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Ph.D. Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 1987.

M.A. Economics, Northwestern University, August 1981.

B.A. Economics, Northwestern University, June 1981.

**Professional Experience**

McCormick Foundation Professor of Public Policy, University of Chicago, 2009-.

McCormick Tribune Professor of Public Policy, University of Chicago, 2004-9.

Professor of Economics, Northwestern University, 1996-2004.

Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), Northwestern University, 1993-96.

Assistant Professor of Economics, Northwestern University, 1987-93.

Visiting Professor of Economics, University College London, April-July, 2003.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Princeton University, 1988-89.

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1993-.

Faculty Research Fellow, Public Economics, and Labor Studies, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1987-1993.

Faculty Affiliate, Joint Center for Poverty Research, Northwestern University and the University of Chicago, 1996-2004.

Member, Institute for Research on Poverty Research Working Group on "Labor Market Prospects for the Disadvantaged," 1989-2000.

Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research (formerly the Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research), Northwestern University, 1987-2004.

Economist, Glassman-Oliver Economic Consultants, Inc., Washington, D.C., 1981-82.

### **Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships**

W. Edmund Clark Distinguished Lecturer, Queens University, September 2005.

Household International, Inc. Research Professor in Economics, Northwestern University, 1997-98.

Member, National Academy of Social Insurance, 1996-.

Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow, 1993-95.

Alfred P. Sloan Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1986-87.

Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowships, Summer 1985, Spring 1986.

Economics Fellowship, M.I.T., 1983-84.

Economics Graduate Alumni Fellowship, M.I.T., 1982-83.

Phi Beta Kappa

### **Research and Writing**

#### **Journal Articles:**

- [1] “Mathematical Appendix to “Errors in Variables in Panel Data,” (with Zvi Griliches and Jerry Hausman) Journal of Econometrics, 31, February 1986, 114-117.
- [2] “Classification Error Models and Labor Market Dynamics,” Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, 6, July 1988, 385-390.
- [3] “The Impact of the Potential Duration of Unemployment Benefits on the Duration of Unemployment,” (with Lawrence Katz) Journal of Public Economics, 41, February 1990, 45-72.
- [4] “Unemployment Insurance and Unemployment Spells,” Econometrica, 58, July 1990, 757-782.

- [5] “Unemployment Insurance, Recall Expectations and Unemployment Outcomes,” (with Lawrence Katz) Quarterly Journal of Economics, CV, November 1990, 973-1002.
- [6] “Unemployment Insurance in the United States: Layoff Incentives and Cross-Subsidies,” (with Patricia M. Anderson) Journal of Labor Economics, 11, January 1993 Supplement, S70-S95.
- [7] “A Longitudinal Analysis of Young Entrepreneurs in Australia and the United States” (with David Blanchflower), Small Business Economics, 6, February 1994, 1-19.
- [8] “The Extent and Consequences of Job Turnover,” (with Patricia M. Anderson) Brookings Papers on Economic Activity, Microeconomics 1994, 177-248.
- [9] “Lessons from the U.S. Unemployment Insurance Experiments,” Journal of Economic Literature, 33, March 1995, 91-131.
- [10] “Natural and Quasi- Experiments in Economics,” Journal of Business & Economic Statistics, 13, April 1995, 151-162.
- [11] “Workers' Compensation and Injury Duration: Evidence from a Natural Experiment,” (with W. Kip Viscusi and David Durbin) American Economic Review, 85, June 1995, 322-340.
- [12] “What Have We Learned from the Illinois Reemployment Bonus Experiment?” Journal of Labor Economics, 14, January 1996, 26-51.
- [13] “Ethnic and Racial Self-Employment Differences and Possible Explanations,” (with Robert W. Fairlie), Journal of Human Resources, 31, Fall 1996, 757-793. Reprinted in The Economics of Migration, K. Zimmerman and T. Bauer, eds., Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, UK.
- [14] “The Effects of Firm Specific Taxes and Government Mandates with an Application to the U.S. Unemployment Insurance Program,” (with Patricia M. Anderson), Journal of Public Economics, 65, August 1997, 119-144.
- [15] “Unemployment Insurance Takeup Rates and the After-Tax Value of Benefits,” (with Patricia M. Anderson), Quarterly Journal of Economics, CXII, August 1997, 913-938.
- [16] “The Effects of the Unemployment Insurance Payroll Tax on Wages, Employment, Claims and Denials,” (with Patricia M. Anderson), Journal of Public Economics 78, October 2000, 81-106.

