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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 1983.

B.S. in Economics, Summa Cum Laude, University of Minnesota, June 1976.

EMPLOYMENT AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Brookings Institution, July 2008-present

Robert S. Kerr Senior Fellow, Economic Studies
Robert S. Kerr Visiting Fellow, Economic Studies (2007-08)

University of Michigan, August 1999-2008

Henry Carter Adams Collegiate Professor of Public Policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy
Professor of Economics, Department of Economics
Co-Director, National Poverty Center, 2002-present
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, 1999-2007

Council of Economic Advisers, Washington, D.C. October 1997-July 1999

Member-nominee, October 1997- October 1998; Member, October 1998-July 1999

Northwestern University September 1989-July 1999

Director, Joint Center for Poverty Research, 1996-97
Professor of Economics, 1994-1999; Associate Professor of Economics, 1989-94
Research Faculty, Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research. 1989-99
Associate Professor, School of Education and Social Policy. 1989-93.
Co-Director, Northwestern/University of Chicago Interdisciplinary Training
Program in Poverty, Race, and Underclass Issues. 1991-96.

Council of Economic Advisers, Washington, D.C. August 1989 - July 1990

Senior Staff Economist

Princeton University September 1983 - August 1989

Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Affairs
Department of Economics and Woodrow Wilson School of Public
& International Affairs

Massachusetts Institute of Technology September 1988 - May 1989
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics

University of Wisconsin-Madison Fall 1985
Visiting Fellow, Department of Economics and Institute for Research on Poverty

Data Resources, Inc. June 1976 - August 1979
Consultant & Educational Coordinator, Chicago Office.

HONORS:

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2005.

Fellow, Society of Labor Economists, 2006.

Lifetime National Associate, National Academies of Sciences, 2004.

Selected Named Lectures:

McMyler Lecture, Department of Economics, Case Western Reserve University, April 2007.

American Enterprise Lecture, Furman University, March 2007.

Alice Cook Lecture, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, October 2006.

Kurt W. Rothschild Lecture. Department of Economics, Johannes Kepler University,
Linz, Austria. November 2005.

Bazzani Lecture, Institute for Government & Public Affairs, University of Illinois. October 2004.

Monroe-Paine Lecture, Truman School, University of Missouri. March 2003.

Wellington-Burnham Lecture. Department of Economics, Tufts University. October 2002.

Merrick Lecture. Department of Economics, University of Virginia. April 2002.

Adam Smith Lecture. European Association of Labour Economists. September 2001.

J. Douglas Gibson Lecture. School of Policy Studies, Queen's University, Canada. March 2000.

Distinguished Lecture on Economics in Government, Society of Government Economists.
January 2000.

Frank Paish Lecture, Royal Economic Society. April 1999.

1997 Richard A. Lester Prize for the Outstanding Book in Labor Economics and Industrial Relations.

1993 David Kershaw prize winner. Awarded biannually by the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management to the young scholar (under age 40) whose research has had the most impact on the public policy process.

1985 Junior Faculty Teaching Award, Department of Economics, Princeton University.

President, M.I.T. Graduate Economics Association, 1980-1982.

Summa Cum Laude degree in Economics, B.S., University of Minnesota, 1976.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1975.

PUBLICATIONS -- Books:

Insufficient Funds: Savings, Assets, Credit and Banking Among Low-Income Households (with Michael S. Barr). New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 2008, forthcoming.
(Co-editor and co-author on one article in the volume.)

Working and Poor: How Economic and Policy Changes are Affecting Low Wage Workers (with Sheldon Danziger and Robert Schoeni). New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 2006.
(Co-editor and co-author on two articles in the volume.)

Measuring Racial Discrimination (with Marilyn Dabady and Connie Citro). Washington, D.C.: National Research Council, National Academy Press. 2004.

Is the Market Moral? A Dialogue on Religion, Economics, and Justice (with William McGurn). Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution. 2004.

The New World of Welfare. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution. 2001.
(Co-editor with Ron Haskins and co-author of two articles in the volume.)

