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Current Employment

Policy Director and Senior Fellow, July 2018-present, (Research Fellow January 2008 - June 2014, Senior Fellow, July 2014-June 2018), Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), San Francisco, CA.

Research Interests

Broadly: Labor Economics, Public Policy, Applied Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics
Specific: Economics of Crime, Criminal Justice Policy, Immigration, and Entrepreneurship

Education

Ph.D. (Economics), University of California, San Diego	June 1999
M.A. (Economics), University of California, San Diego	March 1998
B.A. (Quantitative Economics and Decision Science) UC, San Diego	June 1992

Research and Professional Experience

Visiting Professor, Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley
Spring 2018-Spring 2020

Assistant Professor of Economics, August 2002-2007, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas.

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, December 2000-July 2002, School of Social Sciences, University of California at Irvine.

Research Associate, July 1999-December 2000, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany.

Research Affiliations and Non-Academic Positions

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany, Research Fellow, 2000-present.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Inclusive Policy Lab expert, 2022-present.

The Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University, Community Scholar, 2012-present

Global Labor Organization (GLO), Fellow, 2018-present.

Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative, Research Affiliate, 2010-present

The Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California San Diego, Research Associate, April 2000-present.

California Department of Justice, Consultant to the Racial and Identity Profiling Act Board, June 2019- August 2019.

California State Controller's Board of Economic Advisors, 2011-2015

Advisory committee, Council on Foreign Relations, "Managing Illegal Immigration in the United States"

Texas Schools Project, University of Texas at Dallas, Research Affiliate, 2002-2007

The J McDonald Williams Institute, 2006-07, Education Fellow

Robert L. Athey Ltd, San Diego, 1997-99, Litigation Consultant

Editorial Positions

Editorial Board, *Industrial Relations*, 2011-present.

Guest Editor (with Barry Chiswick), special issues on the Economics of Immigrant Households, *Review of Economics of the Household*, 8:1, 2010 and 9:1, 2011.

Scholarly Citations

Google Scholar: 6,068 (1,990 since 2020), h-index 37 (23 since 2020)

Grants

"Evaluating the Effects of Zero-Dollar Bail Orders in California", Stand Together Trust, 2022-2024, (\$237,000).

"Examining Criminal Justice System Utilization: Lessons from California's Stop and Arrest Data" (PI), Arnold Ventures, 2020-2023 (\$864,288).

"Impacts of Proposition 47 on Racial Disparity in Arrests", (PI) Arnold Ventures, 2019 (\$100,000).

"Arrests in California: Trends and Differences across Jurisdictions" (PI), Laura and John Arnold Foundation, 2018-2020 (\$800,000)

"Lessons from California's Public Safety Realignment" (PI with Ryken Grattet and Steven Raphael), Smith Richardson Foundation, 2012-2014, (\$400,000).

"Efforts to Establish a Minority and Immigrant Owned Small Business Database" Kauffman Foundation, 2013-2014, (\$45,831).

"What Are the Effects of State Level Legislation Against the Hiring of Undocumented Immigrants?" (PI with Sarah Bohn and Steven Raphael), Russell Sage Foundation, 2010-2011, (\$59,984)

"Hispanic Self-employment: A Dynamic Analysis", Kauffman Foundation, 2005-2006, (\$24,766).

"Is the GED an Effective Route to Postsecondary Education?" (with John Tyler), National

Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy, 2005-2006 (Total Grant amount, UT Dallas share of grant, \$92,361).

“Does the GED Increase Postsecondary Educational Attainment?” (with John Tyler), National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy, 2005 (UT Dallas share of grant, \$15,913).

“Measuring the Returns to the GED: Using an Exogenous Change in GED Passing Standards Change as a Natural Experiment” (with John Tyler), National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy, 2003-2004 (UT Dallas share of grant, \$70,568).

Publications – Peer Reviewed Journals

“Are Loans to Minority Owned Firms Mispriced?” (with William Bradford, Chunbei Wang, and Michael Verchot), *American Economics Association Papers & Proceedings*, forthcoming.

“Immigration Enforcement and the Rise of Self-Employment Among Mexican Immigrants” (with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes and Chunbei Wang), *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 75:5, 2021.

“The Effect of Sentencing Reform on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Involvement with the Criminal Justice System: The Case of California’s Proposition 47” (with Steven Raphael, and Brandon Martin), *Criminology & Public Policy*, 19:4, pp. 1165-1207, 2020.

“September 11 and the Rise of Necessity Self-Employment among Mexican Immigrants” (with Chunbei Wang), *Eastern Economic Journal*. 46:1, p. 5-33, 2019.