- [17] “Trends in Self-Employment Among White and Black Men During the Twentieth Century” (with Robert W. Fairlie), Journal of Human Resources 35, Fall 2000, 643-669.
- [18] “Making Single Mothers Work: Recent Tax and Welfare Policy and its Effects,” (with Dan T. Rosenbaum), National Tax Journal 53, December 2000, 1027-1062. Also in Making Work Pay: The Earned Income Tax Credit and its Impact on America’s Families, Bruce D. Meyer and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, eds., New York: Russell Sage Foundation Press, 2001
- [19] “Welfare, the Earned Income Tax Credit, and the Labor Supply of Single Mothers,” (with Dan T. Rosenbaum), Quarterly Journal of Economics CXVI, August 2001, 1063-1114.
- [20] “Unemployment and Workers’ Compensation Programmes: Rationale, Design, Labour Supply and Income Support,” Fiscal Studies 23, March 2002, 1-49. Also appeared in The Economics of Public Spending, edited by David Miles, Gareth Myles and Ian Preston, Oxford University Press, 2003, 153-198.
- [21] “Labor Supply at the Extensive and Intensive Margins: The EITC, Welfare and Hours Worked” American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings, 92, May 2002, 373-379.
- [22] “The Effect of Immigration on Native Self-Employment” (with Robert W. Fairlie), Journal of Labor Economics 21, July 2003, 619-650.
- [23] “Measuring the Well-Being of the Poor Using Income and Consumption” (with James X. Sullivan), Journal of Human Resources 38 Supplement, 2003, 1180-1220.
- [24] “The Effects of Welfare and Tax Reform: The Material Well-Being of Single Mothers in the 1980s and 1990s” (with James X. Sullivan), Journal of Public Economics 88, 2004, 1387-1420.
- [25] “Work Costs and Nonconvex Preferences in the Estimation of Labor Supply Models” (with Bradley T. Heim), Journal of Public Economics 88, 2004, 2323-2338.
- [26] “Unemployment Insurance Tax Burdens and Benefits: Funding Family Leave and Reforming the Payroll Tax,” (with Patricia M. Anderson), National Tax Journal, March 2006, 77-95.
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- [28] “A Note on ‘The Longitudinal Structure of Earnings Losses among Work-Limited Disabled Workers’” (with Wallace K. C. Mok, Kerwin Kofi Charles and Alexandra C. Achen) Journal of Human Resources. 43(3): Summer 2008, 721-728.

- [29] “Changes in the Consumption, Income, and Well-Being of Single Mother Headed Families,” (with James X. Sullivan) American Economic Review 98(5) December 2008, 2221-41.

### **Books:**

- [1] Making Work Pay: The Earned Income Tax Credit and its Impact on America’s Families, Editor with Douglas Holtz-Eakin. New York: Russell Sage Foundation Press, 2001.
- [2] Strategies for Improving Economic Mobility of Workers: Bridging Research and Practice, Editor with Maude Toussaint-Comeau. Kalamazoo, Michigan: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, 2009.