Finding Jobs: Work and Welfare Reform. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 2000.
(Co-editor with David Card and co-author of two articles in the volume.)

It Takes A Nation: A New Agenda for Fighting Poverty. Princeton: Princeton University Press. 1997.

Social Protection vs. Economic Flexibility: Is There a Tradeoff? Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 1994. (Editor and author of two articles in the volume.)

Do Justice: Linking Christian Faith and Modern Economic Life. Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press. 1992.

PUBLICATIONS -- Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

“A Cautionary Tale About the Use of Administrative Data: Evidence from Age of Marriage Laws.” (with Kerwin Charles and James M. Sallee). American Economic Journal: Applied Economics. Forthcoming.

“What We Know, What We Don’t Know, and What We Need to Know About Welfare Reform.” In Welfare Reform and Its Long-term Consequences for America’s Poor. James Ziliak, ed. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. Forthcoming.

“The New American Model of Work-Conditioned Public Support.” In European and American Social Models, Jens Alber and Neil Gilbert, eds. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.

“The Changing Incidence and Severity of Poverty Spells Among Single Mothers” (with David Card). American Economic Review. Vol 98(2): 387-91. May 2008.

- “How to Improve Poverty Measurement in the United States.” Journal of Public Analysis and Management. Vol 27(2): 233-54. Spring 2008.
- “Improving the Safety Net for Single Mothers Who Face Serious Barriers to Work.” Future of Children, Vol 17(2): 183-97. Fall 2007.
- “Assessing Racial Discrimination: Methods and Measures” (with Douglas S. Massey). In Fragile Rights Within Cities: Government, Housing, and Fairness. John Goering, ed. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield. 2007.
- “Introduction” and editor of the special issue, “Evaluating Social Policy Changes in EU Countries.” Journal of Labour Economics. Vol 13(6):665-6. December 2006.
- “Was Welfare Reform Successful?” The Economists’ Voice. Vol 3(4):Article 2. (<http://www.bepress.com/ev/vol3/iss4/art2>). March 2006.
Reprinted in The Economists’ Voice: Top Economists Take on Today’s Problems, Joseph E. Stiglitz, Aaron S. Edlin, and J. Bradford DeLong, eds. New York: Columbia University Press. 2008.
- “Are Less-Educated Women Crowding Less-Educated Men Out of the Labor Market?” (with Jonah Gelbach). In Black Males Left Behind, Ronald B. Mincy, ed. Washington, D.C., Urban Institute Press. 2006.
- “What Did the 1990s Welfare Reforms Accomplish?” In Public Policy and the Income Distribution, Alan J. Auerbach, David Card, and John M. Quigley, eds. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 2006.
- “Market Behavior and Christian Behavior.” In Faithful Economics: The Moral Worlds of a Neutral Science, James W. Henderson and John Pisciotta, eds. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press. 2005.
- “Poverty, Policy and Place: How Poverty and Policies to Alleviate Poverty are Shaped by Local Characteristics.” International Regional Science Review. Vol 28(4):441-64. October 2005.
- “An Overview of Welfare-to-Work Efforts.” CESifo DICE Report, Journal of Institutional Comparisons. Vol 3(2): 3-7. Summer 2005.
- “Tracing the Economic Impact of Cumulative Discrimination.” American Economic Review. Vol 95(2):99-103. May 2005.
- Comment on “Assessing the Impact of Welfare Reform on Single Mothers.” Brookings Papers on Economic Activity. 2004(1):96-102. 2004.
- “Selecting Among Anti-Poverty Policies: Can an Economist be Both Critical and Caring?” Review of Social Economy. Vol 61(4):447-69. December 2003.
- “Economics, Policy Analysis, and Feminism” (with Cordelia W. Reimers). In Feminist

