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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of California, San Diego, June 2001.
M.A., Economics, University of California, San Diego, March 1997.
B.A., Economics, University of California, Berkeley, December 1993.
Education Abroad Program, Université de Pau et des Pays de L'Adour, France, 1991-1992.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, School of Education, University of California, Davis, 2011 – Present.
Assistant Professor, School of Education, University of California, Davis, 2008 – 2011.
Adjunct Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California, 2008 – Present.
Research Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California, 2000 – 2007.
Visiting Lecturer, University of California, Santa Barbara, Fall 2000.
Dissertation Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California, 1998 – 2000.

PUBLICATIONS

“Charter School Spending and Saving in California” (with Sherrie Reed), *Journal of School Choice*, August 2015, 9(3):407-445.

California School District Revenue and Student Poverty: Moving Toward a Weighted Pupil Funding Formula (with Margaret Weston), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, February 2013.

“Moving Toward a Coherent School Finance System,” *Leadership*, 2013, 42(5):12-15.

“Financing California's Public Schools: Toward a Weighted Student Formula,” in David Plank, ed., *Getting Down to Facts: Five Years Later*, Policy Analysis for California Education, Stanford, California, May 2012.

Funding Formulas for California Schools IV: An Analysis of Governor Brown's Weighted Pupil Funding Formula, May Budget Revision (with Jon Sonstelie and Margaret Weston), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, May 2012.

Funding Formulas for California Schools III: An Analysis of Governor Brown's Weighted Pupil Funding Formula, (with Jon Sonstelie and Margaret Weston), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, May 2012.

PUBLICATIONS (continued)

“Sleepiness, fatigue, and risk of obstructive sleep apnea using the STOP-BANG questionnaire in multiple sclerosis: a pilot study,” (with Robert A. Dias, Kimberly A. Hardin, Heather Rose, Mark A. Agius, Michelle L. Apperson, and Steven D. Brass), *Sleep and Breathing*, 2012, 16(4): 1255-1265.

Pathways for School Finance in California (with Jon Sonstelie and Margaret Weston), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, November 2010.

"School Board Politics, School District Size, and the Bargaining Power of Teachers' Unions" (with Jon Sonstelie), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2010, 67(3):438-450.

“A Portrait of Underrepresented Minorities at the University of California 1994-2008” (with Tongshan Chang), in Eric Grodsky and Michal Kurlaender, eds., *Equal Opportunity in Higher Education: The Past and Future of California’s Proposition 209*, Harvard Education Press, 2010.

California School Finance Revenue Manual, (with Margaret Weston and Jon Sonstelie), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, June 2009.

“An Analysis of Professional Judgments” (with Jon Sonstelie), *Education Finance and Policy*, 2008, 3(2):151-164.

Funding Formulas for California Schools II: An Analysis of a Proposal by the Governor’s Committee on Education Excellence, (with Ray Reinhard, Ria Sengupta, and Jon Sonstelie), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, July 2008.

Funding Formulas for California Schools: Simulations and Supporting Data, (with Ria Sengupta, Jon Sonstelie, and Ray Reinhard), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, January 2008.

Teacher Compensation and Local Labor Market Conditions in California: Implications for School Funding, (with Ria Sengupta), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, March 2007.

“Do Test Score Gains Explain Labor Market Outcomes?” *Economics of Education Review*, August 2006, 25(4): 430-446.

School Resources and Academic Standards in California: Lessons from the Schoolhouse, (with Jon Sonstelie and Ray Reinhard), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, January 2006.

“The Effect of Affirmative Action Programs: Evidence from the University of California at San Diego,” *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, Fall 2005, 27(3): 263-289.

“Has Curriculum Closed the Test Score Gap in Math?” *Topics in Economic Analysis & Policy*, May 2004, 4(1): Article 12.

School Budgets and Student Achievement in California: The Principal’s Perspective, (with Jon Sonstelie and Peter Richardson), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, 2004.

“The Effect of High School Courses on Earnings” (with Julian Betts), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, May 2004, 86(2): 497-513.

PUBLICATIONS (continued)

High Expectations, Modest Means: The Challenge Facing California's Public Schools, (with Jon Sonstelie, Ray Reinhard, and Sharmaine Heng), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, 2003.

Math Matters: The Links Between High School Curriculum, College Graduation, and Earnings, (with Julian Betts), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, 2001.