“Crime, the Criminal Justice System, and Socioeconomic Inequality” (with Steven Raphael), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2016 30:2, pp. 103-126

“Prison Downsizing and Public Safety: Evidence from California” (with Steven Raphael), *Criminology & Public Policy*, 2016, 15:2, pp. 349–365.

“Incarceration and Crime: Evidence from California’s Public Safety Realignment Reform” (with Steven Raphael), *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 2016; 664:1, pp. 196-220

“Do E-Verify Mandates Improve Labor Market Outcomes of Low-Skilled Native and Legal Immigrant Workers?” (with Sarah Bohn and Steven Raphael), *Southern Economic Journal*, 2015, 81:4, pp. 960-979.

“Did the 2007 Legal Arizona Workers Act Reduce the State’s Unauthorized Immigrant Population?” (with Sarah Bohn and Steven Raphael), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2014, 96:2, pp. 258–269

“State Dependence in Social Assistance Receipt in Canada” (with Jorgen Hansen and Xingfei Liu), *Research in Labor Economics*, 2014, vol. 39, pp. 81 - 105

“Why Are Some People More Likely to Become Small-Businesses Owners than Others: Entrepreneurship Entry and Industry-Specific Barriers” (with Tim Bates and Simon Parker), *Journal of Business Venturing*, 2014, 29:2, pp. 232-251.

- “Does Self-Employment Increase the Economic Well-Being of Low-Skilled Workers?”, *Small Business Economics*, 2013, 40:4 pp. 933-952.
- “Wage and Mobility Effects of Legalization: Evidence from the New Immigrant Survey”, (with Laura Hill and Joe Hayes), *Journal of Regional Science*, 2013, 53:1, pp.171-197.
- “African Americans’ Pursuit of Self-Employment” (with Timothy Bates), *Small Business Economics*, 2013, 40:1, pp.73-86.
- “Immigrant-Native Differences in Welfare Participation: The Role of Entry and Exit Rates” (with Jorgen Hansen), *Industrial Relations*, 2011, 50:3, pp. 412-42.
- “Why Have Lending Programs Targeting Disadvantaged Small-Business Borrowers Achieved So Little Success In the United States?” (with Timothy Bates and Lisa Servon), *Economic Development Quarterly*, November 2011, 25:4.
- “Low-Skilled Immigrant Entrepreneurship”, *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2011, 9:1, pp.25-44.
- “Is the GED an Effective Route to Postsecondary Education?” (with John Tyler), *Economics of Education Review*, 2010, 29:5, pp. 813–825.
- “Latina Entrepreneurs” (with Timothy Bates), *Small Business Economics*, 2009, 33:4, pp. 427-439.
- “Mexican-American Self-Employment: A Dynamic Analysis of Business Ownership” (with Chunbei Wang), *Research in Labor Economics*, 2009, Vol. 29, pp.197-227.
- "Did 9/11 Affect Mexican-Americans' Self-Employment Entry Decisions? (with Chunbei Wang), special issue on Ethnicity and the Labor Market, *International Journal of Manpower*, 2009, 30:1/2, pp.176-87.
- “The Dynamics of Immigrant Welfare and Labor Market Behavior,” (with Jorgen Hansen), *Journal of Population Economics*, 2009, 22:4, pp 941-70.
- “Modeling the Signaling Value of the GED with an Application to an Exogenous Passing Standard Increase in Texas” (with John Tyler), *Research in Labor Economics*, 2008, Vol. 28, pp. 305-52.
- “Mexican-Hispanic Self-Employment Entry: The Role of Business Start-Up Constraints” (with Chunbei Wang), *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, September 2007, Volume 613, No. 1, pp. 32-46.
- “Immigrant Assimilation and Welfare Participation: Do Immigrants Assimilate Into or Out-of Welfare?” (with Jorgen Hansen), *Journal of Human Resources*, Winter 2003, 38:1, pp. 74-98.
- “Assessing Immigrant Policy Options: Labor Market Conditions and Post-Reform Declines in Welfare Receipt Among Immigrants,” (with Frank D. Bean), *Demography*, November 2002, 39:4, pp.617-637.
- “Labor Market Assimilation and the Self-Employment Decision of Immigrant Entrepreneurs,” *Journal of Population Economics*, 2002, (15:1), pp. 83-114.

“A Comparison of the Human Capital and Signaling Models: The Case of the Self-Employed and the Increase in the Schooling Premium in the 1980's,” *Research in Labor Economics*, Volume 20, 2001, pp. 191-215.

