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Current Positions

Interim Senior Associate Dean for Faculty and Graduate Affairs, 2023 -
Professor, American University, School of Public Affairs, 2015 –
Research Fellow, IZA, 2006-

Previous Positions

Director, Washington Institute of Public Affairs Research, 2015-2021
Chair, Department of Public Admin. and Policy, American University, 2017-2020
Professor, UMBC School of Public Policy, 2009-15
Acting Chair, UMBC, School of Public Policy. 2012-13
Deputy Director, Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research, 2008-2012
Associate Professor, UMBC School of Public Policy, 2003-2009
AERA Visiting Fellow, National Center for Education Statistics, 2005–2006
Assistant Professor, UMBC School of Public Policy, 1999-2003
Senior Research Associate, Governmental Studies, Northern Illinois University, 1994-99
Guest, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., 1993-94
Research Scientist, University of Minnesota, 1990
Instructor, University of Minnesota, 1988-1989.
Policy Analyst, State of Minnesota, Department of Jobs and Training, 1987-1989.

Fellowships/Honors/Editorial Appointments

Editorial Board, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2021 -
Co-Editor, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2018 - 2022
American University School of Public Affairs Outstanding Service Award, 2018
Visiting Scholar, IZA, Bonn Germany, August 2013
Outstanding Faculty Award, UMBC Graduate Student Association, 2010
American Education Research Association Fellow, 2005-06
Spencer Post-Doctoral Fellow, National Academy of Education, 1996-1998

Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 1993-1994
University of Maryland, Graduate School Fellowship, 1990-1991
B.A. with Highest Honors, University of North Carolina

Education

Ph.D. Public Policy, University of Maryland, College Park
M.A. Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
B.A. Political Science & Economics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Publications

Articles and Chapters: (*indicates student co-author)

“Baby Bump? Birth Month, Family Income, and Early Childhood Development” with Katherine Engel. 2024. *Economics and Human Biology*. 54
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ehb.2024.101409>. (Earlier version published as IZA Discussion Paper 16212. 2023. <https://docs.iza.org/dp16212.pdf>)

“Undergraduate Research Experience and Post-Graduate Achievement among Students from Underrepresented Groups,” with David Barker. Forthcoming. *Journal for STEM Education Research*.

“Charter Schools and the Segregation of Students by Income” with Kari Dalane* 2024. *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*. 46(1):34-52
<https://doi.org/10.3102/01623737221137903> (Earlier version published as IZA Discussion Paper #14280).

“The Re-emerging Suicide Crisis in the U.S.: Patterns, causes and solutions,” with Ben Hansen. 2024. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 43: 582-612.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/pam.22526>. (Earlier version published as NBER Working Paper 31242).

“Public Higher Education Costs and College Enrollment” with Taylor Delaney* 2023. *Journal of Higher Education*. (Earlier version published as EdWorkingPaper: 21-464. Annenberg Institute at Brown University: <https://doi.org/10.26300/rf5t-z911>)

“Americans’ Trust in Government and Health Behaviors amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic” with Liz Suhay, Aparna Soni, and Claudia Persico. 2022. *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of Social Sciences* 8 (8), pp. 221-244.

- “The Segregation of Students by Income in Public Schools” with Kari Dalane* 2022. *Educational Researcher*. Vol. 51 No. 4, pp. 245–25. DOI: 10.3102/0013189X221081853
- “Ties that Bind?: Family Income Dynamics and Children’s Post-Secondary Enrollment and Persistence” with Bradley Hardy, 2022. *Review of Economics of the Household*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11150-020-09516-9>
- “The Economics of Suicide,” with Dijana Zejcirovic, 2020. In Zimmermann K. (ed.) *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*. Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-57365-6_132-1
- “Any Press is Good Press? The Unanticipated Effects of Title IX Investigations on University Outcomes.” with Jason Lindo, Jane Palmer and Isaac Swenson. 2019. *Economics of Education Review*. v. 73. (Earlier version published as NBER Working Paper #24852).
- “Socioeconomic Segregation and School Choice in American Public Schools,” with Kari Dalane* 2019. *Educational Researcher*. v. 48(8), pp. 493-503.
- “The Returns to Education at Community Colleges: New Evidence from the Education Longitudinal Survey.” 2019. *Education Finance and Policy*. v. 14(4), pp.523-47. (Earlier version published as IZA Discussion Paper #10202).
- “Something in the Air?: Air Quality and Children’s Educational Outcomes,” 2017. *Economics of Education Review*. v. 56, pp. 141-51. (Earlier version published as IZA Discussion Paper #9689).
- “Public Higher Education Tuition Costs and Student Enrollment Decisions,” with Steve Hemelt. 2016. *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of Social Sciences*. v. 2(1), pp. 42-68.
- “Allergy Test: Seasonal Allergens and Performance in School,” 2015. *Journal of Health Economics* v. 40, pp. 132-140.
- “Selection Bias” in *Encyclopedia of Education Economics and Finance*, Dominic Brewer and Lawrence Pincus, eds. 2014.
- “High School Exit Exams and Dropout in an Era of Increased Accountability,” with Steve Hemelt. 2013. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. v. 32, n. 2, pp. 323-50. (Earlier version published as IZA Discussion Paper #5527).

