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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Assistant Professor of Economics & Labor and Employment Relations, August 2008 – Present

Lecturer of Economics & Labor and Employment Relations, August 2007 – August 2008

Center for Business and Public Policy at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Associate, August 2008-Present

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of Aging, the relationship between Retirement and Employment Benefits, Public Sector Employment

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, Department of Economics, December 2007

Dissertation: “The Effects of Employer-Sponsored Retirement Programs on Savings and Retirement Behavior,” (Emmanuel Saez, Chair)

B.S. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Physics, *summa cum laude*, May 2001

B.A. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Economics, *summa cum laude*, May 2001

WORKING PAPERS

- “When They’re Sixty-Four: Peer Effects and the Timing of Retirement,” with Ron Laschever, April 2009
- “The Link between Pensions and Retirement Timing: Lessons from California Teachers,” April 2008
- “The Effect of Wait Time on 401(k) Distribution Decisions,” May 2007

WORK IN PROGRESS

- The Effect of Teacher Experience and Pension Reform on Student Outcomes

AWARDS

- Subgrant of U.S. Social Security Administration grant #10-M-98363-1-01 to the National Bureau of Economic Research as part of the SSA Retirement Research Consortium, Project: The Effect of Peers on the Decision to Retire and on Response to Program Reform (with Ron Laschever), 2008 – 2009
- Dissertation Fellowship in Retirement Research, Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, 2006
- Labor and Employment Research Fund Dissertation Fellowship, University of California Office of the President, 2005
- Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2005
- Department of Economics Fellowship for Continuing Students, University of California, Berkeley, 2004
- George Break Prize for Coursework in Public Finance, University of California, Berkeley, 2004
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2000

TEACHING

Instructor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Quantitative Methods (LER 593, masters), Fall 2007

Labor Economics (ECON 440, undergraduate), Fall 2008 and Spring 2009

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Berkeley

Public Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Introductory Economics, 2002-04

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Invited Seminars:

“The Link between Pensions and Retirement Timing: Lessons from California Teachers,”
2008-09

Rethinking Teacher Retirement Benefits Conference, hosted by the National Center for Performance Initiatives, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University; Illinois Wesleyan University
2006-07

Florida State University, Michigan State University, Public Policy Institute of California, RAND Corporation, University of California, Berkeley, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Missouri-Columbia, Urban Institute

University Service:

Labor Economics/LER Seminar Committee, 2007-09

PhD Advisory Committee (LER), 2008-09

Professional Associations: American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists

OTHER RESERCH EXPERIENCE

Summer Associate, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, 2006

Research Assistant to Professor T. Davidoff, University of California, Berkeley, 2005