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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, August 2007
M.A. Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, Spring 2005
B.A. Mathematics and Economics, Lawrence University, 1999, *magna cum laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Public Policy, Economics of Immigration, Inequality and Mobility, Poverty, Higher Education, Workforce Development.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Economic Policy Center, Public Policy Institute of California, 2023-present.
Vice President, Public Policy Institute of California, 2019-present.
John and Louise Bryson Chair in Policy Research, Public Policy Institute of California, 2018-present.
Senior Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California, 2018-present.
Director of Research, Public Policy Institute of California, 2018-2019.
Research Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California, 2007-2018.

PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

Academic Publications

An Updated Measure of Poverty: (Re)Drawing the Line (panel member), ed. James Ziliak, Christopher Mackie, Constance Citro. Panel on Evaluation and Improvements to the Supplemental Poverty Measure, CNSTAT. Washington DC: National Academies Press, March 2023.

“Immigration, Employment Opportunities, and Criminal Behavior” (with Matthew Freedman and Emily Owens), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* v. 10, n. 2, April 2018.

“Do Local Immigration Laws Impact Employment and Wages? Evidence from the 287(g) Program” (with Robert Santillano), *Industrial Relations* v. 56, n. 2, April 2017.

“U.S. Border Enforcement and Mexican Immigrant Location Choice” (with Todd Pugatch), *Demography* v. 52, No. 4, 2015.

“The Criminal Justice Response to Policy Interventions: Evidence from Immigration Reform” (with Matthew Freedman, Emily Owens), *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings* v. 105, n. 5, 2015.

“Do E-Verify Mandates Improve Labor Market Outcomes of Low-Skilled Native and Legal Immigrant Workers?” (with Magnus Lofstrom and Steven Raphael), *Southern Journal of Economics* v. 81, n. 4, 2015.

“Did the 2007 Legal Arizona Workers Act Reduce the State’s Unauthorized Immigrant Population?” (with Magnus Lofstrom and Steven Raphael), *Review of Economics and Statistics* v. 96, n. 2, May 2014. (early version posted as *IZA Discussion Paper* No. 5682).

“Ethnic Concentration and Bank Use in Immigrant Communities” (with Sarah Pearlman), *Southern Economic Journal*, v.79, No. 4, April 2013.

“Immigration and Informal Labor” (with Emily Owens), *Industrial Relations* v. 51, No. 4, Oct 2012.

“The Quantity and Quality of New Immigrants in the U.S.,” *Review of Economics of the Household* v.8, n.1, 2010.

Peer Reviewed PPIC Reports

[Improving Career Education Pathways into California’s Workforce](#) (with Shannon McConville, Bonnie Brooks, and Mina Dadgar), July 2021.

[Income Inequality and Economic Opportunity in California](#) (with Dean Bonner, Julien Lafortune, and Tess Thorman), December 2020.

[The Importance of CalFresh and CalWORKs in Children’s Early Years](#) (with Caroline Danielson and Tess Thorman), December 2020.

[Supporting Student Parents in Community College CalWORKs Programs](#) (with Bonnie Brooks and Shannon McConville), October 2020.

[Career Pathways and Economic Mobility at California Community Colleges](#) (with Shannon McConville and Jacob Jackson), June 2019.

[English as a Second Language at California Community Colleges](#) (with Olga Rodriguez, Laura Hill, and Bonnie Brooks), April 2019.

[Stackable Credentials in Career Technical Education at California Community Colleges](#) (with Shannon McConville), October 2018.

[The 2020 Census and Political Representation in California](#) (with Eric McGhee and Tess Thorman), October 2018.

[Reducing Child Poverty in California: A Look at Housing Costs, Wages, and the Safety Net](#) (with Caroline Danielson), November 2017.

[Geography of Child Poverty in California](#) (with Caroline Danielson), February 2017.

[Improving California Children’s Participation in Nutrition Programs](#) (with Caroline Danielson), December 2016.

