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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Positions:

Chair, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2024-present
Professor, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2004-present
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1999-present

Past Positions:

Professor and Chair, Department of Economics, Stony Brook University, 2023-2024
Vice Chair, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2017-2023
Chair, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2013-2017
Vice Chair, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2009-2013
Joel and Susan Hyatt Professor, Department of Economics, Dartmouth, 2007-2009
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, UCLA, 1999-2004
Senior Economist, White House Council of Economic Advisers, 2000-2001
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, UCLA, 1992-1999
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1993-1999

Education:

Ph.D. Economics, State University of New York, Stony Brook
B.S. Mathematics (*summa cum laude*), State University of New York, Stony Brook

Major Fields of Concentration:

Economics of Aging, Health Economics, Public Economics

Fellowships and Awards:

Warren C. Scoville Distinguished Teaching Award, various years
Phi Beta Kappa, Visiting Scholar, 2014-2015
NBER National Fellowship, 2001-2002
Dean's Marshall Award, Outstanding Assistant Professor in the Social Sciences, 1997
Brookdale Fellowship, 1995-1998
NBER Fellowship in Aging and Health Economics, 1994-1995
Stony Brook Foundation Award for the Outstanding Student in Mathematics, 1986
Stony Brook Foundation Award for the Outstanding Student in Economics, 1986

Selected Publications:

- “Dementia and Long-run Trajectories in Household Finances” (with Jing Li et al.), forthcoming. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.
- “Effects of Hospital Admission on Health Outcomes and Health Care Spending Among Persons with Dementia, 2026. *Annals of Internal Medicine*, May.
- “Wealth Declines among U.S. Older Adults at Risk of Dementia” (with Jing Li et al.), 2025. *JAMA Neurology*, 80 (11) : 1250-1252.
- “The Family and Long-term Care,” 2025. *Review of Economics of the Household*, 23 (3) : 877-896.
- “Long-Term Care Around the World,” (with Jonathan Gruber and Charles Hanzel), 2025. In *Long-Term Care Around the World*, Jonathan Gruber and Kathleen McGarry eds., Chicago, University of Chicago Press : 1:34.
- “Long-Term Care in the United States,” (with Jonathan Gruber), 2025. In *Long-Term Care Around the World*, Jonathan Gruber and Kathleen McGarry eds., Chicago, University of Chicago Press : 353-387.
- “Brothers, Sisters, and Support to Older Parents: Separate Sphere Across and Within Support Types,” (with Christine Ho), 2025 *Journal of Population Economics*, 38 (1).
- “How Caregiving for Parents Reduces Women’s Employment: Patterns Across Sociodemographic Groups,” (with Sean Fahle), 2022. In *America’s Aging Workforce and the Future of ‘Working Longer’*, Lisa Berkman and Beth Truesdale, eds., Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- “Perceptions of Mortality: Individual Assessments of Longevity Risk,” 2021. In *New Models for Managing Longevity Risk: Public/Private Partnerships*, Olivia S. Mitchell, ed., Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults: Opportunities for the Health Care System*, (with Don Blazer II, et al.,) Washington D.C.: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, 2020.
- “Residential Setting and the Cumulative Financial Burden of Dementia in the 7 Years Before Death,” (with Amy Kelley, et al.), 2020. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 68 (6) : 1319-1324.
- “The Burden of Health Care Costs for Patients with Dementia in the Last 5 Years of Life,” (with Amy Kelley, et al.), 2019. *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 163(10) : 729-736.
- “Women Working Longer: The Labor Market Implications of Providing Family Care,” (with Sean Fahle) 2018. In *Women Working Longer: Increased Employment at Older Ages*, Claudia Goldin and Lawrence F. Katz, eds. University of Chicago Press.