- Economics Today: Beyond Economic Man, Marianne Ferber and Julie Nelson, eds. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 2003.
- “The Less Skilled Labor Market in Michigan.” In Michigan at the Millennium, Chapter 18, Charles L. Ballard, Paul N. Courant, Douglas C. Drake, Ronald C. Fisher, and Elisabeth R. Gerber, editors. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press. 2003.
- “Changes in the Distribution of Children’s Family Income Over the 1990s” (with Robert Schoeni). American Economic Review. Vol 93(2):304-8. May 2003.
- “U.S. Welfare Reform: What’s Relevant for Europe?” CESifo Economic Studies. Vol 49(1):48-74. 2003.
Reprinted in Hacienda Pública Española, Monografía 2003, pp15-36.
- “What Do Economists Have to Contribute to Policy Decision-Making?” Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance. Vol 42(5):817-26. Winter 2002.
- “Evaluating Welfare Reform in the U.S.” Journal of Economic Literature. Vol 40(4): 1105-66. December 2002.
- “Can Equity and Efficiency Complement Each Other?” Labour Economics. Vol 9(4): 451-68. September 2002.
- “Comments on Promoting Economic Literacy.” American Economic Review. Vol 92(2): 476-77. May 2002.
- “The Clinton Legacy for America’s Poor” (with David T. Ellwood). In American Economic Policy in the 1990’s. Jeffrey A. Frankel and Peter R. Orszag, eds. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. 2002.
- “The Economics of Welfare Programs.” In International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, N.J. Smelser and Paul B. Baltes, eds. Oxford: Pergamon. 2001.
- “Labor and the Sustainability of Output and Productivity Growth” (with Matthew Shapiro). In The Roaring Nineties: Can Full Employment be Sustained? Alan B. Krueger and Robert Solow, eds. New York: Russell Sage. 2001.
- “What Can Other Countries Learn About Fighting Poverty from U.S. Welfare Reform?” Zeitschrift für Sozialreform. Volume 47(4):464-80. July/August 2001.
- “Declining Caseloads/Increased Work: What Can We Conclude About the Effects of Welfare Reform?” Economic Policy Review. Vol 7(2):25-36. 2001.
- “What Causes Public Assistance Caseloads to Grow?” Journal of Human Resources. Vol 36(1):85-118. Winter 2001.
- “An Overview of Trends in Social and Economic Well-Being, by Race.” In America Becoming: Racial Trends and Their Consequences, Neil J. Smelser, William J. Wilson and Faith Mitchell, eds. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press. 2001.

- “Strong Employment, Low Inflation: How Has the U.S. Economy Done So Well?” Canadian Public Policy. Vol 26(Supplement):S175-86, July 2000.
- “Enhancing Opportunities, Skills, and Security of American Workers.” In A Working Nation: Workers, Work and Government in the New Economy, with David T. Ellwood, Rebecca M. Blank, Joseph Blasi, Douglas Kruse, William A. Niskanen, and Karen Lynn-Dyson. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 2000.
- “Comment: The State of British Economics.” Economic Journal. Vol 110(464):350-54. June 2000.
- “Fighting Poverty: Lessons from Recent U.S. History.” Journal of Economic Perspectives. Vol 14(2):3-19. Spring 2000.
Reprinted in Race, Poverty and Domestic Policy, C. Michael Henry, ed. New Haven: Yale University Press. 2004.
- “When Can Public Policy Makers Rely on Private Markets? The Effective Provision of Social Services.” Economic Journal. Vol 110(462):C34-C49. March 2000.
- “Gender and Race in the Labor Market” (with Joseph Altonji). In Handbook of Labor Economics, Volume 3C. Orley C. Ashenfelter and David Card, eds. New York, NY: Elsevier Science Press. 1999.
- “What Goes Up Must Come Down? Explaining Recent Changes in Public Assistance Caseloads” (with Geoffrey Wallace). In Economic Conditions and Welfare Reform. Sheldon Danziger, ed. Kalamazoo, MI: Upjohn Institute. 1999.
- “Labor Market Dynamics and Part-time Work.” In Research in Labor Economics, Vol 17. Solomon W. Polachek, ed. Greenwich, CN: JAI Press. 1998.
- “Trends in the Welfare System.” In Welfare, the Family, and Reproductive Behavior: Research Perspectives. National Research Council, Robert Moffitt, ed. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press. 1998.
- “Contingent Work in a Changing Labor Market.” In Generating Jobs: How to Increase Demand for Less-Skilled Workers. Richard B. Freeman and Peter Gottschalk, eds. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 1998.
- “Why Has Economic Growth Been Such an Ineffective Tool Against Poverty in Recent Years?” In Poverty and Inequality: The Political Economics of Redistribution, Jon Neill, ed. Kalamazoo, MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. 1997.
- “Research and Policy Reflections on the Structural Changes Occurring in North American Labour Markets.” In Transition and Structural Change in the North American Labour Market, Michael G. Abbott, Charles M Beach and Richard P. Chaykowski, eds. Kingston, Ontario: IRC Press at Queen's University. 1997.
- “Policy Watch: The 1996 Welfare Reform.” Journal of Economic Perspectives. Vol 11(1): 169-77. Winter 1997.
- “The Misdiagnosis of Eurosclerosis.” The American Prospect. No. 30:81-85. January-February 1997.