[Health Training Pathways at California’s Community Colleges](#) (with Shannon McConville and Landon Gibson), December 2016.

[Career Technical Education in Health at California’s Community Colleges](#) (with Shannon McConville and Landon Gibson), December 2016.

[Income Inequality and the Safety Net in California](#) (with Caroline Danielson), May 2016,

[Will California Run Out of College Graduates?](#) (with Hans Johnson and Marisol Cuellar Mejia), October 2015.

[Child Poverty and the Social Safety Net in California](#) (with Caroline Danielson), Sept 2014.

[California’s Need for Skilled Workers](#), September 2014.

[California’s Health Workforce Needs: Training Allied Workers](#) (with Shannon McConville and Laurel Beck), September 2014.

[The California Poverty Measure: A New Look at the Social Safety Net](#) (with Caroline Danielson, Matt Levin, Marybeth Mattingly, and Christopher Wimer), October 2013.

[The Impact of Budget Cuts on California's Community Colleges](#) (with Hans Johnson and Belinda Reyes), March 2013.

[The Great Recession and the Distribution of Income in California](#) (with Eric Schiff), Dec 2011.

[Lessons from the 2007 Legal Arizona Workers Act](#) (with Magnus Lofstrom and Steven Raphael), March 2011.

[New Patterns of Immigrant Settlement in California](#), July 2009.

Book Chapters and Other

“California’s Poverty Rate Goes Down but 7.5 Million Remain Poor” (with Christopher Wimer, Marybeth Mattingly, Sara Kimberlin, Jonathan Fisher, and Caroline Danielson), *The Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality*, 2017.

“Poverty and Deep Poverty in California” (with Christopher Wimer, Marybeth Mattingly, Sara Kimberlin, and Caroline Danielson), *The Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality*, 2015.

“The California Poverty Measure: A Portrait of Poverty within California Counties and Demographic Groups” (with Caroline Danielson, Matt Levin, Marybeth Mattingly, and Christopher Wimer), *The Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality*, 2013.

“Unintended Consequences of State Legislation against the Hiring of Unauthorized Immigrant Workers: Lessons from the Legal Arizona Workers Act” (with Magnus Lofstrom), in *Immigration, Poverty and Socioeconomic Inequality*, ed. Steven Raphael and David Card, New York: Russell Sage Foundation and The National Poverty Center Series on Poverty and Public Policy, 2013, p. 282-314.

“Depression of Wages and Price Levels” (with Magnus Lofstrom), in *Debates on U.S. Immigration*, ed. Judith Gans, Elaine Replogle, Daniel Tichenor. Thousand Oaks , CA: SAGE Publications, 2012, pp. 242-254.

“State Level Legislation Against the Hiring of Unauthorized Immigrants” (with Magnus Lofstrom and Steven Raphael), in *Hispanic Economic Outlook*, Fall 2011, pp.10-13.

Review of *Achieving Anew: How New Immigrants Do in American Schools, Jobs, and Neighborhoods*. By Michael J. White and Jennifer E. Glick. *Journal of Economic Literature* 49(2):459-60, 2011.

“Differentiating Among Critically Undercapitalized Banks and Thrifts,” (with Lynn Shibut and Tim Critchfield), in *Prompt Corrective Action in Banking: 10 Years Later*, ed. George Kaufman, Elsevier, 2002.

GRANTS

WorkRise, *Understanding Trends in California's Labor Force Participation*, Co-PI, \$120,000, 2023-2024.

James Irvine Foundation, General Operating Support, PI, \$2,000,000, 2023-2025.

Blue Shield of California Foundation, General Operating Support, PI, \$250,000, 2022-2024.

James Irvine Foundation, General Operating Support, Co-PI, \$2,500,000, 2021-2023.

James Irvine Foundation, *Labor Markets and Economic Opportunity in California*, Co-PI, \$300,000, 2020.

James Irvine Foundation, *Career Technical Education*, Co-PI, \$300,000, 2018-2021.

