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Education

Ph.D.: Economics, Northwestern University, 2001.
M.A.: Economics, Northwestern University, 1996.
B.A.: Economics (minor in mathematics), Auburn University, 1995.

Employment

Associate Professor, Economics Department, University of Louisville, August 2016-present.

Assistant Professor, Economics Department, University of Louisville, August 2009-July 2016.

Research Economist, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Research and Program Development Staff, October 2001-July 2009.

Adjunct Professor, Johns Hopkins University MA Program in Applied Economics, January 2007- June 2009.

Current Research Interests

Labor economics, health economics, personnel economics, and discrimination.

Refereed Publications

"Time Spent Exercising and Obesity: An Application of Lewbel's Instrumental Variables Method" (with Charles Courtemanche and Jay Stewart). *Economics & Human Biology*, May 2021.

"Strong Social Distancing Measures in the United States Reduced the COVID-19 Growth Rate" (with Charles Courtemanche, Joseph Garuccio, Anh Le and Aaron Yelowitz). *Health Affairs*, May 2020

"Breaking Bad in Bourbon Country: Does Alcohol Prohibition Encourage Methamphetamine Production?" (with Jose Fernandez and Steve Gohmann). *Southern Economic Journal*, April 2018.

"The Dynamic Effects of Obesity on the Wages of Young Workers". *Economics & Human Biology*, November 2017.

- “Can Changing Economic Factors Explain the Rise in Obesity?” (with Chuck Courtemanche, Chris Ruhm and George Wehby). *Southern Economic Journal*, February 2016.
- “Adjusting Body Mass for Measurement Error with Invalid Validation Data” (with Jay Stewart and Chuck Courtemanche). *Economics & Human Biology*, December 2015.
- “How Much Do Employers Learn from Referrals?” *Industrial Relations*, April 2012.
- “A Model of Asymmetric Employer Learning with Testable Implications.” *Review of Economic Studies*, January 2009.
 Reprinted in *Learning in Labor Markets*, edited by Michael Waldman. London, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2017.
- “A Test of Screening Discrimination with Employer Learning.” *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, January 2006.
- “Housing Vouchers and Economic Self-Sufficiency: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment” (with Jens Ludwig and Greg Duncan). *Journal of Public Economics*, January 2005.
- “Screening Discrimination and the Determinants of Wages.” *Labour Economics*, December 2003.

Working Papers

- “Chance Elections, Social Distancing Restrictions, and Kentucky’s Early COVID-19 Experience” (with Charles Courtemanche, Joseph Garuccio, Anh Le and Aaron Yelowitz), February 2021. Revision requested

Work in Progress

- Changes Over Time in the Job Search Methods of Young Adults.
- Gender Differences in the Choice of Job Search Methods.
- Further examination of COVID-19 social distancing policies with Courtemanche, Garuccio, Le and Yelowitz
- Minimum Wages and the Size of Establishments with Dina Chaika and Steve Gohmann

Other Publications

- "Changing Economic Factors and the Rise in Obesity." (with Chuck Courtemanche, Chris Ruhm and George Wehby) VoxEU.org, July 2015
- “Annual Measures of Gross Job Gains and Gross Job Losses.” (with James Spletzer) *Monthly Labor Review*, vol. 127(11), November 2004.

“Annual Measures of Job Creation and Job Destruction Created From Quarterly ES-202 Microdata.” (with James Spletzer) *Proceedings: American Stat. Assoc.*, 2002.

Presentations and Seminars

Southern Economic Association Meetings, November 2020.

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, Raleigh, NC, May 2017.

American Society of Health Economists, Philadelphia, PA, June 2016.

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, Seattle, WA, May 2016.

Midwest Economics Association Meetings, SoLE sessions, Evanston, IL, March 2016.

Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Policy Summit on Housing, Human Capital, and Inequality, Pittsburgh, PA, June 2015.

OEIO Workshop at the University of Tokyo, March 2015.

Southeast Health Economics Study Group, Tallahassee, FL, October 2014.

American Society of Health Economists, Los Angeles, CA, June 2014.

Midwest Economics Association Meetings, SoLE sessions, Evanston, IL, March 2014.

Southern Economic Association Meetings, Tampa, FL, November 2013.

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, Boston, MA, May 2013.

Southern Economic Association Meetings, Washington, DC, November 2011.

International Health Economics Association World Congress, Toronto, ON, July 2011.

Southern Economic Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA, November 2010.

APEE Meetings, Las Vegas, NV, May 2010.

Southern Economic Association Meetings, Washington, DC, November 2008.

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, May 2007.

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, Cambridge, MA, May 2006.

Invited Seminars: University of South Florida, University of Kentucky (Ag Econ), University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; Western Kentucky University; University of Cincinnati; University of Kentucky (Econ); University of Louisville; University of Texas, Arlington; Clemson University; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Washington Statistical Society; Florida State University; Federal Reserve Board; Census Bureau, CES; University of Minnesota, Industrial Relations; CNA Corporation; Mathematica.

Research Discussed in the Media

“Strong Social Distancing Measures in the United States Reduced the COVID-19 Growth Rate” and related papers

The New York Times, The Washington Post, Vox.com, CNN, U.S. News & World Reports, The Chicago Tribune, The Hill, Fox News, NPR, Slate, and many others

“Can Changing Economic Factors Explain the Rise in Obesity?”