"The Concept of Adequacy and School Finance," in Jon Sonstelie and Peter Richardson, eds., *School Finance and California's Master Plan for Education*, Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, 2001.

Popular Pieces

"Do Charter Schools Spend Revenue Differently than Traditional Public Schools?" (with Sherrie Reed) October 27, 2015, Policy Analysis for California Education Blog.

"California's School Finance Reforms Target More Funding to Poor Students" (with Margaret Weston), UC Davis Center for Poverty Research Brief, vol 2(2), 2013.

"Spending Roadblock: Base School Funding On Costs And Needs, Not Failed Formulas," February 19, 2005, The Riverside Press-Enterprise.

"Learning Lesson of Ballot Box Budgeting," October 2, 2003, The Sacramento Bee.

Limited Distribution Reports

"Earnings Gains from a College Education in California" in [Overview of Access and Affordability at UC Davis](#), the Final Report of the UC Davis Study Group on Access and Affordability, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor at UC Davis, 2014.

"The State of Local Government Pensions: A Preliminary Inquiry" (with Tracy M. Gordon and Ilana Fischer), Prepared for The Effects of Pension Legacy Costs on Local Government Finance: Fiscal Benefit, Fiscal Illusion, and Fiscal Hangover conference held at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, MA, March 9, 2012.

ALTERNATIVE MEDIA

PPIC School Finance Model: Interactive Excel Program, Data, and Instruction Manual, Version 4.1, (with Jon Sonstelie and Margaret Weston), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, May 2012.

Simulation Model for California School District Funding Formulas: Interactive Excel Program and Instruction Manual, Version 2.3, (with Ray Reinhard, Ria Sengupta, and Jon Sonstelie), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, January 2008.

TEACHING

Education Finance Policy (Ph.D. and Ed.D)

Formulating and Influencing Policy (Ed.D.)

Advanced Quantitative Methods in Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis (Ph.D.)

Personal Finance (Undergraduate)

GRANTS and AWARDS

Public Policy Institute of California, "Transitions to a Better School Finance System", 2009

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Grant, "General Support of PPIC's Education Policy Research," PI (with Max Neiman), 2007 – 2009.

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, James Irvine Foundation, and Stuart Foundation Grant via the Institute for Research on Education Policy & Practice at Stanford University, "Teacher Compensation in California," 2005.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Grant, "School Resources and Student Achievement in California," co-PI with Jon Sonstelie, 2001 – 2004.

PRESENTATIONS

Solano County Summit on Women in Poverty, November 2014.

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee (Testimony), February 2013.

Assembly Democratic Caucus Policy Summit, February 2013.

UC Davis Center for Poverty Research, October 2012.

EdVoice Institute Symposium for State Assembly Candidates, July 2012.

Policy Analysis for California Education Convening, May 2012.

California Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review Hearing, February 2012.

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Ag. Economics Department, March 2011.

Yolo County School Boards Association, January 2011.

Child Welfare Symposium, UC Davis Center for Mind and Brain, November 2010.

California Legislative Staff Meeting, September 2009.

California Department of Education, September 2009.

American Educational Research Association, Annual Meetings, April 2009.

EdVoice Symposium, July 2008.

American Education Finance Association, Annual Meetings, April 2008.

American Education Finance Association, Annual Meetings, March 2006.

California Research Bureau, January 2006.

California School Board Association Annual Meeting, December 2005.

Hewlett Foundation Annual Grantees Meeting, October 2005.

Western Economic Association Annual Meetings, July 2005.

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, June 2005.

Stanford University School of Education, May 2005.

University of Southern California, State Capital Center, March 2005.

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Attorney General Bill Lockyer's "Project California", October 2004.
California State University Sacramento, Economics Department Seminar, October 2004.
San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, July 2004.
Western Economic Association Annual Meetings, July 2004.
California Research Bureau, June 2004.
Russell Sage Conference on School-to-Work, May 2004.
Hewlett Foundation Annual Grantees Meeting, May 2004.
National Bureau of Economic Research, Economics of Education Program, April 2004.
American Education Finance Association, Annual Meetings, March 2004.
California Research Bureau, October 2003.
American Education Finance Association, Annual Meetings, March 2003.
University of California at Davis, Economics Department, Applied Micro Seminar, May 2002.
American Economic Association Winter Meetings, January 2001.
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meetings, November 2000.
University of California at Santa Barbara, Microeconomics Seminar Series, October 2000.