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## EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley  
Ph.D. in Economics, 2003  
Fields of Specialization: Labor Economics, Econometrics

Franklin and Marshall College  
B.A. in Economics, 1997  
Summa cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

## CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Dartmouth College  
Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), July 2013 to present  
Assistant Professor of Economics, July 2006 to June 2013  
Courses Taught: Topics in Public Economics, Introduction to Statistical Methods

National Bureau of Economic Research  
Research Associate, October 2013 to present  
Faculty Research Fellow, November 2004 to October 2013  
Program Affiliations: Education, Development of the American Economy, Children

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)  
Research Fellow, July 2005 to present  
Research Affiliate, July 2003 to June 2005

*Journal of Human Resources*  
Co-Editor, June 2014 to present

## PAST APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Davis  
Assistant Professor of Economics, July 2003 to June 2006  
Courses Taught: Econometrics, Economics of Education, Intermediate Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics (graduate)

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco  
Visiting Scholar, July 2007 to June 2009

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of Education  
Labor Economics  
Public Economics

## PUBLICATIONS

- “First in the Class? Age and the Education Production Function” (with Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach), *Education Finance and Policy*, 11(3), 225-250, Summer 2016.
- “The Effectiveness of Policies that Promote Labor Force Participation of Women with Children: A Collection of National Studies” (with Steven J. Haider and Helena Skyt Nielsen), *Labour Economics*, 36, 64-71, October 2015.
- “The Promises and Pitfalls of Universal Early Education,” *IZA World of Labor* 2015: 116, January 2015.
- “Valuing the Vote: The Redistribution of Voting Rights and State Funds Following the Voting Rights Act of 1965” (with Ebonya Washington), *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 129(1), 379-433, February 2014.
- “The Impacts of Expanding Access to High-Quality Preschool Education” (with Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach), *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Fall 2013, 127-178.
- “Local Responses to Federal Grants: Evidence from the Introduction of Title I in the South” (with Nora Gordon and Sarah Reber), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 5(3), 126-159, August 2013.
- “The K-12 Education Battle” (with Sarah Reber), Chapter 3 in *Legacies of the War on Poverty* (eds. Martha J. Bailey and Sheldon Danziger), New York: Russell Sage Foundation, pp. 66-92, 2013.
- “The Poverty Gap in School Spending Following the Introduction of Title I” (with Sarah Reber), *American Economic Review Papers & Proceedings*, 103(3), 423-427, May 2013.
- “Cracks in the Melting Pot: Immigration, School Choice, and Segregation” (with Ethan Lewis), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 4(3), 91-117, August 2012.
- “Is Being in School Better? The Impact of School on Children’s BMI When Starting Age is Endogenous” (with Patricia Anderson, Kristin Butcher, and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach), *Journal of Health Economics*, 30(5), 977-986, September 2011.
- “Paying for Progress: Conditional Grants and the Desegregation of Southern Schools” (with Nora Gordon, Ethan Lewis, and Sarah Reber), *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 125(1), 445-482, February 2010.
- “Maternal Labor Supply and the Introduction of Kindergartens into American Public Schools,” *The Journal of Human Resources*, 44(1), 140-170, Winter 2009.
- “From *Brown* to Busing” (with Nora Gordon, Ethan Lewis, and Sarah Reber), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 64(2), 296-325, September 2008.
- “Education and the Age Profile of Literacy into Adulthood” (with Damon Clark and Nora Gordon), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 22(3), 47-70, Summer 2008.
- “Schooling and the Armed Forces Qualifying Test: Evidence from School-Entry Laws” (with Ethan Lewis), *The Journal of Human Resources*, 41(2), 294-318, Spring 2006.

## **UNDER REVISION FOR JOURNALS**

“Knowledge, Tests, and Fadeout in Educational Interventions” (with Douglas Staiger), NBER Working Paper 18038, May 2012. Revision requested, *American Economic Review*.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Does Universal Preschool Hit the Target? Program Access and Preschool Impacts,” NBER Working Paper 23215 and IZA Discussion Paper 10596, March 2017.

“Amnesty and the Safety Net: Evidence from the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986” (with Ethan G. Lewis), Manuscript, March 2017.

“Who Needs a Fracking Education? The Educational Response to Low-Skill Biased Technological Change” (with Ayushi Narayan), NBER Working Paper 21359, July 2015.

“Do Investments in Universal Early Education Pay Off? Long-term Effects of Introducing Kindergartens into Public Schools” NBER Working Paper 14951, May 2009.

“School Progression and the Grade Distribution of Students: Evidence from the Current Population Survey” IZA Discussion Paper 1747, September 2005.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“Title I, School Finances, and Student Outcomes” (with Nora Gordon and Sarah Reber)

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of *Passing the Torch: Does Higher Education for the Disadvantaged Pay Off across the Generations?* By Paul Attewell and David E. Lavin. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 46(2), 431-433, June 2008.

## **OTHER PUBLISHED WRITINGS**

“Here’s how to sniff out bad science.” *San Jose Mercury News*, June 26, 2015.

“Expanding Preschool Access for Disadvantaged Children” (with Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach), Proposal 1 in *Policies to Address Poverty in America* (eds. Melissa S. Kearney and Benjamin H. Harris), Washington, D.C.: The Hamilton Project, pp. 19-28, June 2014.

“What Happened When Kindergarten Went Universal?” *Education Next*, 10(2), 63-68, Spring 2010.

“Long-term Effects of Investments in Universal Early Education: Evidence from the American Kindergarten Expansion” CEPR VoxEU.org column, August 20, 2009.

“Race to the Top? Relative Age and Student Achievement” CEPR VoxEU.org column, September 6, 2008.