Publications – Peer Reviewed PPIC Reports

“What Happened When California Suspended Bail during COVID?”, (with Deepak Premkumar, Andrew Skelton and Sean Cremin), November 2024.

“Crime after Proposition 47 and the Pandemic”, (with Brandon Martin), September 2024.

“Are Younger Generations Committing Less Crime?” (with Brandon Martin, and Deepak Premkumar), September 2023.

“Racial Disparities in Law Enforcement Stops” (with Joseph Hayes, Brandon Martin, and Deepak Premkumar), October 2021.

“Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Arrests in California” (with Deepak Premkumar, Andrew Skelton and Sean Cremin), February 2023.

“Racial Disparities in Traffic Stops” (with Joseph Hayes, Brandon Martin, and Deepak Premkumar), October 2022.

“Racial Disparities in Law Enforcement Stops” (with Joseph Hayes, Brandon Martin, and Deepak Premkumar), October 2021.

“Reforming Pretrial Justice in California” (Heather Harris), August 2020.

“Proposition 47’s Impact on Racial Disparity in Criminal Justice Outcomes” (with Brandon Martin and Steven Raphael), June 2020.

“Racial Disparities in California Arrests” (with Brandon Martin, Justin Goss, Joseph Hayes, Steven Raphael), October 2019.

“Key Factors in Arrest Trends and Differences in California’s Counties” (with Brandon Martin, Justin Goss, Joseph Hayes, Steven Raphael), September 2019

“Arrests in California’s Counties” (with Brandon Martin, Justin Goss and Joseph Hayes), March 2019

“New Insights into California Arrests: Trends, Disparities, and County Differences” (with Brandon Martin, Justin Goss, Joseph Hayes, Steven Raphael) December 2018

“Arrests in California” ” (with Brandon Martin, Justin Goss and Joseph Hayes), December 2019

“The Impact of Proposition 47 on Crime and Recidivism” (with Mia Bird, Brandon Martin, Steven Raphael, Viet Nguyen) June 2018

“California's County Jails” (with Brandon Martin), Just the Facts, November 2017

- “Crime Trends in California” (with Brandon Martin), Just the Facts, November 2017
- “California's Future: Corrections” (with Brandon Martin) January 2017
- “California’s Historic Corrections Reforms” (with Mia Bird and Brandon Martin), September 2016
- “Law Enforcement Staffing in California” (with Brandon Martin), Just the Facts, August 2016
- “Public Safety Realignment: Impacts So Far” (with Brandon Martin), September 2015
- “Realignment, Incarceration, and Crime Trends in California” (with Steve Raphael), May 2015
- “California's Future: Corrections” (with Brandon Martin) February 2015
- “Is Public Safety Realignment Reducing Recidivism in California?” (with Steve Raphael and Ryken Grattet), June 2014
- “Key Factors in California’s Jail Construction Needs” (with Brandon Martin), May 2014
- “Public Safety Realignment and Crime Rates in California” (with Steve Raphael), December 2013
- “Policing in California” (with Brandon Martin), Just the Facts, December 2013
- “Impact of Realignment on County Jail Populations” (with Steve Raphael), June 2013
- “Capacity Challenges in California’s Jails” (with Katherine Kramer), September 2012
- “Evaluating the Effects of California’s Corrections Realignment on Public Safety” (with Joan Petersilia and Steven Raphael), August, 2012.
- “Lessons from the 2007 Legal Arizona Workers Act” (with Sarah Bohn and Steven Raphael), March 2011
- “Entrepreneurship Among California’s Low-Skilled Workers”, April 2010.
- “Immigrant Legalization: Assessing the Labor Market Effects” (with Laura Hill and Joseph Hayes), April, 2010.

Publications – Invited Submissions, Peer Reviewed Journals

- “Empirical Analysis of Racial Disparities in Policing” (with Deepak Premkumar, Joseph Hayes, Brandon Martin, and Sean Cremin), *Santa Clara Law Review Symposium: Racial Justice Act*, forthcoming.
- “Racial Disparities in Criminal Justice Outcomes: Lessons from California’s Recent Reforms” (with Brandon Martin, and Steven Raphael), *Cato Research Briefs in Economic Policy*, February, 2021.

“Immigrant Entrepreneurship: Trends and Contributions”, *Cato Journal*, 37:3, Fall 2017.

“Incarceration and Crime: Lessons from California’s Public Safety Realignment Reform” (with Steven Raphael), *CESifo DICE Report*, 12 (4), 2014, 40-46.

“Immigrants and Entrepreneurship”, *IZA World of Labor*, September 2014.

