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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

Industrial and Labor Relations Review
Member of the International Editorial Board, January 2019 to present

Franklin and Marshall College
Visiting Scholar, Economics Department, February 2019 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

“Distributing the Green (Cards): Permanent Residency and Personal Income Taxes After the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986” (with Ethan G. Lewis), *Journal of Public Economics* 172, 135-150, April 2019 (forthcoming).

“Public Investments in Child Care.” In *The 51%: Driving Growth through Women’s Economic Participation* (eds. Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach and Ryan Nunn), Washington, D.C.: The Hamilton Project, pp. 123-142, October 2017.

“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.

WORKING PAPERS

“Who Needs a Fracking Education? The Educational Response to Low-Skill Biased Technological Change” (with Ayushi Narayan), NBER Working Paper 21359, July 2015. Revised February 2019.

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

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

“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

“Immigrant Legalization and Child Well-Being” (with Ethan G. Lewis)

“Expanding Financial Aid and Undermatching: A Case Study” (with Alan Caniglia)

“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

“Why Early Childhood Education Matters and Why We Should Pay for It.” *Milken Institute Review: A Journal of Economic Policy*, 20(3), 13-23, Third Quarter 2018.

“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

Senior Faculty Grant, Dartmouth College, upcoming 2019-20

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 PRESS MENTIONS

“Awarding green cards does little to boost government revenue, study finds.” *MarketWatch*, July 30, 2018.

“Who Should Pay for Preschool for the Middle Class?” *The Hechinger Report*, June 25, 2018.

“Some Good News – Seriously – About Politics.” *The New York Times*, June 3, 2018.

“Universal preschool is most cost effective, study finds.” *The Hechinger Report*, April 10, 2018.

“Universal preschool works best for poor kids, study finds.” *Forbes*, April 5, 2018.

“13 economists on the research that shaped our world in 2017.” *Quartz*, December 22, 2017.

“Race Baiting for the Presidency.” *The Atlantic*, November 18, 2015.

- “The fracking boom may have driven an increase in high school dropouts.” *Business Insider*, September 11, 2015.
- “Are Americans passing up a chance at the best jobs?” *The Economist*, July 30, 2015.
- “You can blame fracking for causing kids to drop out of school.” *Salon*, July 15, 2015.
- “Did the Oil and Gas Boom Spur Men to Drop Out of High School?” *The Wall Street Journal*, July 14, 2018.
- “Fracking Jobs Encouraged American Teens to Become High School Dropouts.” *Bloomberg*, July 14, 2015.
- “How Education Policy Went Astray.” *The Atlantic*, April 10, 2015.
- “Best age to start kindergarten: Opinions shifting.” *Deseret News*, September 24, 2013.
- “Youngest Kid, Smartest Kid?” *The New Yorker*, September 19, 2013.

RECENT SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Seminars

- Aarhus University (upcoming June 2019)
- University of Southern Denmark (upcoming June 2019)
- Williams College, Economics Department (October 2018)
- Boston College, Economics Department (April 2018)
- Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (March 2018)
- University of Connecticut, Department of Public Policy (February 2018)
- Southern Methodist University, Economics Department (December 2017)
- American University, School of Public Affairs (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

- AEA Annual Meeting, Atlanta (January 2019)
- Austin-Bergen Applied Microeconomics conference (December 2018)
- AEA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (2x, January 2018)
- Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Washington, DC (March 2017)
- Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting, Montreal (June 2015)
- NBER Summer Institute, Real Estate and Local Public Finance Program (July 2012)
- SOLE 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)
- AEA Annual Meeting, Denver (2x, January 2011)

PUBLIC LECTURES AND KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Institute for Research on Poverty's 2018 Annual Poverty Research and Policy Forum on "Rethinking Welfare: Promoting Opportunity and Independence" (September 2018)
8th International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education, keynote address (June 2017)
Institute for Fiscal Studies Event on "Childcare policy, maternal employment, and the UK policy debate: examining the evidence" (December 2016)
Franklin and Marshall College, Department 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: AEA Annual Meeting, Atlanta (January 2019)
AEA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (January 2018)
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference (November 2017)
AEA Annual Meeting, San Francisco (January 2016)
AEA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (January 2014)
AEA 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 (WEA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco (July 2005)
WEA Annual Meeting, Vancouver (July 2004)
SOLE 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: Dartmouth Economic Research Scholars (DERS) program, Dartmouth College (Jul 2017-)
Junior Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, Dartmouth College (2013-14)

Member: Program Committee, 2019 SOLE Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA (December 2018)
Search Committee for Director of Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and the
Social Sciences, Dartmouth College (June 2018-)
Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid, Dartmouth College (July 2017-)
Search Committee for Director of Dartmouth College Child Care Center (Feb.-May 2018)
Rockefeller Center Faculty Council (February 2018-)
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)

UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

Thesis Advisees: Ayushi Narayan `14 * (Council of Economic Advisors, Harvard Economics Ph.D.)
William Paja `16 (Oxford University MPhil in Development Studies)
Erin Huffer `17 (Urban Institute)
Helen Gu `18 (Cornerstone Research)
Akhila Kovvuri `18 ** (Northwestern University Econ. Post-bac)

* Rintels Prize Winner

** Economics Department Nominee for Rintels Prize

R.A.s (current): Hana Dai `20
Meriem Fouad `21

DERS: I direct an Economics Department program that provides additional mentoring
and support for 15-20 students in each academic class, starting sophomore
year.

PERSONAL

Married to Ethan G. Lewis; two children (ages 9 and 6)

February 2019