

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Ph.D. Economics, Northwestern University, 1990

B.A. Economics and Mathematics, Knox College, 1985

Work Experience

2022-current Retired

2012-2022 Principal Economist, U.S. Census Bureau

2008-2012 Senior Research Economist (technical), U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

2001-2008 Senior Research Economist (managerial), U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

1990-2001 Research Economist, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Refereed Journal Publications

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- “General and Specific Training: Evidence and Implications” (with Mark A. Loewenstein). *Journal of Human Resources*, Vol. 34, No. 4, Fall 1999, pp. 710-733.
- “Formal and Informal Training: Evidence from the NLSY” (with Mark A. Loewenstein). *Research in Labor Economics*, Vol. 18, 1999, pp. 403-438.
- “Dividing the Costs and Returns to General Training” (with Mark A. Loewenstein). *Journal of Labor Economics*, Vol. 16, No. 1, January 1998, pp. 142-171.
- “Delayed Formal On-the-Job Training” (with Mark A. Loewenstein). *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, Vol. 51, No. 1, October 1997, pp. 82-99.
- “Reexamining the Added Worker Effect.” *Economic Inquiry*, Vol. 35, No. 2, April 1997, pp. 417-427.
- “Worker Characteristics, Job Characteristics, and the Receipt of On-the-Job Training” (with Joseph G. Altonji). *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, Vol. 45, No. 1, October 1991, pp. 58-79.

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- “The Rise of the Gig Economy: Fact or Fiction?” (with Katharine Abraham, John Haltiwanger, and Kristin Sandusky). *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, Vol. 109, May 2019, pp. 357-361.
- “The United States Labor Market: Status Quo or A New Normal?” (with Edward P. Lazear). *The Changing Policy Landscape: A Symposium Sponsored by The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City*, 2013, pp. 405-451.
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- “New Evidence on the Returns to Job Skills” (with Katharine G. Abraham). *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, Vol. 99, No. 2, May 2009, pp. 52-57.
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Other Professional Publications

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- “Hires, Separations, and the Job Tenure Distribution in Administrative Earnings Records” (with Henry R. Hyatt). *American Statistical Association 2014 Proceedings of the Section on Business and Economic Statistics*.
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- “High-Employment-Growth Firms: Defining and Counting Them” (with Richard L. Clayton, Akbar Sadeghi, and David M. Talan). *Monthly Labor Review*, Vol. 136, No. 6, June 2013, pp. 3-13.
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- “Employment Growth by Size Class: Comparing Firm and Establishment Data” (with Sherry Dalton, Erik Friesenhahn, and David Talan). *Monthly Labor Review*, Vol. 134, No. 12, December 2011, pp. 3-12.
- “Employment Dynamics Over the Last Decade” (with Caryn N. Bruyere and Guy L. Podgornik). *Monthly Labor Review*, Vol. 134, No. 8, August 2011, pp. 16-29.
- “Conference Report: JOLTS Symposium” (with Richard L. Clayton and John C. Wohlford). *Monthly Labor Review*, Vol. 134, No. 2, February 2011, pp. 41-47.
- “The Role of Younger and Older Business Establishments in the U.S. Labor Market” (with Carol Leming, Akbar Sadeghi, and David M. Talan). *Issues in Labor Statistics*, #10-09, August 2010.
- “Aligning Survey Estimates of Employment in Expanding and Contracting Establishments with Population Counts: Preliminary Issues and Methods” (with Kenneth W. Robertson and Mike Roosma). *American Statistical Association 2010 Proceedings of the Section on Business and Economic Statistics*.

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- “Measuring Job Flows and Establishment Flows With BLS Longitudinal Establishment Microdata” (with Timothy R. Pivetz and Michael A. Searson). *Monthly Labor Review*, Vol. 124, No. 4, April 2001, pp. 13-20.
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- “Driving the Gig Economy” (with Katharine Abraham, John Haltiwanger, Claire Hou, and Kristin Sandusky). NBER Working Paper #32766, August 2024. Submitted to journal, revision requested.
- “Domestic Outsourcing of Labor Services in the U.S.: 1996-2016” (with David Dorn, Johannes Schmieder, and Lee Tucker). Presented at the June 2023 Outsourcing Research Network Workshop.
- “Reconciling Administrative Data Sources on Self-Employment Activity: A Growing Gap Between Schedule C and SE Filers” (with Katharine Abraham, John Haltiwanger, Claire Hou, and Kristin Sandusky). Presented at the January 2023 ASSA Annual Meeting.
- “Self-Employment in the Transition to Retirement” (with Katharine Abraham, John Haltiwanger, Claire Hou, and Kristin Sandusky). Presented at the June 2020 SoLE meeting.