

Vice President and Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, 2012–present
Vice President and Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, 2011–2012
Assistant Vice President and Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, 2010–2011
Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, 2009–10
Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, 2005–09
Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, 2004–05
Instructor, Introduction to Macroeconomics, University of Michigan, 2002–04
Head Graduate Student Instructor, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, University of
Michigan, 2002–04
Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to Macroeconomics, University of Michigan, 2001–02
Project/Research Assistant, Real Estate Appraisal Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Charter One
Bank, F.S.B., 1999–2004

Research and Teaching Interests

Monetary Economics; Macroeconomics; Price-Setting and Price Rigidity; Inflation;
Unemployment

Publications

“Nowcasting U.S. Headline and Core Inflation” with Saeed Zaman (forthcoming) *Journal of
Money, Credit and Banking*.
“Drifting Inflation Targets and Monetary Stagflation” with Shujaat Khan (2015) *Journal of
Economic Dynamics and Control* 52: 39–54.
“Convenient Prices and Price Rigidity: Cross-Sectional Evidence” (2011) *Review of Economics
and Statistics* 93(3): 1076–86.
“Markov-Chain Approximations of Vector Autoregressions: Application of General
Multivariate-Normal Integration Techniques” with Stephen J. Terry (2011) *Economics
Letters* 110(1): 4–6.

- “A Tale of Two Rigidities: Sticky Prices in a Sticky-Information Environment” (2010) *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking* 42(8): 1543–64.
- “Convenient Prices, Currency, and Nominal Rigidity: Theory with Evidence from Newspaper Prices” (2008) *Journal of Monetary Economics* 55(7): 1303–16.
- “Stagflation” with Robert B. Barsky. In Adam Kuper and Jessica Kuper, eds. (2004) *The Social Science Encyclopedia*, 3rd ed., New York: Routledge.

Federal Reserve Publications

- “Federal Funds Rates Based on Seven Simple Monetary Policy Rules” with Randal Verbrugge, Christian Garciga, Caitlin Treanor, and Saeed Zaman (2016) Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland *Economic Commentary* 2016–07.
- “Measuring Inflation Forecast Uncertainty” with Saeed Zaman and Todd E. Clark (2015) Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland *Economic Commentary* 2015–03.
- “On the Relationships between Wages, Prices, and Economic Activity” with Saeed Zaman (2014) Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland *Economic Commentary* 2014–14.
- “The Slowdown in Residential Investment and Future Prospects” with Saeed Zaman (2014) Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland *Economic Commentary* 2014–10.
- “When Might the Federal Funds Rate Lift Off? Computing the Probabilities of Crossing Unemployment and Inflation Thresholds (and Floors)” with Saeed Zaman (2013) Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland *Economic Commentary* 2013–19.
- “What Drives Consumer Debt Dynamics?” with John Carter Braxton (2012) Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City *Economic Review*, fourth quarter, 97(4): 31–54.
- “How Do Households Respond to Uncertainty Shocks?” with Shujaat Khan (2011) Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City *Economic Review*, second quarter, 96(2): 5–34.
- “How Will Unemployment Fare Following the Recession?” with Stephen Terry (2009) Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City *Economic Review*, third quarter, 94(3): 5–33.
- “How Useful Is Okun’s Law?” (2007) Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City *Economic Review*, fourth quarter, 92(4): 73–103.
- “Inflation: Waiting for the Upturn” with Christian Garciga (2015) Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland *Economic Trends*.
- “Difficulties Forecasting Wage Growth” (2015) Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland *Economic Trends*.
- “Global Factors and Domestic Inflation” with William Bednar (2014) Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland *Economic Trends*.
- “What’s Up in Inflation? Shelter and OER” with William Bednar (2014) Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland *Economic Trends*.
- “Behind Recent Disinflation: 2010 Redux?” with William Bednar (2013) Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland *Economic Trends*.

Working Papers

- “Nowcasting U.S. Headline and Core Inflation” with Saeed Zaman, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland working paper no. 14–03. Forthcoming, *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*.

“Consumer Debt Dynamics: Follow the Increasers” with John Carter Braxton, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland working paper no. 14–01. Under revision.

“The Roles of Price Points and Menu Costs in Price Rigidity,” Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Research Working Paper 10–18. Under revision.

“Alternative Methods of Solving State-Dependent Pricing Models,” with Stephen J. Terry, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Research Working Paper 08–10.

“Convenient Prices and Price Rigidity: Cross-Sectional Evidence,” Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Research Working Paper 08–04.

“Regime Changes and Monetary Stagflation,” Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Research Working Paper 06–05.