“The Labor Market Adjustment of Immigrants” (with Barry Chiswick), Introduction to Special Issue on the Economics of Immigration, *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2010, 8:1, pp. 1-5.

“Finishing High School: Alternative Pathways and Dropout Recovery” (with John Tyler), *The Future of Children*, 2009, 19:1.

“Why are Hispanic and African-American Dropout Rates so High?” *The Williams Review*, 2007, 2, pp. 91-121.

“Immigration Policy, Assimilation of Immigrants and Natives’ Sentiments Towards Immigrants: Evidence from 12 OECD-Countries,” (with Thomas Bauer and Klaus F. Zimmermann), *Swedish Economic Policy Review*, 2000, 7, pp. 11-53.

Publications – Book Chapters

“Decarceration and Crime: California’s Experience”, (with Patricio Dominguez and Steven Raphael), in A Modern Guide to the Economics of Crime, pp. 88-134, edited by Paolo Buonanno, Paolo Vanin, and Juan Vargas, Edward Elgar, 2022.

“Immigrant Entrepreneurs” (with Chunbei Wang), in Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics, pp. 1-32, edited by Klaus F. Zimmermann, Springer, 2022.

“Immigration, Entrepreneurship and Innovation” (with Rob Fairlie), Handbook on the Economics of International Immigration, Barry Chiswick and Paul Miller (eds.) Elsevier, 2014.

“Employment Effects of State Legislation” (with Sarah Bohn), in David Card and Steven Raphael (eds.) Immigration, Poverty, and Socioeconomic Inequality, Russell Sage, 2013, pp. 282-314.

“Immigrant Assimilation and Welfare Participation: Do Immigrants Assimilate Into or Out-of Welfare?” (with Jorgen Hansen), originally published in *Journal of Human Resources*, Winter 2003, 38:1, pp. 74-98, reprinted in;

Recent Developments in the Economics of International Migration, Chiswick, Barry R. and Paul W. Miller, eds., Edward Elgar Publishing, 2012, pp. 562-86.

“Latina Entrepreneurship and Recent Self-employment Trends in the United States” in Open for Business: Migrant Entrepreneurship in OECD Countries, OECD Publishing, 2011.

“How Successful are Female Hispanic Entrepreneurs?” (with Timothy Bates) in Alfonso Morales, David Torres and John Sibley Butler (eds.) American Story: Mexican American Entrepreneurship & Wealth Creation, Purdue University Press, 2009 pp. 79-98.

“Labor Market Assimilation and the Self-Employment Decision of Immigrant Entrepreneurs,” originally published in *Journal of Population Economics*, 2002, (15:1), pp. 83-114, reprinted in;

How Labor Migrants Fare, Zimmermann, Klaus F. and Amelie Constant, eds., Springer Verlag, 2004, pp. 191-222.

Recent Developments in the Economics of International Migration, Chiswick, Barry R. and Paul W. Miller, eds., Edward Elgar Publishing, 2012, pp. 315-46.

“Self-Employment and Earnings among High-Skilled Immigrants in the United States,” in Wayne A. Cornelius and Thomas J. Espenshade, eds. The International Migration of The Highly Skilled: Demand, Supply and Development Consequences, La Jolla, CA: Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California-San Diego, 2001, pp. 163-195.

“Discussion of ‘And Now For Something Completely Different: An Alternative Model of Trade, Education, and Inequality,’ by Paul Krugman,” (with James E. Rauch), comment in The Impact of International Trade on Wages, edited by Robert Feenstra, 2000, pp. 29-36.

“The Educational Attainment of Immigrants: Trends and Implications,” (with Julian R. Betts), in George J. Borjas ed. Issues in the Economics of Immigration, University of Chicago Press, for National Bureau of Economic Research, 2000, pp. 51-115.

Submitted Papers & Work in Progress

“What Happened When California Suspended Bail during COVID?,” (with Deepak Premkumar, Andrew Skelton, and Sean Cremin), IZA Discussion Paper, February 2025.

“(Mis)Pricing in Loans to Businesses Owned by People of Color” (with William Bradford, Chunbei Wang and Michael Verchot), IZA Discussion Paper, February 2025.

“Generational Shifts in Criminal Offending” (with Brandon Martin and Deepak Premkumar)

“Self-Employment and Labor Market Assimilation of Immigrants 1980 – 2016” (with Chunbei Wang)

“H-1Bs: How Do They Stack Up to US Born Workers?” (with Joe Hayes), IZA Discussion Paper No 6259, December 2011.