- “Parental Investments in College and Later Cash Transfers,” (with Steven Haider), 2018. *Demography*, 55 (5) : 1705-1725.
- “Three Generations of Changing Gender Patterns for Schooling in China” (with Xiaoting Sun), 2018. *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, 23 (4) : 584-605.
- “Measuring and Modeling Intergenerational Links in Relation to Long-Term Care” (with Andrew Caplin and Mi Luo), 2018. *Economic Inquiry*, 56 (1) : 100-113.
- “Post-secondary Schooling and Parental Resources: Evidence from the PSID and HRS” (with Steven Haider), 2018. *Education and Finance Policy*, 13 (1) : 72-96.
- “Living Arrangements of Mothers and Their Adult Children over the Life Course” (with Emily Wiemers, V. Joseph Hotz, and Vladislav Slanchev), 2017. *Research on Aging*, 39 (1) : 111-134.
- “Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenditures in the United States: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study” (with Sean Fahle and Jonathan Skinner), 2016. *Fiscal Studies*, 37 (3-4) : 785-819.
- “Dynamic Aspects of Family Transfers,” 2016. *Journal of Public Economics*, 137 : 1-13.
- “Consumption and the Extended Family” (with Hwajung Choi and Robert Schoeni), 2016. *Economic Letters*, 140 : 34-38.
- “Heterogeneity in State-Dependent Utility: Evidence from Strategic Surveys”(with Jeffrey R. Brown and Gopi Shah Goda), 2016. *Economic Inquiry*, 54 (2) : 847-861.
- “The Burden of Health Care Costs for Patients with Dementia in the Last 5 Years of Life” (with Amy Kelley, Rebecca Gorges and Jonathan Skinner), 2015. *The Annals of Internal Medicine*, 163 (10): 729-736.
- “The Estate Tax and Inter Vivos Transfers over Time,” 2013. *The American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, 103 (3) : 478-483.
- “The Social Safety Net for the Elderly,” 2013. In *The Legacy of the War on Poverty*, Martha Bailey and Sheldon Danziger, eds. New York: Russell Sage, 179-205.
- “Out-of-Pocket Spending in the Last Five Years of Life” (with Amy Kelley et al.), 2013. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 28 (2) : 304-309.
- “Long-Term Care Insurance Demand Limited by Beliefs About Needs, Concerns About Insurers, And Care Available From Family” (with Jeff Brown and Gopi Shah Goda), 2012. *Health Affairs*, 31 (6): 1294-1302.
- “State of the Science: Risk Factors and Therapeutic Interventions for Alzheimer Disease” (with Martha Daviglius et al.), 2011. *Archives of Neurology*, 68 (9): 1185-1190.
- “Preventing Alzheimer Disease and Cognitive Decline” (with Martha Daviglius et al.), 2011. *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 154 (3): 176-181.

- “Preference Heterogeneity and Insurance Markets: Explaining the Puzzle of Insurance” (with David Cutler and Amy Finkelstein), 2008. *The American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, 98 (2): 157-162.
- “Multiple Dimensions of Private Information: Evidence from the Long-term Care Insurance Market” (with Amy Finkelstein), 2006. *The American Economic Review* 96 (4): 938-958.
- “Does Caregiving Affect Work? Evidence Based on Prior Labor Force Experience,” 2006. In *Health Care Issues in the United States and Japan*, David A. Wise and Naohiro Yashiro (Eds.), Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 209-228.
- “Dynamic Inefficiencies in Insurance Markets: Evidence from Long-Term Care Insurance” (with Amy Finkelstein and Amir Sufi), 2005. *The American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, 95 (2): 224-228.
- “Medicare Gaps and Widow Poverty” (with Robert Schoeni), 2005. *The Social Security Bulletin*, 66 (1): 58-74.
- “Widow(er) Poverty and Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenses Near End of Life” (with Robert Schoeni), 2005. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, 60B (3): S160-S169.
- “Why Parents Play Favorites: Explanations for Unequal Bequests” (with Audrey Light), 2004. *The American Economic Review*, 94 (5): 1669-1681.
- “Estate and Gift Tax Incentives and Inter Vivos Giving” (with David Joulfaian), 2004. *National Tax Journal*, LVII (2): 429-444.
- “Public Policy and the U.S. Health Insurance Market: Direct and Indirect Provision of Insurance,” 2002. *National Tax Journal*, LV (4): 789-827.
- “Guaranteed Income: SSI and the Well-Being of the Elderly Poor,” 2002. In *The Distributional Aspects of Social Security and Social Security Reform*, Martin Feldstein and Jeffrey Liebman eds. Chicago: University of Chicago Press: 49-79.
- “The Cost of Equality: Unequal Bequests and Tax Avoidance,” 2001. *Journal of Public Economics*, 79 (1): 179-204.
- “Inter Vivos Transfers or Bequests? Estate Taxes and the Timing of Parental Giving,” 2001. *Tax Policy and the Economy*, 14: 93-121.
- “Behavioral Responses to the Estate Tax: Inter Vivos Giving,” 2000. *National Tax Journal*, 53 (4): 913-932.
- “Social Security, Economic Growth, and the Rise in Elderly Widows’ Independence in the 20th Century,” (with Robert F. Schoeni), 2000. *Demography*, 37 (2): 221-236.
- “Inter Vivos Transfers and Intended Bequests,” 1999. *Journal of Public Economics*, 73 (3): 321-351.