Research in Progress

“Conditional Forecasting Using Nowcasts of Financial Variables in Vector Autoregressions” with Saeed Zaman

“The Effects of Price Endings on Price Rigidity: Evidence from VAT Changes” with Doron Sayag and Avichai Snir

“Switching Risk Aversion and Optimal Monetary Policy” with Willem Van Zandweghe

Media Citations

Print and radio: *Financial Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *The Plain Dealer*, WCPN

Online: Bloomberg, Financial Times’ FTAlphaville, Forbes, Market News International, MarketWatch, New York Times’ The Upshot, Reuters, U.S. News and World Report, Wall Street Journal’s Grand Central and Real Time Economics, Washington Post’s Wonkblog

Professional Development

Trailblazers, Federal Reserve System Leadership Initiative (October 2014)

Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, CO (November 2011)

Excellence in Management Training, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (February 2011)

Management Skills for New Managers, American Management Association, Overland Park, KS (November 2010)

Emerging Leaders curriculum components, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (2010)

Fellowships and Awards

President’s Award for Outstanding Achievement, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (2014)

Chris Moore Spirit of Innovation Award, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (2014)

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan (2004–05)

Teaching Commendations for Excellence in Instruction, Department of Economics, University of Michigan (2001–04)

Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Michigan (2001–02)

Sharfman Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Michigan (2000–01)
Regents' Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan (2000–01)
President's Medal, Denison University (2000)
Phi Beta Kappa, Denison University (1999)

Professional Activities

Referee:

Journal of Monetary Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Economic Journal; European Economic Review; Review of Economic Dynamics; Journal of Business & Economic Statistics; Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking; Economics Letters; Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control; B.E. Journals of Macroeconomics; Economic Modelling; Review of International Economics; Empirical Economics; Journal of Macroeconomics; Southern Economic Journal; Manchester School; Computational Economics; Papers in Regional Science; Journal of Economic Studies; Czech Journal of Economics and Finance (Finance a uver)

Affiliations:

American Economics Association, International Institute of Forecasters

Conference and Session Organization:

American Economics Association

- Session: "Causes and Consequences of Price Rigidity," Philadelphia (January 2014)
- Session: "Price Dynamics and Price Rigidity," Denver (January 2011)

Federal Reserve System Macro Meeting (Fall 2015, Spring 2016)

Campus/Community Involvement:

Faculty/staff mentor for first year students, University of Michigan (2002–03)

Research Presentations

"Consumer Debt Dynamics: Follow the Increaseers," Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings 2015, Rochester (November 2015)

"Conditional Forecasting Using Nowcasts of Financial Variables in Vector Autoregressions," International Institute of Forecasters' 35th International Symposium on Forecasting, Riverside (June 2015)

"Nowcasting U.S. Headline and Core Inflation," 8th International Conference on Computational and Financial Econometrics, Pisa, Italy (December 2014); International Institute of Forecasters' 34th International Symposium on Forecasting, Rotterdam, Netherlands (July 2014); Federal Reserve System Committee on Macroeconomics, Kansas City (April 2014)

"The Effects of Price Endings on Price Rigidity: Evidence from VAT Changes," Brandeis 3rd Annual Summer Workshop in International Economics and Finance (July 2014); American Economics Association, Philadelphia (January 2014)

"The Roles of Price Points and Menu Costs in Price Rigidity," Society for Economic Dynamics, Toulouse (July 2016); Kent State University (April 2015); Cleveland State University (November 2014); American Economics Association, Denver (January 2011); Federal Reserve System Committee on Business and Financial Conditions, Boston (November 2010); Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (November 2010); University of Oklahoma

(September 2010); Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings 2010, East Lansing (May 2010); Society for Computational Economics' 15th International Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance, Sydney (July 2009)

“Alternative Methods of Solving State-Dependent Pricing Models,” Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings 2009, Bloomington (May 2009); 17th Society for Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics Symposium, Atlanta (April 2009); 4th Dynare Conference, Boston (September 2008); Society for Computational Economics' 14th International Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance, Paris (June 2008)

“Convenient Prices and Price Rigidity: Cross-Sectional Evidence,” American Economics Association, Atlanta (January 2010); Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis 2nd International Small Open Economies in a Globalized World Conference, Waterloo, Ontario (June 2008)

“A Tale of Two Rigidities: Sticky Prices in a Sticky-Information Environment,” American Economics Association, New Orleans (January 2008); Society for Computational Economics' 13th International Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance, Montreal (June 2007); Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings 2007, Cleveland (April 2007); Missouri Economics Conference, Columbia (March 2007); Federal Reserve System Committee on Business and Financial Conditions, Pittsburgh (November 2006)

“Monetary Stagflation and Regime Changes,” Missouri Economics Conference, Columbia (March 2006)

“Convenient Prices, Currency, and Nominal Rigidity: Theory with Evidence from Newspaper Prices,” Clarkson University (March 2007); University of California-San Diego (February 2005); Brandeis University (February 2005); Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (February 2005); Wellesley College (February 2005); College of the Holy Cross (February 2005); Virginia Commonwealth University (January 2005); United States Naval Academy (January 2005); Indiana University-South Bend (January 2005); Carleton College (January 2005); Kalamazoo College (January 2005); Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (January 2005); Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (January 2005); University of Michigan (September 2004)

Discussions

David López-Salido, Jeremy C. Stein, and Egon Zakrajšek, “Credit-Market Sentiment and the Business Cycle,” Fourth Annual Summer Workshop in International Economics and Finance, Brandeis University (July 2015)

Etienne Gagnon and David López-Salido, “Small Price Responses to Large Demand Shocks,” Federal Reserve System Committee on Macroeconomics, New Orleans (November 2014)

Andrea Stella, “The Magnitude of Menu Costs: A Structural Estimation,” Federal Reserve System Committee on Macroeconomics, Boston (November 2013)

Avichai Snir and Daniel Levy, “Shrinking Goods and Sticky Prices,” American Economics Association, Denver (January 2011)

References

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