Other Publications (non-refereed)

Three Decades of Major Criminal Justice Shifts in California, PPIC Blog, October 30, 2024

Hate Crimes Fell in California Last Year, but Religion-based Incidents Increased Sharply, PPIC Blog, October 15, 2024

Commercial Burglaries Fell in 2023, but Shoplifting Continued to Rise, PPIC Blog, August 2, 2024

Hate Crime Trends in California, PPIC Blog, May 28, 2024

Falling Jail Populations Have Eased Overcrowding in Most County Jails, PPIC Blog, February 15, 2024

Testimony: Retail Theft in California, PPIC Blog, January 25, 2024

Testimony: Crime Data on Retail Theft and Robberies in California, PPIC Blog, January 4, 2024

California’s Violent Crime Rate Is Diverging from the National Trend, PPIC Blog, November 1, 2023

County Jails House Fewer Inmates, but Over Half Face Mental Health Issues, PPIC Blog, October 25, 2023

Gun Incidents Drive a Climb in Violent Crime Rates, PPIC Blog, September 25, 2023

Retail Theft and Robbery Rates Have Risen across California, PPIC Blog, September 7, 2023

A Large Proportion of Crime Goes Unsolved in California, PPIC Blog, May 11, 2023

How Often Are Firearms Confiscated During Traffic Stops? (with Deepak Premkumar and Andrew Skelton), PPIC Blog, February 16, 2023

California's Notable Declines in Law Enforcement Staffing (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, February 14, 2023

Violent Crimes Involving Guns Drive Recent Rise in Crime (with Brandon Martin), October 19, 2022

Crime Trends in Context (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, June 30, 2022

Two Years of Wide Variation in Crime Trends (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, March 21, 2022

After Decreases in 2020, Both Property and Violent Crimes Are Up in 2021 (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, December 14, 2021

Recent State Crime Trends Mostly Mirror the Nation (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, October 8, 2021

Who Do California's Police Officers Stop – and Why? (with Amalia Meija and Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, September 29, 2021

Homicides Climb for Most California Counties in 2020, PPIC Blog, July 16, 2021

Gun Deaths Drive California's Largest-Ever Rise in Homicides, PPIC Blog, July 13, 2021

California's Major Cities See Increases in Homicides and Car Thefts (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, April 27, 2021

Racial Disparities in California Law Enforcement Stops (with Alex Gumbs and Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, December 3, 2020

California's Major Cities See Some Increases in Crime (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, October 9, 2020

Pretrial Reform in California (with Heather Harris), PPIC Blog, August 26, 2020

African Americans Are Notably Overrepresented in Police Stops, (with Daniel Morales Campos and Brandon Martin) PPIC Blog, August 13, 2020

Progress under Prop 47 but Racial Disparities Persist in California Arrests (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, June 4, 2020

Racial Disparities Are Widespread in California (with Sarah Bohn and Lynette Ubois), PPIC Blog, June 3, 2020

Low Crime Numbers Leveling off Under Shelter-in-Place (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, May 26, 2020

What COVID-19 Budget Cuts Mean for Public Safety Spending (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, May 22, 2020

Jail Bookings Down Significantly during COVID-19 (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, May 6, 2020

COVID-19 and Crime in Major California Cities (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, April 7, 2020

A Closer Look at Women's Arrest Rates (with Justin Goss, Joe Hayes, and Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, April 3, 2019

Toward Understanding Racial Disparities in Arrests (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, December 4, 2018

“The Effects of California's Enhanced Drug and Contraband Interdiction Program on Drug Abuse and Inmate Misconduct in California's Prisons” (with Brandon Martin and Steven Raphael). Report produced for California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Cal Policy Lab working paper, 2017.

“Crime Rates Stable Overall, But Some Counties See Big Changes” (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, September 25 2017

“Proposition 57’s Impact on Prisons” (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, July 24 2017

“Next Steps for Proposition 57” (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, November 9 2016

“California’s Arrest Rate Reaches a 50-Year Low” (with Joseph Hayes and Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, July 20, 2016

“Preliminary Data Show Higher Crime Rates in 2015” (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, February 17 2016

“Putting the Governor’s Sentencing Proposal in Context” (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, February 3 2016

“Proposition 47 and Crime” (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, October 28 2015

“Proposition 47 Brought Decreases to Both Prison and Jail Populations” (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, September 8 2015

“How California Reduced Its Prison Population” (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, February 6 2015

“Will Proposition 47 Save Money?” (with Sonya Tafoya), PPIC Blog, November 20 2014

“Crime Rates Down, But Not Everywhere”, PPIC Blog, November 11 2014

“A Closer Look at Early Jail Releases” (with Brandon Martin), PPIC Blog, September 17 2014

“Realignment: Progress and Challenges”, PPIC Blog, July 21 2014

“Testimony: Crime Trends in California”, PPIC Blog, January 30, 2014.