- “State Abortion Rates: The Impact of Policies, Providers, Politics, Demographics, and Economic Environment” (with Christine C. George and Rebecca A. London). Journal of Health Economics. Vol 15:513-53. Fall 1996.
- “Trends in the Working Poor: The Impact of Economy, Family, and Policy” (with Rebecca London). In America's Working Poor. Thomas R. Swartz and Kathleen Maas Weigert, eds. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press. 1996.
- “When Do Women Use AFDC and Food Stamps? The Dynamics of Eligibility vs. Participation” (with Patricia Ruggles). Journal of Human Resources. Vol 31(1):57-89. Winter 1996.
- “Trends in Poverty in the United States.” In The State of Humanity, Julian L. Simon, editor. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell. 1995.
- “Teen Pregnancy: Government Programs Are Not the Cause.” Feminist Economics. Vol 1(2):47-58. Summer 1995.
- “Poverty and Public Policy in the 1990s.” In Populations at Risk in America. George J. Demko and Michael G. Jackson, eds. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. 1995.
- “Changes in Inequality and Unemployment Over the 1980s: Comparative Cross-National Responses.” Journal of Population Economics. Vol 8(1):1-21. February 1995.
- “Outlook for the U.S. Labor Market and Prospects for Low-Wage Entry Jobs.” In The Work Alternative: Welfare Reform and the Realities in the Job Market. Demetra S. Nightingale and Robert H. Haveman, eds. Washington, D.C.: Urban Institute Press. 1995.
- “Policy Watch: Proposals for Time-Limited Welfare.” Journal of Economic Perspectives. Vol 8(4):183-93. Fall 1994.
- “The Employment Strategy: Public Policies to Increase Work and Earnings.” In Confronting Poverty: Prescriptions for Change. Sheldon H. Danziger, Gary D. Sandefur, and Daniel H. Weinberg, eds. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. 1994.
- “Does a Larger Social Safety Net Mean Less Economic Flexibility?” In Working Under Different Rules, Richard B. Freeman, ed. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 1994.
- “Short-term Recidivism Among Public Assistance Recipients.” American Economic Review. Vol 84(2):49-53. May 1994.
- “The Widening Wage Distribution and its Policy Implications.” In Aspects of Distribution of Wealth and Income. Dimitri B. Papadimitriou, ed. New York: St. Martin's Press. 1994.
- “Poverty, Income Distribution, and Growth: Are They Still Connected?” (with David Card). Brookings Papers on Economic Activity. Vol 1993(2):285-325. 1993.
- “Why Were Poverty Rates So High in the 1980s?” In Poverty and Prosperity in the Late Twentieth Century, Dimitri B. Papadimitriou and Edward N. Wolff, eds. London: Macmillan Press. 1993.