### **Book Chapters:**

- [1] “The Potential Duration of Unemployment Benefits and the Duration of Unemployment,” (with Lawrence Katz), in Issues in Contemporary Economics, Volume 2, edited by Marc Nerlove. New York University Press: New York, 1991.
- [2] “The Unemployment Insurance Payroll Tax and Interindustry and Interfirm Subsidies,” (with Patricia M. Anderson) in Tax Policy and the Economy 7, edited by James Poterba, M.I.T. Press, 1993, 111-144.
- [3] “Does Immigration Hurt African-American Self-Employment?,” (with Robert W. Fairlie), in Help or Hindrance? The Economic Implications of Immigration for African Americans, edited by Daniel S. Hamermesh and Frank D. Bean, Russell Sage Foundation, 1998, 185-221.
- [4] “Taxes, Welfare Programs and Employment,” (with Dan T. Rosenbaum), National Tax Association Proceedings--1998, 191-197.
- [5] “Introduction” (with Douglas Holtz-Eakin) in Making Work Pay: The Earned Income Tax Credit and its Impact on America’s Families, Bruce D. Meyer and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, eds., New York: Russell Sage Foundation Press, 2001, 1-12.
- [6] “Labor Supply Effects of Social Insurance,” (with Alan B. Krueger) in Handbook of Public Economics, Volume 4, Alan Auerbach and Martin Feldstein, eds. Amsterdam: North-Holland, 2002, 2327-2392.
- [7] “Reflections on Economic Mobility and Policy” in Strategies for Improving Economic Mobility of Workers: Bridging Research and Practice, Maude Toussaint-Comeau and Bruce D. Meyer, eds., Kalamazoo, Michigan: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, 2009.

- [8] “The Effects of the EITC and Recent Reforms,” in Tax Policy and the Economy 24, edited by Jeffrey Brown, M.I.T. Press, forthcoming.

### **Comments and Reviews:**

- [1] Review of Self Employment: A Labor Market Perspective by Robert L. Aronson, Journal of Economic Literature, September 1992, 1521-3.
- [2] “Comment on ‘Measuring Gross Worker and Job Flows,’ by Steven J. Davis and John Haltiwanger” in Labor Statistics Measurement Issues, ed. by John Haltiwanger, Marilyn E. Manser, and Robert Topel, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998, 119-122.
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### **Unpublished Papers:**

“Five Decades of Consumption and Income Poverty” an earlier version was titled “Three Decades of Consumption and Income Poverty,” (with James X. Sullivan) NBER Working Paper 14827, March 2009 (revised August 2009).

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“Consumption and Income Poverty for Those 65 and Over,” (with James X. Sullivan) Working Paper, September 2007.

“Further Results on Measuring the Well-Being of the Poor using Income and Consumption,” (with James X. Sullivan) NBER Working Paper 13413, September 2007.

“Disability, Earnings, Income and Consumption” (with Wallace K. C. Mok) Working Paper, December 2006 (revised November 2008).

“Quasi-Experimental Evidence on the Effects of Unemployment Insurance from New York State,” (with Wallace K. C. Mok) NBER Working Paper No. 12865, January 2007.

“The Under-Reporting of Transfers in Household Surveys: Its Nature and Consequences” (with Wallace K. C. Mok and James X. Sullivan) NBER Working Paper No. 15181, September 2006 (revised July 2009).

“Three Decades of Consumption and Income Poverty” (with James X. Sullivan) Working Paper, June 2006 (revised November 2008).

“The Health Care Safety Net and Crowd-Out of Private Health Insurance,” (with Anthony T. Lo Sasso), NBER Working Paper No. 11977, January 2006 (revised September 2006).

“Consumption, Income, and Material Well-Being After Welfare Reform” (with James X. Sullivan) NBER Working Paper No. 11976, January 2006. This paper was circulated earlier as “Trends in the Consumption and Income of Poor Families.”

“Identification and Estimation of Structural Models of Labor Supply and Program Participation” (with Bradley T. Heim), Working Paper, September 2005, Revised March 2006.

“Structural Labor Supply Models when Budget Constraints are Nonlinear” (with Bradley T. Heim), Working Paper, October 2000, Revised June 2003.

“Medicaid, Private Health Insurance, and the Labor Supply of Single Mothers” (with Dan T. Rosenbaum), Working Paper, November 2000.