“Real Workplace Enforcement and Realistic Flows of Authorized Immigrants” invited commentary, April 30, 2013, Zócalo Public Square

“Keeping Dream Alive for Illegal Immigrant Students“, Op-Ed, February 26, 2011 San Diego Union-Tribune.

“State Level Legislation Against the Hiring of Unauthorized Immigrants”, Hispanic Economic Outlook, Fall 2011.

“Depression of Wages and Price Levels” (with Sarah Bohn), Point and Counterpoint, SAGE Debates on Immigration, SAGE Publications, 2012 pp.242-254.

Media Coverage (select)

New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, The Atlantic, The Economist, National Public Radio, Los Angeles Times, Business Week, Forbes, Huffington Post, Christian Science Monitor, USA Today, Salon.com, Computerworld, Sacramento Bee, San Francisco Chronicle, San Diego Union-Tribune, Arizona Republic, La Opinion, National Review Online

Courses Taught

University of California, Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy, Spring 2018-2020.
Economics of Public Policy Analysis (MPP)

University of Texas, Dallas, School of Social Sciences, Fall 2002-Fall 2007.

Econometrics II (PhD)
Applied Econometrics (Masters/PhD)
Labor Economics II (Masters/PhD)
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (Undergraduate)
Microeconomics for Policy (Masters/PhD)
Public Sector Economics (Undergraduate/Masters/PhD)

University of California, Irvine, Department of Economics, Winter/Spring 2001.
Econometrics (Undergraduate)

Labor Economics (Undergraduate)

University of Bonn, Bonn Graduate School of Economics, Spring 2000.
Labor Economics (PhD)

Invited Testimonies, Policy Briefings and Presentations

Little Hoover Commission, “Retail Theft in California”, January 25, 2024.

California State Assembly Select Committee on Retail Theft, “Crime Data on Retail Theft and Robberies in California”, December 19, 2023.

Leadership San Francisco, “Criminal Justice Policies and Crime in California and San Francisco, March 16, 2023.

San Francisco Police Commission, “Racial Disparities in Traffic Stops”, November 22, 2022.

Keynote lecture, 9th Annual Division of Criminal Justice Convocation, Sacramento State University, “Impacts of COVID-19 on the Criminal Justice System”, November 15, 2022.

Congressional town hall hosted by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, “California Crime Trends in Context”, June 29, 2022.

Investigative Reporters and Editors Annual Convention, “Criminal Justice Reforms in California”, Phoenix AZ, June 2017

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, “The Effects of California’s Enhanced Drug and Contraband Interdiction Program on Drug Abuse and Inmate Misconduct in California’s Prisons” Sacramento, April 2017

The California Jail Programs Association, winter conference, “Criminal Justice Reforms in California”, Roseville, January 2017

PPIC/James Irvine Foundation Briefing Series, “California’s Historic Corrections Reforms”, Sacramento, September 28, 2016

Rural County Representatives of California’s Annual Meeting, presentation “California’s Historic Criminal Justice Reforms”, Lake Tahoe, September 2016

Cato Institute, Immigration Economics, presentation “Immigrant Entrepreneurship” Washington DC, September 2016

Courts, Community Engagement and Innovative Practices in a Changing Landscape, hosted by the Center for Court Innovation/U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance/California Judicial Council, December 3, 2015

PPIC/James Irvine Foundation Briefing Series, “What Do We Know about Realignment’s Impact So Far?”, Sacramento, October 2, 2015

PPIC/James Irvine Foundation Briefing Series, “Realignment, Incarceration, and Crime Trends in California”, Sacramento, May 21, 2015

Orange County Community Corrections Partnership's Realignment Summit, presentation "Lessons from Realignment, Petaluma, Irvine, October 2014.

