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Education

Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, 1991
M.A., Economics, Yale University, 1985
B.A., Economics, Vassar College, 1980

Areas of Interest

American Economic History
U.S. Labor History
Industrial Relations
American Studies

Teaching Experience

Associate Professor, DePaul University, 1997-present
Visiting Associate Professor, Northwestern University, Fall 1998
Assistant Professor, DePaul University, 1991-1997
Instructor, DePaul University, 1990-91
Instructor, University of Kentucky, 1989-90
Teaching Assistant, Yale University, 1985-1987

Administrative Experience

Director, Undergraduate Economics Program, DePaul University, 2007-present

Other Work Experience

Public Utility Commission of Texas
Economic Research Division
Austin, Texas
 Manager, Economic and Statistical Analysis, 1983
 Senior Economic Analyst, 1981-1983
 Consultant, 1980-1981

Professional Memberships

Economic History Association
American Economic Association
American Studies Association

Academic Record

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

“Part-time Employment and Health Insurance Reform: What Can Massachusetts Tell Us about the Affordable Care Act?” *Review of Social Sciences*, vol. 2, no. 3, 2017

“The Choice of Part-time Employment in the United States and Canada, 1955-2000,” *Labor History*, vol.56, no.5, 2015, 1-27.

“Gender Differences in Labor Turnover and the Development of Internal Labor Markets in the United States during the 1920s,” *Enterprise & Society*, vol.2, no.1, 2001, pp.41-71.

“Worker Turnover in the 1920s: What Labor Supply Arguments Don’t Tell Us,” *Journal of Economic History*, vol.55, no.4, 1995, pp.822-41.

“Worker Turnover in the 1920s: The Role of Changing Employment Policies,” *Industrial and Corporate Change*, vol.4, no.3, 1995, pp.499-530.

Other Research Publications:

“An Economic Perspective on Career Formation,” in David Mitch, John Brown, Marco H.D. van Leeuwen, eds. *Origins of the Modern Career: Career Paths and Job Stability in Europe and North American, 1850-1950*, Ashgate Publishing, 2004.

“History of Labor Turnover in the U.S.,” *EH.Net Encyclopedia*, edited by Robert Whaples. April 30, 2004. [<http://eh.net/encyclopedia/history-of-labor-turnover-in-the-u-s/>]

“Eugene V. Debs,” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, Oxford University Press, 2002.

“The Decline in Turnover of Manufacturing Workers: Case Study Evidence from the 1920s,” *Recent Doctoral Research in Economic History*, vol. D, Proceedings of the 11th Congress of the International Economic History Association, 1994, pp.233-240. (Finalist, Competition for Best Doctoral Theses, IEHA)

“The Decline in Turnover of Manufacturing Workers: Case Study Evidence from the 1920s,” *Summaries of Doctoral Dissertations, Journal of Economic History*, vol.52, no.2, 1992, pp.459-461. (Finalist, Allen Nevins Prize for best dissertation in American Economic History)

Working Papers

“Why Hours of Work Stopped Declining in the U.S.”

“The Impact of Workers' Compensation Laws on the Training and Turnover of Manufacturing Workers”

“Economics Majors and Business School Curriculum Design”

Published Book Reviews:

Review of Janice L. Reiff, editor, *Chicago Business and Industry: From Fur Trade to E-Commerce*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (2013) for EH.net, September 2013
[http://eh.net/book_reviews/chicago-business-and-industry-from-fur-trade-to-e-commerce-2/]

Review of Pamela Walker Laird, *Pull: Networking and Success since Benjamin Franklin*. Harvard Studies in Business History, 48. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press (2006) for EH.net July 2007
[http://eh.net/book_reviews/pull-networking-and-success-since-benjamin-franklin/]

Review of Youngsoo Bae, *Labor in Retreat: Class and Community Among Men's Clothing Workers of Chicago, 1871-1929*, State University of New York Press (2001) in *Journal of Economic History*, vol.62, no.1, 2002, pp.254-255.

