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Professional Interests:

Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics, Public Economics.

Education:

Ph.D. University of Chicago, August, 1995.

M.A. University of Chicago, March, 1991.

B.S. University of Chicago, June, 1989.

Professional Experience:

Professor, Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin, 2007-Present.

Professor, Department of Economics, Northwestern University, 2005-2007.

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Northwestern University, 2001-2005.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Northwestern University, 1995-2001.

Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, 1995-2007.

Awards and Fellowships:

WARF James J. Heckman Professor of Economics, 2022-present

Walker Family Distinguished Chair in Economics, 2016-present.

John and Tashia Morgridge Chair in Economics, 2012-2016.

University of Wisconsin, Kellett Mid-Career Faculty Researcher Award, 2012.

University of Wisconsin Vilas Associate 2009-2011.

Richard A. Meese Chair of Applied Econometrics, 2007-2012.

Household International, Inc. Research Professor in Economics, 2003-2005.

Participant *Review of Economic Studies* Annual Tour for Recent Job Market Candidates.

H. Morgenthau Dissertation Fellowship 1994-1995.

Alfred P. Sloan Dissertation Fellowship 1993-1994.

Searle Foundation Fellowship 1989-1993.

Professional Affiliations:

Fellow, International Association of Applied Econometrics, 2021-present.

Fellow, Econometric Society, 2018-present.

Fellow, Society of Labor Economics, 2010-present.

Faculty Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1998-present (Research Fellow before 2009).

Research Affiliate Joint Center for Poverty Research, 1997-2003.

Publications:

“Econometric Mixture Models and More General Models for Unobservables in Duration Analysis,” with J. Heckman, *Statistical Methods In Medical Research*, Vol 3, Num. 3, 279-299, 1994.

“Some Effects of Taxes on Schooling and Training,” with W. Dupor, L. Lochner, and M. B. Wittekind, *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, May 1996.

“What do Bureaucrats Do? The Effects of Performance Standards and Bureaucratic Preferences on Acceptance into the JTPA Program,” with J. Heckman and J. Smith, *Reinventing Government and the Problem of Bureaucracy*, Vol 6, JAI Press Series Advances in the Study of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economic Growth, ed. G. Libecap, 1996.

“The Effects of Government Policy on Human Capital Investment and Wage Inequality,” with J. Heckman, L. Lochner, and J. Smith, *Chicago Policy Review*, Spring 1997.

“Accounting for Dropouts in Evaluations of Social Experiments,” with J. Heckman and J. Smith, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Jan. 1998.

“The Effects of Government Policies on Human Capital Investment, Unemployment, and Earnings Inequality,” with J. Heckman, L. Lochner, and J. Smith, *Third Public GAAC Symposium-Labor Markets in Germany and the USA*, 1998.

“Explaining Rising Wage Inequality: Explorations with a Dynamic General Equilibrium Model of Labor Earnings With Heterogeneous Agents,” with J. Heckman and L. Lochner, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, January 1998.

- “General Equilibrium Treatment Effects: A Study of Tuition Policy,” with J. Heckman and L. Lochner, *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, May 1998.
- “Tax Policy and Human Capital Formation,” with J. Heckman and L. Lochner, *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, May 1998.
- “Human Capital Formation and General Equilibrium Treatment Effects: A study of Tax and Tuition Policy,” with J. Heckman and L. Lochner, *Fiscal Studies*, 1999.
- “Evaluation of Education and Tax Policy in a General Equilibrium Setting,” with J. Heckman and L. Lochner, *Trade, Development, and Growth: Essays in Honor of T. N. Srinivasan*, Ranis and Raut eds. 1999.
- “Wage Progression Among Low Skilled Workers,” with T. Gladden, *Finding Jobs: Work and Welfare Reform*, Card and Blank eds., 2000.
- “Semiparametric Identification and Heterogeneity in Dynamic Programming Discrete Choice Models,” *Journal of Econometrics*, June 2000.
- “Propensity Score Matching with Instrumental Variables,” joint with Hidehiko Ichimura, *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, May 2001.
- “The Rising College Premium in the Eighties: Return to College or Return to Unobserved Ability,” *Review of Economic Studies*, July, 2001.
- “Semiparametric Reduced Form Estimation of Tuition Subsidies,” with H. Ichimura, *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, May 2002.
- “Tax Reform and Human Capital Accumulation: Evidence from an Empirical General Equilibrium Model of Skill Formation,” *Advances in Economic Analysis & Policy*, Vol. 2: No. 1, Article 3, 2002.
- “Estimation of Educational Borrowing Constraints using Returns to Schooling,” with S. Cameron, *Journal of Political Economy*, Vol 112, February 2004.
- “Selection on Observed and Unobserved Variables: Assessing the Effectiveness of Catholic Schools,” with J. Altonji and T. Elder, *Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 113, February 2005.
- “An Evaluation of Instrumental Variable Strategies for Estimating the Effects of Catholic Schooling,” with J. Altonji and T. Elder, *Journal of Human Resources*, Fall 2005.
- “The Changing Pattern of Wage Growth for Low Skilled Workers,” with E. French and B. Mazumder, *Working and Poor: How Economic and Policy Changes Are Affecting Low-Wage Workers*, Blank, Danziger, Shoeni eds., 2006.
- “Using Selection of Observed Variables to Assess Bias from Unobservables when Evaluating Swan-Ganz Catheterization” with J. Altonji and T. Elder, *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, May 2008.
- “The Relationship between Wage Growth and Wage Levels,” with Tricia Gladden, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, Sept./Oct. 2009.