- “Responding to Need: A Comparison of Social Safety Nets in the U.S. and Canada” (with Maria Hanratty). In Small Differences that Matter, David Card and Richard Freeman, eds. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 1993.
- “What Should Mainstream Economists Learn from Feminist Theory?” In Beyond Economic Man: Feminist Theory and Economics,” Marianne A. Ferber and Julie A. Nelson, eds. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 1993.
- Multiple Program Use in a Dynamic Context: Data From the SIPP (with Patricia Ruggles). Report to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, No 9301. December 1992.
- “Using the Survey of Income and Program Participation to Understand Poverty and Economic Need,” (with Patricia Ruggles). Journal of Economic and Social Measurement. Vol 18:155-76. 1992.
- “Down and Out in North America: Recent Trends in Poverty in the U.S. and Canada” (with Maria Hanratty). Quarterly Journal of Economics. Vol 107(1):233-54. February 1992.
- “A Feminist Perspective on Economic Man?” In Revolutions in Knowledge: Feminism in the Social Sciences, Susan R. Zalk and Janice Gordon-Kelter, eds. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. 1992.
- “The Effects of Double-Blind versus Single-blind Reviewing: Experimental Evidence from the American Economic Review.” American Economic Review. Vol 81(5):1041-67. December 1991.
Reprinted in Publishing Economics: Analyses of the Academic Journal Market in Economics, Joshua Gans, ed. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar. 2000.
- “Recent Trends in Insured and Uninsured Unemployment: Is There an Explanation?” (with David Card). Quarterly Journal of Economics. Vol 106(4):1157-89. November 1991.
- “Understanding Part-time Work.” In Research in Labor Economics, Volume 11, Lauri J. Bassi and David L. Crawford, eds. Greenwich, CN: JAI Press. 1990.
- “Are Part-time Jobs Bad Jobs?” In A Future of Lousy Jobs? The Changing Structure of U.S. Wages, Gary Burtless, editor. Washington, D.C.: The Brookings Institution. 1990.
- “Recent Trends in Housing Conditions Among the Urban Poor” (with Harvey S. Rosen). In Research in Urban Economics, Volume 8, Mark A. Hughes and Therese J. McGuire, eds. Greenwich, CN: JAI Press. 1990.
- “Linking Faith and Economics: The UCC Experience” (with Audrey R. Chapman). PRISM: A Theological Forum for the United Church of Christ. Vol 5(1):5-14. Spring 1990.
- “Why Are Wages Cyclical in the 1970s?” Journal of Labor Economics. Vol 8(1):16-57. January 1990.
- “Analyzing the Duration of Welfare Spells.” Journal of Public Economics. Vol 39(3):245-73. August 1989.
- “Women and the Economics of Military Spending” (with Lourdes Beneria). In Rocking the

Ship of State: Towards A Feminist Peace Politics, Adrienne Harris and Ynestra King, eds. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. 1989.

“Disaggregating the Effect of the Business Cycle on the Distribution of Income.” Economica. Vol 56(2):141-63. May 1989.

“The Role of Part-Time Work in Women's Labor Market Choices Over Time.” American Economic Review. Vol 79(1):295-99. May 1989.

“The Effect of Medical Need and Medicaid on AFDC Participation.” Journal of Human Resources. Vol 24(1):54-87. Winter 1989.

“Poverty and Policy: The Many Faces of the Poor.” In Prophetic Visions and Economic Realities: Protestants, Jews, and Catholics Confront the Bishops' Letter on the Economy, Charles R. Strain, editor. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, 1989.

“Women's Paid Work, Household Income, and Household Well-Being.” In The American Woman 1988-89: A Status Report, Sara E. Rix, editor. New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Co, 1988. p123-61.

“The Effect of Welfare and Wage Levels on the Location Decisions of Female-Headed Households.” Journal of Urban Economics. Vol 24(2):186-211. September 1988.

“Simultaneously Modeling the Supply of Weeks and Hours of Work Among Female Household Heads.” Journal of Labor Economics. Vol 6(2):177-204. April 1988.

“Welfare Payment Levels and the Migration of Female-Headed Families.” In Readings, Issues, and Questions in Public Finance, Eleanor Brown, editor. Homewood, IL: Richard D. Irwin, Inc, 1988.

