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Education

University of California at Berkeley, 1996-2001
Doctor of Philosophy, 2001
Field: Economics
Specialization: Industrial Organization, Econometrics

University of California at Davis, 1995-1996
Master of Science, 1996
Agriculture and Resource Economics

University of California at Davis, 1992-1995
Bachelor of Arts, 1995 *Summa Cum Laude*
Economics with Minor in Mathematics

Academic Employment

Yale University, July 2003 to present
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
Research Fields: Industrial Organization, Econometrics

Dartmouth College, July 2001 to June 2003
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
Research Fields: Industrial Organization, Econometrics

Academic Affiliations

Resident Fellow, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University,
July 2005 to present

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
March 2003 to present

Teaching

Graduate Industrial Organization, Yale University

Introduction to Microeconomics, Yale University

Industrial Organization, Antitrust and Regulation, Dartmouth College

Introduction to Statistics, Dartmouth College

Publications

“Information, School Choice and Academic Achievement: Evidence from Two Experiments,” with Jeffrey M. Weinstein. Forthcoming, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

“Reformulating Competition? Gasoline Content Regulation and Wholesale Gasoline Prices,” with Jennifer Brown, Erin Mansur, and Sofia Villas-Boas, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, January 2008.

“The Effect of Randomized School Admissions on Voter Participation” with Thomas Kane, Douglas Staiger, and Jeffrey Weinstein, *Journal of Public Economics*, June 2007.

“Gender, Performance and Preferences: Do Girls and Boys Respond Differently to School Environment? Evidence from School Assignment by Randomized Lottery,” with Thomas Kane and Douglas Staiger, *American Economic Review*, May 2006 (Papers and Proceedings).

“Vertical Integration in Gasoline Supply: An Empirical Test of Raising Rivals' Costs,” with Richard J. Gilbert, *Journal of Industrial Economics*, December 2005.

“Vertical Relationships and Competition in Retail Gasoline Markets: Empirical Evidence from Contract Changes in Southern California,” *American Economic Review*, March 2004.

“Abatement, Consumption, Capital, and Pollution Accumulation in an Optimal Program,” by Justine S. Ghassemi and Michael R. Caputo, *Pacific and Asian Journal of Energy*, Vol. 7 (1), 1997 (Senior Honors Thesis, UC Davis).

Working Papers

“Gasoline Prices and Grocery Purchases: Revisiting the Income Effect,” with Dora Gicheva and Sofia Villas-Boas, National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper, November (2007).

“Preferences, Information and Parental Choice Behavior in Public School Choice,” with Richard Van Weelden and Jeffrey M. Weinstein. National Bureau of Economic Research Paper Working Paper No. 12995. March (2007).

“No Child Left Behind: Estimating the Impact on Choices and Student Outcomes” with Jeffrey M. Weinstein, National Bureau of Economic Research Paper Working Paper No. 13009. March (2007).

“Preferences and Heterogeneous Treatment Effects in a Public School Choice Lottery” with Thomas Kane and Douglas Staiger, National Bureau of Economic Research Paper Working Paper No. 12145. July (2007).

“Parental Preferences and School Competition: Evidence from a Public School Choice Program” with Thomas Kane and Douglas Staiger, National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper No. 11805. June (2007).

Papers in Progress

“Financial Literacy, Information, and Demand Elasticity: Survey and Experimental Evidence from Mexico,” with Lydia Tejada-Ashton, unpublished manuscript, Yale University, February (2008).

“Peer Effects in Public Schools: Evidence from Changes in School Assignments,” with Jeffrey M. Weinstein, unpublished manuscript, Yale University, January (2008).

“Sources of Weak Competition in Mexico's Privatized Social Security Market,” paper in progress.

“Wholesale Price Discrimination and Wholesale Price Regulation in the Gasoline Industry” paper in progress.

“The First of the Month Effect: Preferences Over Time or Over Products?” with Ebonya Washington, paper in progress.

Presentations and Seminars, Academic

2008: Presenter at AEA session *Education and Occupational Choice*, presenter at AEA session on *The Behavioral Economics of Choice and the Shaping of Policy*, University of Illinois, University of California at Berkeley, University of California at San Diego.

2007: National Bureau of Economic Research Spring Program for Education, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, New York University Stern Business School and Steinhardt School of Education, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference.

2006: AEA Session on Children's Human Capital, National Bureau of Economic Research Winter Program for Industrial Organization, Harvard University Institute for Quantitative Social Science, University of Warwick, London School of Economics, Princeton University, ESA Conference on Field Experiments, University of Connecticut, Wharton Business School, Carnegie Mellon University, Chicago Workshop on Black-White Inequality.

2005: University of California at Berkeley, University of Chicago, University of Toronto Rotman School of Business, University of British Columbia Sauder School of Business, University of Michigan Ross School of Business, Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

2003: University of California at Los Angeles, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Columbia University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2002: National Bureau of Economic Research Winter Program for Industrial Organization, Yale University School of Management and Department of Economics, Columbia University Business School and Department of Economics, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, University of Arizona.

2001: London School of Economics.

Presentations and Seminars, Non-Academic

Expert Testimony before the California State Assembly, Select Committee on Gasoline Competition, Marketing, and Pricing, April 28, 2004. California State Assembly Bill 1283 “Unbundled Supply” drafted directly from the expert testimony.

Expert Testimony before the U.S. Senate, Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, April 7, 2004.

Expert Testimony before the U.S. Senate, Committee on Government Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations hearings into “Gasoline Prices – How are They Really Set?” May 2, 2002.

Speaker and Panelist at the 2001 Public Conference on Factors that Affect Prices of Refined Petroleum Products, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C.

Professional Activities

Referee for *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *The RAND Journal*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Industrial Economics*, *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*, *Review of Industrial Organization*, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Law and Economics*, *The Energy Journal*, *European Economic Review*.

Member: American Economic Association (AEA) and Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP)

Fellowships and Awards

Smith Richardson Foundation Grant: (2006-2008) *Preferences, Information, and Parents' Choice Behavior in Public School Choice*.

United States Department of Education Grant for Research in Education Finance, Leadership, and Management: 2004-2008

with Thomas Kane and Douglas Staiger.

Yale University Junior Faculty Fellowship: 2004-2005.

Institution for Social and Policy Studies Grant for Research in Social Sciences Using Field Experiments: 2004-2006.

National Science Foundation Grant. 2003-2005:
Estimating Demand with Consumer Heterogeneity: an Application to Wholesale Price Regulation in Retail Gasoline Markets.

Winner of the Competition and Policy Center Thesis Prize, University of California at Berkeley, 2002.

Nelson A. Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College, Junior Faculty Research Grant, 2002.

Nelson A. Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College, Public Policy Research Grant, 2002.

California Energy Studies Grant, with Richard J. Gilbert, 2002-2003.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2001.

Department Fellowship for Continuing Students, Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley, 2000.

California Energy Studies Grant, with Richard J. Gilbert, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

John M. Ohlin Foundation Fellowship in Law and Economics, 1999.

Institute of Business and Economic Research, Student Research Grant, 1999.