“Varney & Company,” Fox Business; Washington Post.com; *Bloomberg Business*; National Public Radio; *International Business Times*; HuffPost Live; *The Atlantic*; *Fast Company*; KRCC; News Talk 770 (Calgary); Newstalk 1010 (Toronto); *Toronto Star*; Marginal Revolution; The Salt Blog, NPR.org; CBS Money Watch; *Atlanta Magazine*; Matt Townsend Show; “60-Second Science”, *Scientific American*

“Breaking Bad in Bourbon Country: Does Alcohol Prohibition Encourage Methamphetamine Production?”

Society Magazine; *The Economist*, Oct 3rd 2015 edition; *The Washington Post*, Wonkblog; Quartz; Marginal Revolution; WSJ.com, Real Time Economics; Business Insider; The Daily Caller; Pacific Standard; The Lane Report; Insider Louisville; Radio Live, New Zealand

Professional Service

President of the Kentucky Economic Association, 2019-2020.

Program Chair: Kentucky Economic Association 2019 Conference.

Board Member: Kentucky Economic Association, 2017-present.

Discussant and Session Chair, SEA Meetings, November 2020

Discussant: ASHE Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, June 2016.

Discussant: MEA Meetings, SoLE sessions, Evanston, IL, March 2016.

Discussant: ASHE Meetings, Los Angeles, CA, June 2014.

Discussant: MEA Meetings, SoLE sessions, Evanston, IL, March 2014.

Discussant: Southern Economic Association Meetings, Tampa, FL, November 2013.

Discussant: 3rd Annual Midwest Health Economics Conference, May 2012.

Discussant: Multiple sessions, SEA Meetings, November 2011.

Discussant: International Health Economics Association World Congress, July 2011.

Discussant: Multiple sessions, SEA Meetings, November 2010.

Discussant: SoLE Meetings, May 2007.

Organizer and Discussant: "The Effects of Activation on the Earnings and Employment of Reservists and their Spouses", ASSA Meetings (SGE session), January 2007.

Discussant: WEA Meetings, Defense Economics, July 2006.

Discussant: ASSA Meetings, January 2004.

Referee: *American Economic Review*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *International Economic Review*, *Economic Journal*, *AEJ: Applied Economics*, *AEJ: Microeconomics*, *AEJ: Macroeconomics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Southern*

Economic Journal, Economic Letters, Health Economics, Labour Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, European Economic Review, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Applied Econometrics, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Review of Economics of the Household, Economics of Education Review, Economica, Journal of Law Economics and Organization, Journal of Labor Research, Journal of Applied Economics & Policy, Journal of Applied Economics, Empirical Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, Advances in the Economic Analysis of Participatory and Labor-Managed Firms.

Departmental/College Service

MBA Program Committee, 2020-present.
Dept. Representative to the College of Business Personnel Committee, 2020-present.
College Representative to the Cardinal Core Curriculum Committee, 2019-present.
College of Business Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2019-present
Organizer: Economics Department Seminar Series, Spring 2011-2020.
IMBA Program Committee, 2009-2019.
College of Business ad hoc Research Evaluation Committee, Fall 2016-2018.
Chair: Economics Department junior faculty recruiting committee, Spring 2012.
Economics Department junior faculty recruiting committee, 2009-2010.
Executive MBA Program Committee, spring 2013.

Other Service

Board of Directors, Second Street Neighborhood Association, 2014.

Courses Taught

University Of Louisville, MBA
Economics I & II, Full Time MBA Program. Fall, 2020
Economics of Strategy, Entrepreneurship MBA Program. Summer, 2010-2011;
Fall, 2012-2019.
Economics I & II, Weekend MBA Program. Spring, 2012-2015
University of Louisville, undergraduate
Intermediate Microeconomics, Fall 2017, Spring 2018
Principles of Microeconomics, Spring, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021
Mathematical Economics, Fall semesters, 2009, 2010, 2012-2016, 2018, 2019
Labor Economics. Spring, 2010-2021
Johns Hopkins University, MA Program in Applied Economics
Economics of the Labor Market. Spring, 2007-2009

Fellowships and Awards

2020 Altmetric Top 100 most discussed articles across disciplines, for “Strong Social Distancing Measures in the United States Reduced the COVID-19 Growth Rate” with Courtemanche, Garuccio, Le and Yelowitz.

College of Business Summer Research Incentive Grant, summer 2020.

College of Business Summer Research Incentive Grant, summer 2019.

John H. Schnatter Center Summer Research Grant, summer 2018.

John H. Schnatter Center Summer Research Grant, summer 2017.

College of Business Summer Research Incentive Grant, summer 2017.

College of Business Summer Research Incentive Grant, summer 2016.

College of Business Summer Research Incentive Grant, summer 2015.

College of Business Summer Research Incentive Grant, summer 2014.

College of Business Summer Research Incentive Grant, summer 2013.

Lawrence R. Klein Award (with Jim Spletzer) for best article in the *Monthly Labor Review*, May 2005.

University Fellow, Northwestern University 1995/96.

Anson Scholarship, Auburn University Department of Economics, Spring 1995.