Review of Lindy Biggs, *The Rational Factory: Architecture, Technology, and Work in America's Age of Mass Production*, Johns Hopkins University Press (1996), in *Journal of Economic History*, vol.58, no.1, 1998, pp.276-278.

Research Presentations (paper/conference):

Part-time Employment and Health Insurance Reform: What Can Massachusetts Tell Us about the Affordable Care Act?
Missouri Valley Economics Association Annual Meeting,
St. Louis, October 2016

“Labor Market Response to Health Insurance Reform: The Case of Massachusetts”
Poster Presentation, Achieving Convergence: Health Economics Symposium,
DePaul University, February 2015
Faculty Brown Bag Workshop, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, June 2014

“Economics Majors and Business School Curriculum Design”
First Friday Economics Lunch, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, March 2013

“Why Hours of Work Stopped Declining in the U.S.”
Midwest Economic Association Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, March 2008

“Part-time Employment in the United States and Canada: Post WWII Trends”
Business History Conference, Sacramento, California, April 2008
[<http://www.thebhc.org/publications/BEHonline/2008/abstracts08.html#owen>]
Illinois Economic Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, October 2006

“Labor Turnover of Male and Female Workers: Historical Perspective”
University of Chicago Economic History Workshop, April 1996
Northwestern University Economic History Workshop, February 1996
International Association for Feminist Economics Session, Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, November 1995
DePaul Economics Department Seminar, November 1995

“The Decline in Turnover of Manufacturing Workers: Case Study Evidence from the 1920s”
11th Congress of the International Economic History Association, Milan, Italy,
September 1994

Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO, September 1991

“The Impact of Workers' Compensation Laws on the Training and Turnover of Manufacturing Workers”

Social Science History Association Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, November 1992

“Worker Turnover in the 1920s: What Labor Supply Arguments Don't Tell Us,”

Econometric Society Session on Labor Market Structure in Historical Perspective,

American Economic Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, January 1992

Northwestern University Economic History Workshop, May 1991

DePaul Economics Department Seminar, May 1991

“Worker Turnover in the 1920s: The Role of Changing Employment Policies”

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, CCHROME Seminar, October 1991

University of Chicago Economic History Workshop, November 1991

Conference Activities:

Organizer, Student Economics Conference, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, May, 2016

Co-Organizer, Session on Economic History, Illinois Economic Association Annual Meetings,
Chicago, Illinois, October 2015

Organizer, Student Economics Conference, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, May, 2015

Chair and Discussant, Session on Economic History, Illinois Economic Association Annual
Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, October 2014

Discussant, Session on Economic History, Illinois Economic Association Annual
Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, October 2013

Organizer and Chair, Session on Economic History, Illinois Economic Association Annual
Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, October 2012

Local Arrangements Committee, Economic History Association Annual Meetings, Evanston,
Illinois, September 2010

Organizer and Discussant, Session on Economic History, Illinois Economic Association Annual
Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, October 2009

Discussant, Session on Economic History, Illinois Economic Association Annual Meetings,
Chicago, Illinois, October 2008

Chair, Session on Economic History, Illinois Economic Association Annual Meetings, Chicago,
Illinois, October 2007

Chair and Discussant, Session on Economic History, Illinois Economic Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, October 2006

Chair and Organizer, Session on Economic History, Illinois Economic Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, October 2003

Chair, Organizer, and Discussant, Session on Economic History, Illinois Economic Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, October 2002

Chair, Session on Economic History, Illinois Economic Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, October 2001

Discussant, Session on Labor Markets, Economic History Association Annual Meetings, Baltimore, Maryland, October 1999

Discussant, Session on Economic History, Illinois Economic Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, October 1999

Discussant, Session on Labor Market Institutions and the Distribution of Returns, Economic History Association Annual Meetings, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 1994