National Academy of Sciences, Panel on Economic and Fiscal Consequences of Immigration, Immigration and Entrepreneurship, July 29, 2014

PPIC/James Irvine Foundation Briefing Series "Is Public Safety Realignment Reducing Recidivism in California?" Sacramento, June 27, 2014

Stanford Executive Session on Public Safety Realignment, "Public Safety Realignment and Crime Rates in California" Stanford Law School, February 10, 2014

Testimony on Public Safety Realignment and Crime Trends in California, state Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, January 30, 2014

PPIC/James Irvine Foundation Briefing Series "Public Safety Realignment and Crime Rates in California", Sacramento, December 10, 2013

PPIC/James Irvine Foundation Briefing Series, "Corrections Realignment in California", Sacramento, CA, June 28, 2013,

World Bank, Global Expert Meeting, Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD), Washington DC, December 2012

University of Southern California, Tomas Rivera Policy Institute, Immigration in the Wake of the Great Recession, March 2012

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Hispanic Economic Experience Conference, Dallas, June 2011

Arizona Immigration Solutions Conference, Phoenix, May 2011

Migration Policy Institute, Briefing of PPIC report "Lessons from the 2007 Legal Arizona Workers Act", Washington DC, March 2011

California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity's Annual Viva Las Micro Empresas Symposium, Los Angeles, October 2010.

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, conference on "Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Economic Recovery: A Focus on Job Creation and Stabilization", Atlanta, October 2010

Migration Policy Institute, Briefing of PPIC report "Immigrant Legalization: Assessing the Labor Market Effects", Washington DC, April 2010

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), policy meeting on "Entrepreneurship and Employment Creation of Immigrants in OECD Countries", Paris, France, June 2010

Immigration and the Economy, panelist, Phoenix, December 11, 2008.

Testimony on Immigrants in the Labor Market, California Senate Select Committee on Immigration and the Economy, Sacramento, August 5, 2008.

The Texas Dropout Crisis and Our Children, Rice University, October 2006.

High School Dropouts: Causes and Costs, Conference organized by The J. McDonald Williams Institute, UT Dallas and the Texas School Project, September 2006.

Governor's Business Council, Dallas, October 2003.

Academic Conference Presentations

Fall Conference, Association for Criminal Justice Research, Riverside, CA, October 2019

The First Annual Conference on Crime, Risk and Economics, London, UK, May 2019

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA, May 2019

Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, April 2019

Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, HI, February 2019

Western Society of Criminology, Long Beach, CA, February 2018

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Annual Research Conference, Chicago, November 2017

Fall Conference, Association for Criminal Justice Research, Irvine, October 2017

American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 2016

Presley Center Conference on Crime and Punishment, Riverside, May 2016

Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington DC, April 2016

Spring Conference, Association for Criminal Justice Research, Sacramento, March 2016

Fall Conference, Association for Criminal Justice Research, Irvine, October 2015

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, Montreal, June 2015

University of California Irvine/NSF, Realigning Corrections workshop, October 2015

American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 2014

University of California Davis, School of Law, Lunch talk, "Lessons from Realignment", October 2015

13th IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists, Ammersee, Germany, July 2014

2014 Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop, Madison, WI, June 2014

Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, April 2014

Spring Conference, Association for Criminal Justice Research, Sacramento, March 2014

American Economics Association's Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, January 2014

CESifo, Determinants, Effects and Unintended Consequences of Migration Policies, Munich, Germany, December 2013

University of California Davis, School of Law, Immigration Reform, What's Next, October, 2013.

Population Association of America Annual Meeting, discussant, New Orleans, April 2013

Annual Meeting on the Economics of Risky Behaviors, Zurich, Switzerland, April 2013

Spring Conference, Association for Criminal Justice Research, Sacramento, March 2013

American Economics Association's Annual Meeting, discussant, San Diego, January 2013

University of California Davis, Immigration and Poverty Conference, May 2012

American Economics Association's Annual Meeting, Chicago, January 2012

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Skilled Labor Migration Workshop, November 2011

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Conference on Immigration and the Firm, Chicago, November 2011

