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RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

PRIMARY

Public Finance
Microeconomics
Public Policy

SECONDARY

Social Welfare Policy
Labor Economics
Game Theory and Mechanism Design

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2005

Fields of Specialization: Public Finance and Advanced Microeconomic Theory
Dissertation Title: "Workfare, Job Training, and Welfare Caseloads"
Principal Advisor: Professor Alan Auerbach

M.P.A. in Advanced Management Techniques, Columbia University, New York, NY, 1993

B.S. with high distinction in Computer Science and Psychology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1989

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching

Senior lecturer, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, 2005 – present

Introductory Microeconomics and Economics Major Capstone Course

Lecturer, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, 2005

Introductory Microeconomics

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 1998 – 2001

Graduate Microeconomics, Public Finance, Econometrics, Macroeconomics, and Introduction to Economics

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, Columbia University, New York, NY, 1993 - 1997

Quantitative Techniques

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, NY, 1996 – 1997

Advanced Analytic Techniques for Public Policy Analysis

Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, New York, NY, 1992 – 1993

Microeconomics and Policy Analysis

Research

Principal Economic Analyst, UC Industry-University Cooperative Research Program, Berkeley, CA, 2003 – present

Research the impact of UC research and graduate education on California's economy.

Consultant, Human Resources Administration, New York, NY, 2001 – 2002

Research the impact of welfare reform on welfare recipients in New York City.

Research Assistant, Center for Clean Air Policy, Washington, DC, 1992

Research least cost methods of complying with the Clean Air Act and the impact of alternative fuel vehicles.

Research Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1989 – 1990

Research transitions between knowledge states of elementary school students learning mathematics and reading.

Other

Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, Department of Parks & Recreation, New York, NY, 1993 – 1998

Manage 50 employees and three divisions including Operations & Management Planning, Management Information Systems, and Training Academy. Coordinate workfare and privatization initiatives.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Award for Public Policy Research, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2004

Burch Center Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2002

Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2001

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley, 2000

James B. Angell Scholar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1985 - 1988

PAPERS

“Leaving Welfare and Joining the Labor Force: Does Job Training Help?” (Job Market Paper)

“The Effect of Workfare Before Workfare Begins”

“The Impact of Job Training on Welfare Recipients with Children“

PUBLICATIONS

“Adults’ Abilities To Detect Children Who Are Ready To Learn”

With M. Perry and J. Wooley, International Journal Of Behavioral Development, 18(2), 365-381, 1995.

AFFILIATIONS

Vice-president, Board of Directors, Association of Children Services, Oakland, CA, 2004 – present

Member, American Economic Association