“Part-Time Work and Wages Among Adult Women.” Industrial Relations Research Association Series, Proceedings of the 39th Annual Meeting. Madison, WI: Industrial Relations Research Association, May 1987. p479-86.

“Macroeconomics, Income Distribution and Poverty” (with Alan S. Blinder). In Fighting Poverty: What Works and What Doesn't, Sheldon H. Danziger and Daniel H. Weinberg, eds. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1986.

“The Effect of U.S. Defense Spending on Employment and Output” (with Emma Rothschild). International Labour Review. Vol 124(6):677-97. December 1985.

“The Impact of State Economic Differentials on Household Welfare and Labor Force Behavior.” Journal of Public Economics. Vol 28(1):25-58. October 1985.

“An Analysis of Worker Sectoral Choice: Public vs. Private Employment.” Industrial and Labor Relations Review. Vol 38(2):211-24. January 1985.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- “A Review of the Labor Market Discussion in the 2006 Economic Report of the President.” Journal of Economic Literature. Vol 44(3):669-73. September 2006.
- “A Review of The Moral Ecology of Markets.” International Journal of Social Economics Vol 33(11-12): 862-63. Fall 2006.
- “Worker Needs and Government Response: A Comment on Working in America: A Blueprint for the New Labor Market.” Industrial and Labor Relations Review. Vol 55(4): 733-36. July 2002.
- “A Review of The Color of Opportunity: Pathways to Family, Welfare, and Work.” Journal of Economic Literature. Vol 40(2):550-51. June 2002.
- “A Review of Does Training for the Disadvantaged Work?, What Employers Want, and Job Creation and Destruction.” Journal of Policy Analysis and Management. Vol 16(1): 311-4. Fall 1997.
- “A Review of Welfare Realities.” Journal of Economic Literature. Vol 33(3):1363-4. September 1995.
- “A Review of The Evaluation of the Washington State Family Independence Program.” Industrial and Labor Relations Review. Vol 48(4):860-1. July 1995.
- “A Review of Impostors in the Temple,” Journal of Economic Education. Vol 24(3): 283-6. Summer 1993.
- “A Review of Evaluating Employment and Training Programs,” Journal of Policy Analysis and Management. Vol 12(3):596-8. Summer 1993.
- “A Review of Understanding the Gender Gap,” Economica. Vol 59(233):123-4. February 1992.
- “A Review of Dollars and Dreams,” Journal of Economic Literature. Vol 27(1):92-3. March 1990.
- “A Review of Working but Poor,” Journal of Economic Literature. Vol 26(4):1795-6. December 1988.
- “A Review of Work, Health and Income Among the Elderly,” Journal of Human Resources. Vol 23(3):397-411. Summer 1988.
- “A Review of Gender in the Workplace,” Journal of Economic Literature. Vol 26(2): 728-9. June 1988.

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY & ARTICLES FOR A BROADER PUBLIC:

- “What Does the Unemployment Rate Indicate about the Weak Labor Market? Testimony to the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, House Ways and Means Committee, U.S. Congress. April 10, 2008.