Western Economic Association's Annual Meeting, San Diego, June 2011
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington DC, April 2011
American Economics Association's Annual Meeting, Denver, January 2011
National Poverty Center "Immigration, Poverty, and Socioeconomic Inequality Pre-Conference" Ann Arbor, MI, December 2010
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 32nd Annual Research Conference, Boston, November 2010
IZA Workshop "Legal and Illicit Immigration: Theory, Empirics and Policy", Bonn, Germany, July 2010
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Dallas, April 2010
American Economics Association's Annual Meeting, Atlanta, January 2010
San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank's Applied Microeconomic Conference, San Francisco, June, 2009
6th Annual Migration Meeting, IZA, Bonn, Germany, May 2009.
The Society of Labor Economists, 14th Annual Meeting, Boston, May 2009.
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Detroit, May 2009.
2008 Research Conference on Entrepreneurship among Minorities and Women, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, July 2008.
Mexican American Entrepreneurship & Wealth Creation, IC² Institute, University of Texas at Austin, April 2008.
American Economics Association's Annual Meeting, discussant, New Orleans, January 2008.
NBER Summer Institute, Labor Studies, Cambridge, MA, July 2006.
Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, San Diego, June 2006.
Research Conference on Entrepreneurship Among Minorities and Women, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, June 2006.
Second Migrant Ethnicity Meeting, IZA, Bonn, Germany, May 2006.
The Society of Labor Economists, 10th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, June 2005.
Western Economic Association International 79th Annual Conference, Vancouver Canada, June 2004.
The Society of Labor Economists, 9th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, April 2004.
American Economics Association's annual meeting, Washington D.C., January 2003.
European Network of Economic Policy Research Institutes (ENEPRI), Welfare and the Labour Market in the EU, Marseilles, France, October 2002.
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, May 2002.
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference, Washington D.C., November 2001.
European Economic Association Annual Conference, Bolzano, Italy, September 2000.
The Society of Labor Economists World Conference, Milan, Italy, June 2000.
European Society for Population Economics Annual Conference, Bonn, June 2000.
Center for Comparative Immigration Studies Conference: The International Migration of the Highly Skilled: Demand, Supply, Development Consequences, and the Role of U.S. Universities, San Diego, May 2000.
Conference organized by the Economic Council of Sweden: The Assimilation of Immigrants in the Labor Market, Stockholm, Sweden, March 2000.
4th International Metropolis Conference, Washington D.C., Discussant, December 1999.
CEPR/TSER Workshop: Labour Demand, Education and the Dynamics of Social Exclusion, Ramat-Gan, Israel, November 1999.
CEPR Conference on Marginal Labour Markets in Metropolitan Areas, Dublin, Ireland, October 1999.
American Economics Association's annual meeting, New York, January 1999.
European Summer Symposium in Labour Economics, Ammersee, Germany, September 1999.

Invited Seminars

University of California at San Diego, Department of Economics; Simon Fraser University, Department of Economics; University of California at Irvine, Department of Economics; Concordia University, Montreal, Department of Economics; Gothenburg University, Department of Economics; Lund University, Department of Economics; Stockholm University, Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI); Uppsala University, Department of Economics; University of California Los Angeles, Department of Public Policy; Kansas State University, Department of Economics; Louisiana State University, Department of Economics; University of Miami, Department of Economics; Northeastern University, Department of Economics; University of Texas at Dallas, School of Social Sciences; Williams College, Department of Economics; Baylor University, Department of Economics; University of Texas at Dallas, Texas School Project; University of Texas at Arlington, Department of Economics; Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA); Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC); Centre Interuniversitaire de Recherche en Economie Quantitative (CIREQ); Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; University of California Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy; Michigan State University, Broad College of Business; University of California at Irvine; University of Otago, New Zealand; University of Nordland, Norway; Concordia University; University of California Santa Cruz, Department of Economics; Pomona College, Department of Economics; Sonoma State University; Department of Criminology; United States Air Force Academy, Claremont McKenna Graduate School

Journal Referee

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, American Journal of Law and Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, CESifo Economic Studies, Contemporary Economic Policy, Criminology, Criminology & Public Policy, Demography, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics of Governance, Economic Inquiry, European Economic Review, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Industrial Relations, International Journal of Manpower, International Migration, International Migration Review, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Journal of Experimental Criminology, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of the Japanese and International Economies, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, Labour Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Research in Labor Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Small Business Economics, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Science Quarterly, Southern Economic Journal, The B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy

Grants and Textbook Reviews

Russell Sage Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Israel Science Foundation, Prentice Hall, Sage Publications, Thomson Higher Educational Publishing

Other Professional Services

Organizer, PPIC Research Seminar Series, 2009–2020

Organizer, IZA conference on “Welfare Transitions”, held in Bonn, Germany, October 2000. Scientific Recruitment committee, IZA, 1999–2000.

Ph.D. dissertation committee member, UT Dallas, School of Social Sciences (Sandra Duhe (Political Economy), Michiko Hayhurst (Political Economy), Jeffrey Keyser (Political Economy), Chunbei Wang (Economics))

Faculty Opponent, Phd Dissertation, Pernilla Anderson, Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University, October 2006.

Outside reviewer of PhD thesis, Olof Aslund, Department of Economics, Uppsala University, Sweden, October 2000.

Faculty Advisor, Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE) Economics honor society, UT Dallas, 2004-2007.

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association, American Society of Criminology, Association for Criminal Justice Research, Population Association of America, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management.

Nationality

USA (citizen) and Sweden (citizen)

Languages

English (fluent), Swedish (native), French (basic), Spanish (basic)