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Education

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

Areas of Interest

American Economic History
U.S. Labor History
Behavioral Economics

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

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:

- The Many Futures of Work: Rethinking Expectations and Breaking Molds*, co-edited volume with Larry Bennett, Peter Creticos, and Costas Spirou, Temple University Press, forthcoming, 2020
- “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 and other Work-in-Progress

- “Economic Narratives and the U.S. Rural-Urban Divide of the 1920s,” currently circulating for Comments, summer 2020
- “Economic Narratives and 1920s Agricultural Policy,” ongoing research to be pursued through URC Paid Leave, Winter-Spring, 2020
- “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:

Co-Organizer, Student Economics Conference, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, May 2019
Organizer, Student Economics Conference, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, May 2018
Paper Reviewer, Futures of Work Conference, Chicago, IL, October 2017
[future co-editor of book of conference papers]
Discussant, Session on Economic History, Illinois Economic Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, October 2017
Organizer, Student Economics Conference, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, May 2017
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*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Enterprise & Society*, *European Economic History Review*, and *EH.net*

Workshop Participant:

Northwestern University Economic History Workshop, weekly, 1990-2019
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, Gerald Paetsch Academic Advising Award, 2020
DePaul University, University Research Council Paid Leave Grant, Winter-Spring, 2020
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 250: Career Preparation for Economics Majors
Economics 317: American Economic History
Economics 318: Labor Economics
Economics 395: Capstone Seminar for LA&S Economics Majors
Economics 341: Behavioral Economics

Economics 393: Internship in Economics [online]
Economics 560: Development of the American Economy [graduate]
ISP101, Focal Point Seminar: Leisure in America
ICS392 [Business Capstone]: Evolution of U.S. Labor Markets
American Studies 202: The American Identity, 1830-1910
American Studies 395: Changing Economic Roles of Women
Honors Thesis advisor for 3 economics majors, 2017
Northwestern University
Economics C32: American Economic History since 1865
University of Kentucky
Principles of Microeconomics

University, College and Departmental Service

University:

Advisory Committee, Grace School of Applied Diplomacy, 2019-present
Faculty Council, College of Business, alternate, 2013-15, representative, 2015-2019
Faculty Council Executive Committee, member, 2016-2019
Liberal Studies Review Task Force, 2016-17
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, 2009-2019; chair 2017-2019
Task Force on Undergraduate Experience, Strategic Plan Revision, 2015-16
Capstone Curriculum Committee, 2014-2019
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-present
Advisor for Liberal Arts & Sciences Economics Majors, 1991-present
Economics Department Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 1997-2000, 2009-present (chair)
Economics Club, Faculty Sponsor, 1995-2000, 2007-present
Omicron Delta Epsilon, Faculty Sponsor, 2007-present
Economics Department LA&S Program Committee, 1991-2009
Economics Department Seminar Series, Organizer, 1996-1997