- “If the Economy’s So Bad, Why is the Unemployment Rate So Low?” Testimony to the Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress. Hearings on the Release of the February 2008 Unemployment Numbers. March 7 , 2008.
- “How to Wage the Next War on Poverty: Advising and Grading the Candidates.” Pathways: a magazine on poverty, inequality and social policy. Issue 1: 17-20. Winter 2008.
- “Employment, Job Opportunities, and Inequality among Workers in the U.S. Economy,” Testimony to the House Financial Services Committee. U.S. House of Representatives, Hearings on the State of the Economy, the State of the Labor Market and Monetary Policy. February 16, 2007.
- “Should Michigan Raise the Minimum Wage?” Detroit Free Press, editorial. Sunday, March 5, 2006.
- “Living Faithful Lives in a Market Economy,” Church and Society, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Vol 96(4): 12-17, March/April 2006.
- “Wege aus der Armutsfalle: Lehren aus der Reform der öffentlichen Fürsorge in den USA.” Neue Zürcher Zeitung, (Zurich, Switzerland), special section on economic issues. Sunday, August 31, 2003.
- “Welfare Reform Reauthorization” (with Ron Haskins). Poverty Research News. Joint Center for Poverty Research. Vol 5(6). November-December 2001.
- “Welfare and the Economy.” Welfare Reform and Beyond, Policy Brief No. 7. Washington, D.C., Brookings Institution. September 2001.
- “Economy Poses Challenge to State’s Welfare System.” Detroit Free Press, editorial. Tuesday, September 11, 2001.
- “Revisiting Welfare” (with Ron Haskins). Washington Post, editorial. February 14, 2001.
- “A Helping Hand Isn't Enough.” Chicago Tribune, editorial. May 29, 1997.
- “Welfare Recipients Aren't the Only Ones with Plenty of Hard Work Ahead.” Chicago Tribune, Sunday Perspective. January 12, 1997.
- “Uncertain Days Ahead for America's Poor.” Chicago Tribune, editorial. November 17, 1995.
- “Unwed Mothers Need Role Models, Not Roll Backs.” Wall Street Journal, editorial. March 7, 1995.
- “Block Grants Ignore Feds' Welfare Role.” Newsday, editorial. February 16, 1995.
- “The Causes and Consequences of Rising Out-of-Wedlock Birthrates.” Testimony to the Subcommittee on Human Resources, Ways and Means Committee, U.S. House of Representatives, Hearings on Welfare Reform. January 13, 1995.
- “The Welfare Pit: The Climb Out Isn't Easy or Cheap.” Chicago Tribune, editorial.

March 23, 1994.

“The New Model Democrat: Can We Look to Clinton for a New Model of Economic Activism?” New Economy. Autumn 1993. p32-5.

“Assisting Low Income Women into the Labor Market.” Testimony to the Clinton Administration Task Force on Welfare Reform. August 11, 1993.

“Current Trends in the Poverty and Income Statistics.” Testimony to the Subcommittee on Human Resources, Ways and Means Committee, U.S. House of Representatives. September 10, 1992.

“Social Scientists and the Problem of Poverty,” The Chronicle of Higher Education. Vol 38(48):B1. August 5, 1992.

Growth is Not Enough: Why The Recovery of the 1980s Did So Little to Reduce Poverty. Report to the Joint Economic Committee, Congress of the United States. Washington D.C.: Joint Economic Committee Reports, September 26, 1991.

“Families Must Be our Priority.” Chicago Tribune, editorial. September 30, 1991.

“Poor Kids Might Want to Go North.” (joint with Maria Hanratty). Cleveland Plain Dealer, editorial. August 28, 1991.

CURRENT WORKING PAPERS:

“The Impact of Earnings Disregards on the Behavior of Low Income Families” (with Jordan Matsudaira). National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper #14038. May 2008.

“Economic Change and the Structure of Opportunity for Less-Skilled Workers.” Paper prepared for the conference Changing Poverty, Institute for Research on Poverty. April 2008.

“Public Policies to Alter the Use of Alternative Financial Services Among Low-Income Households.” Paper prepared for the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. April 2008.

“The Growing Problem of Disconnected Single Mothers” (with Brian Kovak). National Poverty Center Working Paper #2007-28. January 2008.

“Labor Markets and Human Capital Investment in Michigan: Challenges and Strategies” (with James M. Sallee). Paper prepared for the conference Where Do We Go From Here? An Agenda-Setting Conference for the Economic Issues Facing Michigan. March 2006.

“What Has Welfare Reform Accomplished? Impacts on Welfare Participation, Employment, Income, Poverty, and Family Structure,” (with Robert Schoeni). National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper No. 7627. Cambridge, MA: NBER. March 2000.

GRANTS RECEIVED (for personal research only; excludes institutional grants)

Ford Foundation, "Access, Assets and Poverty: The Role of Financial Services Among Low And Moderate-Income Households." January 2007-December 2008.