- “Estimating the Effect of Student Aid on College Enrollment: Evidence from a Government Grant Policy Reform,” with H. Skyt Nielson and T. Sorensen, *American Economic Journals: Economic Policy*, May, 2010.
- “Displacement, Asymmetric Information and Heterogeneous Human Capital”, with L. Hu, *Journal of Labor Economics*, Jan. 2011.
- “Identification of Models of the Labor Market,” with Eric French, *The Handbook of Labor Economics*, Volume 4A, Chapter 6, 2011.
- “Inference with Difference in Differences with a Small Number of Policy Changes,” with T. Conley, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Feb., 2011.
- “Lifecycle Wage Growth and Heterogeneous Human Capital,” with Carl Sanders, *Annual Review of Economics* 2012, Vol. 4.
- “Estimating the Cream Skimming Effect of Private School Vouchers on Public School Students,” with J. Altonji and C. Huang, *Journal of Political Economy*, April 2015,
- “Difference-in-Differences Method in Comparative Effectiveness Research: Utility with Unbalanced Groups,” with H. Zhou, Y. Li, and S. Arcona, *Applied Health Economics and Health Policy*, August 2016.
- “Estimation of a Roy/Search/Compensating Differentials Model of the Labor Market” , with R. Vejlin, *Econometrica*, May 2020.
- “Indirect Inference with Importance Sampling: An Application to Women’s Wage Growth” with R. Sauer, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, May 2021.
- “Estimation of a Life-Cycle Model with Human Capital, Labor Supply and Retirement” , with A. Seshadri and X. Fan *Journal of Political Economy*, Jan. 2024.

Published Comments, etc.:

- “Comment on: Taxation and the Labor Supply of the Affluent” by Moffitt and Wilhelm. *Does Atlas Shrug? The Economic Consequences of Taxing the Rich*, J. Slemrod ed, 2000.
- “Comment on: Going to College and Finishing College: Explaining Different Educational Outcomes” by Sarah Turner. *College Choices: The Economics of Where to Go, When to Go, and How to Pay for It*, C. Hoxby ed, 2004.
- “How to do Empirical Economics,” with F. Kramarz (editor), J. Angrist, D. Blau, A. Falk, and J. Robin, *Investigaciones Económicas*, May, 2006.
- “Labour Economics,” with B. Weinberg, *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2008.
- “The Roy Model,” with J. Heckman, *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2008.

“Thoughts on ‘Transparency in Structural Research’”, *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, 2020.

Working Papers and Work Under Review:

“Evaluation and Identification of Semiparametric Maximum Likelihood Models of Dynamic Discrete Choice,” with S. Cameron, November, 1998.

“Direct Estimation of Policy Impacts,” with H. Ichimura, Aug., 2019.

“Skill Prices, Occupations, and Changes in the Wage Structure for Low Skilled Men” with N. Roys, (*R&R Journal of Political Economy*).

Work in Progress:

“Methods for Using Selection on Observed Variables to Address Selection on Unobserved Variables, ” with J. Altonji, T. Conley, and T. Elder.

“Understanding College Dropout,” with A. Yang and D. Harris.

“Teachers’ Labor Market and Student Outcomes,” with C. Fu, J. Liu, and M. Wiswall.

Research Support:

“Collaborative Research on Dynamic Models of Earnings and Human Capital Accumulation for Policy Analysis in Partial Equilibrium and General Equilibrium Models,” National Science Foundation, James Heckman, PI, Oct. 1997-Oct. 2000,

“The Effects of Catholic Schools and Single-Sex Education,” NICHD, Joseph Altonji, PI, 1998-2001.

“The Relationship between Wage Growth and Wage Levels,” Joint Center for Policy Research small grants program, 1999-2000.

“Turnover and Wage Growth in the Transition from School to Work,” William T. Grant Foundation, 2002-2004.

“The Effect of Private School Vouchers on Student Performance,” Searle Fund, 2002-2004.

“Evaluation of Policy Impacts,” NSF, 2002-2004.

“Sources of Wage Inequality,” NSF, 2006-2009.

Editorial Service:

Associate Editor, *International Economic Review*, 2003-2008.

Associate Editor, *The Berkeley Electronic Press Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy*, 2002-2004.

Associate Editor, *The Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 2004-2007.

Associate Editor, *Labour Economics*, 2006-2008.

Editor-in-Chief, *The Journal of Labor Economics*, 2007-2012.

Associate Editor, *Econometrica*, 2013-2019

Editor, *Quantitative Economics*, 2017-2021