“Do the Poor Move to Receive Higher Welfare Benefits?” Working Paper, July 1998 (revised September 2000).

“Repeat Use of Unemployment Insurance,” (with Dan T. Rosenbaum), NBER Working Paper No. 5423, January 1996.

“Semiparametric Estimation of Hazard Models,” working paper, M.I.T., July 1986, last revised September 1995.

“The Effect of Unemployment Insurance Taxes and Benefits on Layoffs Using Firm and Individual Data,” (with Patricia M. Anderson), working paper, August 1993, last revised December 1994, NBER Working Paper No. 4960.

“Using Natural Experiments to Measure the Effects of Unemployment Insurance,” May 1992. An earlier version was "A Quasi-Experimental Approach to the Effects of Unemployment Insurance," April 1989, National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper No. 3159.

“Why Are There So Few Black Entrepreneurs?” National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper No. 3537, November 1990.

## **Research Support**

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NBER Retirement Research Center, “The Understatement in Transfers to the Aged in Household Surveys: Its Nature and Consequences” PI, for the period November 1, 2007 – October 31, 2008.

R01 NICHD “The Safety Net, Medicaid, and Child Health Outcomes,” co-PI, March 1, 2007- February 28, 2010.

USDA/Economic Research Service, “Food Stamp Program eligibility and Participation: Census Survey and Administrative Data,” co-PI, September 16, 2006- September 30, 2007.

USDA/Economic Research Service, “Food Stamp, NLSP, and WIC Under-Reporting in Household Surveys,” PI, September 1, 2006 – August 31, 2007.

Stigler Center, Graduate School of Business “The Effect of Unemployment Insurance on Time Not Working,” PI, July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.

NBER Retirement Research Center, “Consumption and Income Poverty for Those 65 and Over,” PI, for the period August 30, 2006 – August 29, 2007 .

Annie E. Casey Foundation grant for “Identifying the Poor, Measuring Poverty, and Assessing Material Well-Being,” PI, for the period January 1, 2005 - December 30, 2005.

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Searle Fund grant “The Effect of Unemployment Insurance on Time Not Working,” PI, for the period June 1, 2003 - December 31, 2004.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant “The Safety Net and Employer-Provided Health Insurance,” co-PI, for the period October 1, 2001 - September 30, 2003.

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National Science Foundation Grant SBR-9310280 entitled "The Economics of Social Insurance" for the period 7/15/93 - 12/31/96.

National Science Foundation Grant SES-9024548 entitled "Economic Effects of Unemployment Insurance and Workers' Compensation" for the period 2/15/91 - 1/31/93.

Northwestern University Research Grants Committee grant entitled "Why are there so Few Black Entrepreneurs?" for the period 6/1/90 - 5/31/91.

National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates Supplement to Grant SES-8821721.

National Science Foundation Grant SES-8821721 entitled "Unemployment Insurance, Recall, and Econometric Duration Models" for the period 2/15/89 -7/31/91.

Northwestern University Research Grants Committee grant entitled "Unemployment Insurance and the Layoff-Recall Process" for the period 6/15/88 - 6/14/89.

### **Other Professional Activities**

Editor, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 2008-

Editor, special issue “Tax and Transfer Programs for Low Income People” *Journal of Public Economics*, Volume 89, No. 1, January 2005.

Co-Editor, special issue “The Earned Income Tax Credit” *National Tax Journal*, Volume 53, No. 4 Part 2, December 2000.

Editor, B.E. Journals in Economics Analysis & Policy, 2001-2004.  
Associate Editor, Journal of Public Economics, 1993-2002.  
Associate Editor, Journal of Business & Economic Statistics, 1992-1998.  
Editorial Board, Small Business Economics, 1993-1999.  
Advisory Editor, Economics Letters, 1993-1998.  
Editorial Advisory Board, The Canadian Journal of Economics, 1996-1999.

Advisor to the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Human Resources Development Canada, Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation, IMPAQ international, and Mathematica Policy Research on various projects.