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. "Shifting Resources Research Project and Conference." January 2004-December 2005.

Joyce Foundation. "Michigan Conference to Prepare for Welfare Reform Reauthorization." September 2001-January 2002.

Annie E. Casey Foundation and Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. "The New World of Welfare." September 1999-December 2001.

Russell Sage Foundation. "Race and Gender in the Labor Market." Joint with Joseph Altonji. March 1997-December 1997.

National Science Foundation Research Grant #SBR95-11090. "An Analysis of Changing Patterns in Public Assistance Use." August 1995-July 1997.

Joint funding from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Russell Sage Foundation. "Changing Poverty/Changing Jobs." September 1994-August 1995.

National Science Foundation Research Grant #SES-9209245, "Labor Market Dynamics and the Use of Part-time Work." November 1992-October 1994.

Joint Statistical Agreement, U.S. Bureau of The Census, "Multiple Program Use in a Dynamic Context in the Survey of Income and Program Participation." September 1991-August 1992.

Jerome Levy Economics Institute, Research Project on the Distribution of Income and Wealth, "Why Are Poverty Rates So High in the 1980s?" September 1990-July 1991.

National Science Foundation, Visiting Professorships for Women Award, "Exploring Income Opportunities for Low-Income Households," September 1988-July 1989.

National Science Foundation Research Grant #SES-8606456, "Analyzing the Nature and Extent of Welfare Income Dependency," August 1986-July 1988.

Small Grants Program Award, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, 1984.

Sloan Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1982-1983.

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1979-1982.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Within Professional Organizations in the Social Sciences or Policy

National Academy of Science

Member, Division Committee for the Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE), National Research Council, 2003-present.
DBASSE Executive Committee member, 2005-present.
Chair, Workshop to Reconsider the Federal Poverty Measure, Committee on National Statistics, 2004-05.
Chair, Panel on Methods for Assessing Discrimination, Committee on National Statistics, 2001-2004.
Member, Panel on Poverty Measurement and Family Assistance, Committee on National Statistics, 1992-95.

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

President, 2007
Policy Council member, 2001-04.

Public Policy and International Affairs Program

Board chair, 2003-06.
Vice chair, 2001-03.

American Economic Association

Vice President, 2007
Executive Committee member, 1995-97.
Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (a subcommittee of the American Economic Association). Chair, 1993-96. Executive Board Member, 1990-96.

Midwest Economic Association

President, 2001-02.
Vice-President, 1994-95.

Within Research Organizations

Faculty Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1990-present.
Faculty Research Fellow, 1985-1990.

Faculty Associate, National Academy of Sciences, 2004-present.

Research Fellow, IZA, Bonn. 2007-present.

Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty, 1994-present.

Journal Affiliations

Board of Editors, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy. 2007-present

Co-Editor, Labour Economics. 2004-2007.
Associate Editor, 2007-present.

Co-editor, Journal of Human Resources, 1995-97.

Board of Editors, American Economic Review, 1993-97.

Advisory Board, Journal of Public Economics, 1993-97.

Advisory Board, Journal of Economic Education, 1992-97, 2002-present.

Advisory Board, Feminist Economics, 1994-97.

Selected Advisory Committees and Board Involvement

Board of Directors, MRDC (formerly Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation.) 1993- 97, 2000-present.

Board of Trustees, Urban Institute, 2007-present.

Board of Directors, Economic Policy Institute, 2008-present.

Visiting Committee, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. 2004-present.

Scientific Advisory Committee, DIW (a research/policy think tank). Berlin, Germany. 2001-2004.

Board of Directors, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities. 1994-97.

Advisory Committee, New Hope Project (a job training and employment program), Milwaukee, WI. 1992-97.

Advisory Committee, Job Corps Evaluation being run by Mathematica Policy Research, under contract for the Department of Labor. 1993-97.

Advisory Committee on Poverty Research, Russell Sage Foundation. 1994-97.

Research Advisory Committee, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. 1995-96, 2000.