- “High School Dropout and Teen Childbearing,” 2013. *Economics of Education Review*, v. 34, pp. 258-68.
- “Rising Tuition and Enrollment in Public Higher Education,” with Steven Hemelt*. 2011 *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* v. 30, n. 4, pp. 435-57. Earlier version published as IZA Discussion Paper # 3827.
- “A Cure for Crime: Psycho-Pharmaceuticals and Crime Trends,” with Sara Markowitz. 2011. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. v30(1). pp. 29-56. Earlier version published as NBER Working Paper #15354.
- “Summer Research Experience and Talented Minority Undergraduate Students Enrollment in STEM Ph.D. Programs,” with Matea Pender*, Mario Sto. Domingo, and Ken Maton. 2010 *Education Policy Analysis Archives*. v. 18, no. 30.
- “Time for School” With Ben Hansen. 2010. *Education Next*. v. 10, n. 1, pp. 52-59.
- “The Earnings Effect of Community College Education.” 2010. *Contemporary Economic Policy*, v. 28, n. 1, pp. 36-51. Earlier version published as IZA Discussion Paper #2334.
- “Anti-Depressants and Suicide.” with Jens Ludwig and Karen Norberg. 2009 *Journal of Health Economics*. v. 28, pp. 659-76. Earlier version published as NBER Working Paper #12906.
- “Unscheduled Closings and Student Performance,” with Steven Hemelt* 2008. *Education Finance and Policy*. v. 3(3), pp. 316-38. Earlier version published as IZA Discussion Paper #2923.
- “The Impacts of Parental Homeownership on Children’s Outcomes During Young Adulthood,” with G. Galster and M. Mandell, 2007. *Housing Policy Debate*. v. 18(4), pp. 785-827.
- “Golden Years?: The Economic Consequences of Caring for Grandchildren,” with Ying Wang* 2007. *Journal of Marriage and Family*. v 69, pp. 1283-97. Earlier version published as IZA Discussion Paper #2629.
- “The Influence of Neighborhood Poverty During Childhood on Fertility, Education and Earnings Outcomes,” with G. Galster, M. Mandell, H. Wolman, and N. Augustine* 2007. *Housing Studies*. v 22(5), pp. 723-51.
- “Schooling and Test Scores: A Mother-Natural Experiment.” 2007. *Economics of Education Review*. v 26(3), pp. 629-40.

- “The Returns to Education at Community Colleges: Evidence from the National Education Longitudinal Survey,” with Tom Bailey, Carey Borkoski*, and Greg Kienzl. 2005. *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*. v 27(2), pp. 157-75.
- “Anti-Depressants, Suicide and Drug Regulation,” with Jens Ludwig. 2005. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. v 24(2), pp. 249-72.
Reprinted in Pirog, Maureen (Ed.) 2008. *Social Experimentation, Program Evaluation and Public Policy: JPAM Classics Series*. (Melbourne: Blackwell).
- “Early Onset Depression and High School Dropout,” with Virginia Wilcox-Gök, Farah Farahati and Carey Borkoski*, in Marcotte and Wilcox-Gök ed. 2004, *The Economics of Gender and Mental Illness*. (Elsevier Science), pp. 27-51.
- “Understanding the Relationship Between Mental Illness and Work” 2004. *HealthcarePapers*. v. 5(2), pp. 26-9.
- “The Effects of Parents’ Psychiatric Illness on Children’s Schooling Attainment,” with Farah Farahati and Virginia Wilcox-Gök. *Economics of Education Review*, v. 22(2) 2003, pp. 167-78.
- “Estimating Earnings Losses Due to Mental Illness: A Quantile Regression Approach,” with Virginia Wilcox-Gök. *Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*. V. 6(4) 2003, pp. 123-34.
- “The Economics of Suicide, Revisited,” *Southern Economic Journal*. v. 69(3), 2003, pp. 628-643.
- “The Employment and Earnings Costs of Mental Illness: Recent Developments in the United States,” with Virginia Wilcox-Gök. 2001. *Social Science and Medicine* v. 53(1), pp. 21-27.
- “Continuing Education, Job Training and the Growth of Earnings Inequality,” *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*. Vol 53, no. 4, 2000, pp. 602-623.
- “The Labor Market Effects of Mental Illness: The Case of Affective Disorders,” with Virginia Wilcox-Gök, in David Salkever ed. 2000, *The Economics of Disability*. (Greenwich, CT: JAI Press), pp. 181-210.
- “Standard Employment: Is It Still What It Used to Be?” with Annette Bernhardt. 2000. In M. Ferber and S. Herzemberg ed. *Nonstandard Work Arrangements and the Changing Labor Market: Dimensions, Causes, and Institutional Responses*. (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University ILR Press).