Discussant, Session on Money, Markets, and Workers: Recent Research in Economic History, Midwest Economics Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, March 1994

Reviewer/Referee:

Reviewed books and articles for the *Journal of Economic History*, *Enterprise & Society*, *European Economic History Review*, and EH.net

Workshop Participant:

Northwestern University Economic History Workshop, weekly, 1990-2017

DePaul University Social Science Faculty Seminar Series, 1996-1997

Cliometrics Society Annual Meetings, Evanston, Illinois, May 1993

(run as a workshop with papers distributed in advance to invited participants)

Other Publications:

The Use of Econometric Adjustments in Electric Utility Rate Proceedings, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Austin, Texas, monograph prepared under Department of Energy, PURPA Grant, 1981; a guide to using econometric models to estimate electricity demand adjusting for growth of customer base, price increases, and abnormal weather.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

DePaul University, Driehaus College of Business Summer Research Grant, 2016

DePaul University Research Council Leave, 2004-2005 Academic Year

Beta Gamma Sigma, faculty inductee, 1995

Finalist, International Economic History Assn. Doctoral Dissertation Competition, 1994

DePaul University Research Council Leave, Fall 1994
DePaul College of Commerce, Faculty Summer Research Grant, 1991, 1992, 1995
Finalist, Allen Nevins Prize (for best dissertation), Economic History Association, 1991
Yale University Fellowship, 1983-1987
Emilie Louise Wells Fellowship for Graduate Study in Economics,
from Vassar College, 1983, 1984, 1985
Phi Beta Kappa, Vassar College, 1980
Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honor Society in Economics, 1980
Vassar College Scholarship, 1976-1980

Courses Taught

DePaul University

Economics 105: Principles of Microeconomics
Economics 106: Principles of Macroeconomics
Economics 317: American Economic History
Economics 318: Labor Economics
Economics 395: Capstone Seminar for LA&S Economics Majors
Economics 341: Behavioral Economics
Economics 560: Development of the American Economy (graduate)
ISP101, Focal Point Seminar: Leisure in America
Interdisciplinary Seminar 392 (Commerce): Evolution of U.S. Labor Markets
American Studies 202: The American Identity, 1830-1910
American Studies 395: Changing Economic Roles of Women

Northwestern University

Economics C32: American Economic History since 1865

University of Kentucky

Principles of Microeconomics

University, College and Departmental Service

University:

Faculty Council, College of Business, alternate, 2013-15, representative, 2015-17
School of Education, 5-yr BA/MEd Program, Program Committee, 2010-15
School of Education, 5-yr BA/MEd Program, Curriculum Development Committee, 2009-10
Student Success Issues Team, 2003-2004
Self, Society and the Modern World Domain Committee, Chair, 1996-2002
Liberal Studies Committee, 1995-2000
Liberal Studies Governance Task Force, 2002
American Studies Program Committee, 1992-2008
American Studies Faculty Search Committee, 1999-2000, 2002-2003
American Studies Program Personnel Committee, 1999-2008

College:

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2009-current
Task Force on Undergraduate Experience, Strategic Plan Revision, 2015-16
Capstone Curriculum Committee, 2014-current
Undergraduate Curriculum Review/Revision Task Force, 2007-2009

Faculty Advisory Council, 2006-2009

Interdisciplinary Senior Seminar Task Force, 1993-1998

College of Commerce Honors Committee, 1991-1992

College of Commerce Human Resources Development Committee, 1990-1991

Department:

Director, Undergraduate Economics Program, 2007-current

Advisor for Liberal Arts & Sciences Economics Majors, 1991-current

Economics Department Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 1997-2000, 2009-current (chair)

Economics Club, Faculty Sponsor, 1995-2000, 2007-current

Omicron Delta Epsilon, Faculty Sponsor, 2007-current

Economics Department LA&S Program Committee, 1991-2009

Economics Department Seminar Series, Organizer, 1996-1997