“How and Why Does Age at Kindergarten Entry Matter?” Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco *Economic Letter* Number 2008-24, August 8, 2008.

“Can Young Americans Compete in a Global Economy?” Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco *Economic Letter* Number 2008-22, July 18, 2008.

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

### External

*Labour Economics* Best Reviewer Award, 2014, €1000 (Chosen from among the 25 recipients of the 2014 *Labour Economics* Certificate of Excellence in Reviewing)

National Center for Teacher Effectiveness, Supplemental Study, “Determining Why Teacher Effects ‘Fade Out’” (with Douglas Staiger, PI), \$25,933.

National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2009-11.

Spencer Foundation (PI), “The Federal Role in Equality of Educational Opportunity: Evidence from the Civil Rights Act and Title I” (with Nora Gordon and Sarah Reber), 2006-08, \$157,400.

National Science Foundation, “Local Responses to Federal Education Policy: Evidence from the Civil Rights Act and Title I” (with Nora Gordon (PI), Ethan Lewis, and Sarah Reber), 2005-07, \$220,441.

University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research (PI), “From Follower to Leader: State-Sponsored Preschools and the Well-Being of Children and Families in the American South,” 2004-05, \$18,422.

Spencer Dissertation Fellowship for Research Related to Education, 2002-03.

### Internal

Rockefeller-Haney Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2009-10, 2016-17

Dartmouth Public Voices Fellowship, 2015

Elizabeth R. and Robert A. Jeffe 1972 Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2013-14

Junior Faculty Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2009-10 (declined)

Walter and Constance Burke Award, Dartmouth College, 2006-09

UC Davis Small Grant in Aid of Research, 2005-06

UC Davis Institute of Governmental Affairs Junior Faculty Research Grant, 2003-06

UC Davis Institute of Governmental Affairs Summer Seed Grant (with Marianne Page), 2004

UC Davis New Faculty Research Grant, 2003-04

UC Berkeley Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, Spring 2002

UC Berkeley Continuing Student Fellowship, Department of Economics, Fall 2001

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley, 2000

Minnie Zeid Memorial Prize in Economics, Franklin and Marshall College, 1997

## RECENT SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### Seminars

Southern Methodist University, Economics Department (upcoming December 2017)

American University, School of Public Affairs (upcoming September 2017)

Ohio State University, Economics Department (March 2017)

University of Nottingham, Economics Department (December 2016)

Institute for Fiscal Studies (December 2016)

Montana State University, Agricultural Economics and Economics Department (October 2016)

McMaster University, Economics Department (September 2016)

UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs (May 2016)

Michigan State University Economics of Education Seminar (May 2015)

Cornell University, Economics and PAM (March 2015)

FRBNY-NYU Education Seminar Series (November 2014)

University of Virginia, Curry School of Education (April 2014)

Stanford University, Graduate School of Education (April 2014, April 2010)  
Yale University, Economics Department (April 2013)  
Yale Law School (March 2012)  
University of Miami, Economics Department (October 2011)

### **Conference Presentations**

Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Washington, DC (March 2017)  
Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, Montreal (June 2015)  
NBER Summer Institute, Real Estate and Local Public Finance Program (July 2012)  
Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, Chicago (May 2012)  
NBER Development of the American Economy (DAE) Spring Meeting (April 2012)  
NBER Summer Institute, DAE Program (July 2011)  
Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Summer Research Workshop (June 2011)  
NBER Education Program Spring Meeting (May 2011)  
American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Denver (2x, January 2011)  
NBER Summer Institute, Education Program (July 2010)

### **PUBLIC LECTURES AND KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

8<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education, keynote (upcoming June 2017)  
Institute for Fiscal Studies Conference: Childcare policy, maternal employment, and the UK policy debate: examining the evidence (December 2016)  
Franklin and Marshall College, Dept. of Economics Van Dyke Lecture (November 2016)  
Montana State University, College of Letters and Science Distinguished Speakers Series (October 2016)  
University of New Hampshire, Carsey School of Public Policy Symposium on The Economics and Policy of Early Childhood Education (October 2014)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, Berkeley Electronic Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Developmental Psychology, Econometrica, Economica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Education Policy Analysis Archives, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, European Economic Review, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Industrial Relations, International Migration, IZA Journal of Labor Policy, Journal of Economic History, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Labour Economics, the National Science Foundation, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Public Finance Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, the Russell Sage Foundation, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Spencer Foundation, among others*

External reviewer: Spencer Dissertation Fellowships Program (2011-12, 2012-13, and 2014-15 cohorts)

Discussant: American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco (January 2016)  
American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (January 2014)  
American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco (January 2009)  
NBER Conference on American Universities in a Global Market (October 2008)  
Harris School of Public Policy Conference on Gender and Education (April 2007)  
NBER Conference on Disadvantaged Youth (April 2007)  
National Tax Association Annual Conference, Boston (November 2006)

Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh (September 2006)  
Federal Reserve System Applied Micro Conference, San Francisco (June 2005)  
Western Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco (July 2005)  
Western Economic Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver (July 2004)  
Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, San Antonio (May 2004)

Organizer: Applied Microeconomics Seminar, Dartmouth College (Spring 2008)  
Sessions at American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (January 2005)  
and Western Economic Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver (July 2004)

Chair: Junior Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, Dartmouth College (2013-14)

Member: Spencer Foundation Small Grants Review Committee (February 2014 to February 2016)  
Faculty Advisory Committee on Athletics, Dartmouth College (July 2012 to June 2015)  
Junior Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, Dartmouth College (2008-09)

Affiliations: American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists

## **PERSONAL**

Married to Ethan G. Lewis; two children (ages 7.8 and 4.4)

March 2017