Learning in the Labor Market: The Changing Importance of Education and Training After Formal Schooling Ends (National Center for Research on Vocational Education, University of California: Berkeley) 1999

“Prevalence and Patterns of Major Depressive Disorder in the United States Labor Force,” with Virginia Wilcox-Gök, 1999. *The Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*. Vol. 2, no. 3, pp. 123-31.

“Has Job Stability Declined?: Evidence from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics,” *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*. Vol 58, no. 2. April 1999, pp. 189-208.

"The Wage Premium for Job Seniority During the 1980s and Early 1990s, *Industrial Relations*. Vol. 37, no. 4. October 1998, pp. 419-39.

"Declining Job Stability: What We Know and What It Means," *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. Vol. 14, no. 4. Fall, 1995, pp. 590-98.

Books:

The Economics of Risky Behavior. 2021. D.E. Marcotte, Editor. Springer Nature.

The Economics of Gender and Mental Health. 2004. D.E. Marcotte and V. Wilcox-Gök, Editors. Elsevier Science.

Invited Book Reviews:

“The Boundaries of Medicine” review of *Comfortably Numb: How Psychiatry is Medicating a Nation*, by Charles Barber. 2009. *Nature Medicine*. v. 15(3), p. 135.

Working Papers:

“Air Quality and Suicide” with Claudia Persico. IZA Discussion Paper 15087. 2022.
<https://docs.iza.org/dp15087.pdf> NBER Working Paper 30626.
<https://www.nber.org/papers/w30626>

“Medicaid and Teen Suicide” with Alexandra Rakus.

“Finishing School: Academic Outcomes for Community College Transfer and “Native” 4-Year College Students” with Taylor Delaney.

Reports (selected):

Initial Evaluation of the Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN), with Liz Suhay. Report to the National Science Foundation and National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine. 2021.

Education and the Dynamics of Middle-Class Status, with Bradley Hardy. Brookings Institution. 2020.

The Return to a Sub-Baccalaureate Education: The Effects of Schooling, Credentials, and Program of Study on Economic Outcomes, with Tom Bailey and Greg Kienzl. (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education), 2004.

The Characteristics of Occupational Sub-Baccalaureate Students Entering the New Millennium, with Tom Bailey, Marc Scott, Mariana Alfonso and Greg Kienzl. (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education), 2003.

Common Performance Management Systems for Workforce Development, with Patrick Redmon (Washington, DC: National Governors' Association), 1996.

Job Training Trends in the U.S. and Implications for Investing in Low-Income Workers, with John Baj and Bob Sheets. (Washington, DC: National Commission for Employment Policy), 1995.

Outcomes of JTPA Title II-A Training for Young Male Ex-Offenders, (Washington, DC: National Commission for Employment Policy), 1995.

Child Support Assurance: Effect of Applying State Guidelines to Determine Fathers' Payments, with Kathleen Scholl and Cindy Bascetta, 1992. (Washington, DC: U.S. General Accounting Office).

Research Support (selected)

Co-Principal Investigator. "Analyzing Government and Societal Response to COVID," National Science Foundation, RAPID. \$199,938. 2020-2022.

Co-Principal Investigator. "Air Quality and Suicide," American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. \$90,000. 2020-22.

Principal Investigator. "Patterns and Policies of School Choice and Socioeconomic Segregation of Students." Smith Richardson Foundation. \$43,474. 2019-2021.