ECMC Foundation, *Career Technical Education Research*, Co-PI, \$626,456, 2017-2021.

LA Partnership for Early Childhood, *Meeting Basic Needs of Children in California*, Co-PI, \$25,000.

Gates Foundation, *Improving Policy and Practice in California Community Colleges*, \$500,000, 2016-2018.

ECMC Foundation, *Promising Pathways in CTE in Health Care Fields*, Co-PI, \$125,000, 2016.

Sunlight Giving, *Meeting Basic Needs among Young Children in California*, Co-PI, \$425,945, 2016-2017.

Walter S. Johnson Foundation, *California Poverty Measure*, Co-PI, \$25,000, 2013.

James Irvine Foundation, *Declines in Support for Public Education*, Co-PI, \$100,000, 2012-2013.

Russell Sage Foundation, *Effects of State Legislation on Undocumented Immigrants*, Co-PI, \$60,000, 2011.

Ford Foundation, *New Patterns of Immigrant Settlement and Low-wage Work*, PI, 2008, \$10,000, 2008.

Ford Foundation, *Immigration and the Informal Economy*, Co-PI, 2008, \$15,000, 2008.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, TESTIMONY and SERVICE

California Workers Compensation Institute, “Making Sense of the Economy”, March 2023

Los Angeles BizFed, “Poverty in California and LA”, November 2022

California Office of Planning and Research, “Economic Opportunity and the CPM”, Nov 2022

UCLA Anderson Forecast, “Income Inequality and Economic Opportunity”, September 2021

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, “Fed Listens: A Hot Economy”, September 2019

California Assembly Select Cmte on CTE and Workforce, [Testimony](#), November 2018

California Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, [Testimony](#), February 2018

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Poverty in California, October 2017

California Employment Development Dept Labor Market Information Advisory, 2017-present

Economic Self-Sufficiency Policy Research Inst., University of California-Irvine, Affiliate, 2016-2019

Committee on the Awards for Innovation in Higher Education, October 2016

Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges, CTE Leadership Academy, May 2016

University of California-Davis Poverty Research and Policy Summit, April 2016

California Department of Social Services, Research Seminar, September 2015

California Assembly Committee on Human Services, AJR 22, July 2015

Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, California Connections, May 2015

California Essentials for Childhood Leadership Action Team, Member, 2014-2018

National Academy of Sciences Panel on Immigration, July 2014

University of Southern California Price School of Public Policy, Demographic Workshop, June 2014

California Assembly Budget Committee, Testimony, February 2014

California Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, Testimony, Mar 2012, Mar 2013, Jan 2014

California Senate Select Committee on Restoring California’s Middle Class, Testimony, Nov 2011

Lawrence University Povolny Lectures on Immigration, May 2011 and March 2017

JOURNAL REFEREE

Journal of Economic Literature, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, International Migration Review, Review of Economics of the Household, Journal of Urban Economics, Demography

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

YahooFinance: “[Californians are pessimistic about their finances](#)”, December 2023

KQED radio Forum Program: “[Taking a Pulse on California’s Labor Market](#)”, June 2023

CalMatters-Milken Program: “[The Great Reshuffling](#)”, June 2022

CalMatters Program: “[The Post COVID Future of Work](#)”, May 2021

Capital Public Radio [Insight Program](#), April 2021

KQED radio Forum Program: “[COVID Recession and Inequality](#)”, December 2020

KQED radio Forum Program: “[Funding Cuts Hurt Community College Access](#)”, March 2013

KQED radio Forum Program: “[California: America’s Poorest State?](#)”, November 2012

ABC-7 KGO tv San Francisco “[Beyond the Headlines](#)”, Program, February 2012

Cited in: *New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, Forbes, Orange County Register, The Economist, San Diego Union Tribune, Riverside Press-Enterprise, KCBS-San Francisco, Stockton Record, Contra Costa Times, Oakland Tribune, Central Valley Business Times, California Progress Report*