- “Job Change Patterns and the Wages of Young Men,” (with Audrey Light), 1998. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 80 (2): 276-286.
- “Pensions and the Distribution of Wealth” (with Andrew Davenport), 1998. In *Frontiers in the Economics of Aging*, David A. Wise ed., Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 463-485.
- “Caring for the Elderly: The Role of Adult Children,” 1998. In *Inquiries in the Economics of Aging*, David A. Wise ed., Chicago: University of Chicago Press: 133-166.
- “Transfer Behavior Within the Family: Results from the Asset and Health Dynamics Study,” (with Robert F. Schoeni), 1997. *The Journals of Gerontology*, 52B: 82-92.
- “Medical Insurance and the Use of Health Care Services by the Elderly,” (with Michael D. Hurd), 1997. *Journal of Health Economics*, 16 (2): 129-154.
- “Factors Determining Participation of the Elderly in Supplemental Security Income,” 1996. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 30 (2): 331-358.
- “Evaluation of the Subjective Probabilities of Survival in the Health and Retirement Study” (with Michael D. Hurd), 1995. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 30: s268-s292.
- “Transfer Behavior in the Health and Retirement Study: Measurement and the Redistribution of Resources within the Family,” (with Robert F. Schoeni), 1995. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 30: s184-s226.
- “Measurement Error and Poverty Rates of Widows,” 1995. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 30 (1): 113-134.

Book:

Long-Term Care Around the World (with Jonathan Gruber), 2025. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Working Papers:

“Son Preference, Schooling, and Intergenerational Transfers in China: Are Daughters Narrowing the Gap?” (with Xiaoyan Lei, Xiaoting Sun and Yaohui Zhao), March 2020.

“Population Aging and the Challenge of Long-Term Care,” Presented at the East-West Center / Korean Development Institute conference on “Population Aging and Sustainable Growth”, Honolulu, HI, February 2020.

“Caregiving and Work: The Relationship between Labor Market Attachment and Parental Caregiving” (with Sean Fahle), November 2019.

“A Model of Work, Savings, and Care for Elderly Parents,” (with Sean Fahle), November 2019.

“Understanding Participation in SSI,” (with Robert Schoeni), August 2014. Presented at the 2014 Retirement Research Consortium Annual Meeting, National Press Club, Washington, DC.

“State-Dependent Utility and Insurance Purchase Decisions,” (with Jeffrey R. Brown and Gopi Shah Goda), August 2013. Presented at the 2013 Retirement Research Consortium Annual Meeting, National Press Club, Washington DC.

“The Importance of Private and Government Safety Nets: A Comparison of Approved and Denied SSDI Applicants,” (with Jonathan Skinner), August 2012. Presented at the Retirement Research Consortium Annual Meeting, National Press Club, Washington, D.C.

Current and Past Departmental and University Service:

Task for on Investment and Retirement (TFIR), University of California, 2021-present
Director, Kevin Albert Family Endowment, Department of Economics, 2011-present
Co-chair, Faculty Renewal and Rebuilding Task Force, UCLA, 2023-2024
Academic Council Special Committee on Transfer Issues (ACSCOTI), University of California, 2022-2023
Committee on Committees, 2022-2023
Bruin Budget Model Working Group, 2022-2023
Chair, University of California, Committee on Planning and Budget, 2021-2022 (Vice Chair 2020-2021, Member 2019-2022)
Executive Vice Chancellor/Provost's Bureaucracy Busting Working Group, 2020-2022
Chair, UCLA Council on Planning and Budget, 2019-2020 (member 2017-2020)
UCLA Executive Board, 2019-2020
American Talent Initiative Faculty Committee, 2019-2021
Classroom Advisory Committee, UCLA Academic Senate, 2018-2020
Search Committee, Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, 2018
Review Committee for the Dean of the Anderson School of Business, 2016
Review Committee for the Dean of Social Sciences, 2014
UCLA Academic Senate, Undergraduate Council, 2011-2014
Vice Chair of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Economics 2009-2013
Chair's Advisory Committee, Department of Economics 2009-2013
Personnel Committee, Department of Economics 2009-2013
Search Committee, Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education, 2012
Regents Scholarship Reading Committee, 2012
Special Assistant to the Dean of Social Sciences, 2009-2010
UCLA Academic Senate, Graduate Council
Academic Geriatric Resource Center, Campus Advisory Committee, 1995-2000