Investigator. “Louis Stokes STEM Pathways and Research Alliance,” NSF via Cal-State. With David Barker. \$64,054. 2018-23.

Co-Principal Investigator. “Switching Schools and Navigating Neighborhoods: Can Housing Vouchers Improve Educational Achievement for Low Income Minority Youth?” Spencer Foundation, with Stefanie DeLuca, Johns Hopkins University. \$212,300. 2015-17.

Co-Principal Investigator. “The LA-STEM Program and Effects on Retention,” National Science Foundation. \$100,000. 2013-14.

Co-Principal Investigator. “A Randomized Trial Evaluation of Three Post-Secondary Interventions in STEM Education.” National Science Foundation.” \$1,806,000. 2011-2015.

Co-Principal Investigator. Abell Foundation. “Evaluation of the Achievement and Behavioral Impacts of the SEED School of Maryland for Baltimore City Public School Students.” \$40,000. 2011-12.

Principal Investigator. Spencer Foundation and Smith Richardson Foundation. “You Can’t School Mother Nature: The impact of unscheduled closings on performance” \$75,000. 2007-2009.

Co-Investigator. National Institutes of Health. Analyzing the Impact of the Meyerhoff Scholars Program 2005- 2011. \$1,600,000.

Principal Investigator. American Education Research Association. The Earnings Effects of Education at Community Colleges. \$40,000. 2005 – 2006.

Principal Investigator. Russell Sage Foundation. The Economic Returns to Community College: A New Look. Principal Investigator. \$33,000. 2002 – 2004.

Co-Principal Investigator. Ford Foundation. “Focusing on Success: Pathways Out of Child Poverty,” with Marvin Mandell. Active: 2000-2005. \$250,000.

Co-Principal Investigator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Evaluation of the Health Outcomes of Seniors Survey, 2003 – 2004. \$290,000.

Principal Investigator. U.S. Department of Education/National Center for Research in Vocational Education. “School to Work in a Changed Economy.” Active: 1998. \$28,000.

Principal Investigator. U.S. Department of Education. "National Assessment of Vocational Education," with Tom Bailey and Marc Scott, Columbia University, Active March 2000, January, 2002. \$98,000.

Principal Investigator. University of Illinois Chicago, "Employment Intervention Demonstration Program - Cost Evaluation." with Virginia Wilcox-Gök. Active: January 1999, - May 2001. \$120,000.

Co-Principal Investigator. National Institutes of Health, "The Labor Market Effects of Affective Disorders." with Virginia Wilcox-Gök. Active: June 1997, - June 1999. \$144,000.

Principal Investigator, National Academy of Education and the Spencer Foundation, "Learning in the Labor Market: The Importance of Education and Training After Formal Schooling Ends," Active: September 1996 - August 1998. \$40,000.

Principal Investigator, Spencer Foundation, "School-to-Work in Black and White: Racial Differences in Early Life Transition." Active: February 1995 - July 1996. \$12,000.

Principal Investigator. Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. "Title III Dislocated Worker Program Evaluation - Phase I" Active: August 1997 - January 1998. \$57,600.

Co-Principal Investigator. AARP-Andrus Foundation, "Depression and the Decision to Retire Among Older Workers." with Virginia Wilcox-Gök. Active: June 1998, August 2000. \$75,000.

Co-Principal Investigator. U.S. Department of Labor. "Information Resources to Support One-Stops in Region V" Active: April 1997 - June 1997. \$17,900.

Principal Investigator, Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. "Profiling to Identify and Refer Hard-to-Serve Clients," Active: October 1997 - June 1999. \$48,000.

Co-Principal Investigator, Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. "Assessment of Service and Outcome Differences Among JTPA Participants." with John Baj and Sean Fahey. Active: May 1995 - December 1995. \$25,000.

Co-Principal Investigator, National Governors Association, "Issues in Developing Measures for a Common Performance Management System of the Workforce Development System," with D. Patrick Redmon. Active: April 1996 - September 1996. \$28,000.

Co-Principal Investigator, National Commission for Employment Policy, “Job Training Trends in the U.S. and Implications for Investing in Low-Income Workers,” with John Baj and Robert Sheets. Active: September 1994 - February 1995. \$25,000.

Professional and Public Service

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Educational Research Journal; AERA Open; American Journal of Epidemiology; American Journal of Health Economics; American Journal of Preventative Medicine; American Sociological Review; Applied Economics; Archives of General Psychiatry; B.E. Journal of Economic Policy and Analysis; British Journal of Psychiatry; Contemporary Economic Policy; Crime and Delinquency; Eastern Economic Journal; Economic Inquiry; Economic Journal; Economics and Human Biology; Economics of Education Review; Education Economics; Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis; Education Next; Education Policy; Edward Elgar Publishers; European Economic Review; European Sociological Review; Evaluation Review; German Economic Review; Health Economics; Health Reports; Housing Studies; Industrial and Labor Relations Review; Industrial Relations; International Journal of Environmental Health Research; International Journal of Manpower; IZA Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Adolescent Health; Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA); Journal of Economic Inequality; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Human Capital; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Quantitative Criminology; Journal of School Health; Journal of Socio-Economics; Journal of Urban Affairs; Journal of Urban Economics; Labour; Labour Economics; Medical Care; Pediatrics; Public Budgeting and Finance; Public Choice; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Research in Higher Education; Resource and Energy Economics; Review of Economics of the Household; Sage Publications; Singapore Economic Review; Social Forces; Social Science and Medicine; Social Science Research; Sociological Inquiry; Southern Economic Journal; State and Local Government Review; Statistics Canada; University of Chicago Press; Youth and Society.*

Grant Reviewer: National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health, National Science Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, Smith Richardson Foundation, Spencer Foundation, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (British Columbia), U.S. Census Bureau.

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Policy Council, 2011 - 2013

Advisory Committees: Spencer Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, U.S. Department of Education, Institutes of Education Sciences

Press Interviews/Coverage: *Associated Press, Atlantic Monthly, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The Australian, Baltimore Sun, BBC, Business Week, Capitol News Service, Chattanooga Times Free Press, Christian Science Monitor, Conde Nast Portfolio, Daily Herald (Chicago), Economist, Education Week, El Heraldo de Mexico, Eos, Express Tribune (Pakistan), Forbes, Fortune, Gazette (Montgomery County, MD), Globes Business (Israel), Harpers, Hong Kong Standard, Huffington Post Live, Inside Higher Education, Jerusalem Post, La Tercera (Santiago, Chile), Los Angeles Times, Maryland Public Television, Miller-McCune, National Public Radio, The News Journal (Wilmington, DE), New York Daily News, New York Times, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Psychology Today, Sacramento Bee, Salon, Seattle Times, Slate, Spain El Mundo, Daily Gazette (Schenectady, NY), St. Paul Pioneer Press, Training, The 74, U.S. News and World Report, Wall Street Journal, WAMU – Kojo Nnamdi Show, Washington Post Radio, Washington Post, Washington Times.*

Consultant: St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank, 2018, Abell Foundation 2012-2013, SEED School of Maryland 2012, Jacob France Institute, 2011, Mental Health Services Research Program, University of Illinois Chicago 1997-2007, Macro Int. 2002-2003, Gardiner-Caldwell Synermed, Inc. 2001, State of California, Office of the Attorney General. 2000.

Teaching

Courses taught:

Graduate level: Statistical Analysis for Public Policy, Evaluation of Education, Causal Inference in Evaluation, Advanced Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis, Econometrics I and II, Research Methods, Public Policy Capstone, Proseminar in Public Policy.

Undergraduate level: Labor Economics

Advising:

PhD Students (Chair only)

Carey Borkoski
Kari Dalane
Barbara DiPietro
Taylor Delaney
Elizabeth Delwiche
Karen Gordes
Pradeep Guin
Marianne Hamilton-Lopez
Cheryl Harris
Steve Hemelt
Lyn Murphy
Kade Patanavanich
Matea Pender
Victoria Pilate
Alexandra Rakus
Darryl Roberts
Wallis Romzek
Correne Saunders
Karen Siegel
Ying Wang
Sherece West
Ray Zuniga

Placement/Employment

Johns Hopkins University
New Jersey DoE/Harvard Strategic Data Fellow
National Healthcare for the Homeless Council
University of Oklahoma
Maryland State Dept. of Education
University of Maryland, School of Medicine
Jindal School of Government and Public Policy
AcademyHealth
U.S. Government Accountability Office
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Maryland, School of Medicine
Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene
College Board
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Dept. of HHS (ASPE)
University of Maryland, School of Medicine
Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Lab
Abt Associates
U.S. Veterans Admin.
UMass Chan Medical School
Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation
Virginia Tech