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Curriculum Vitae (updated August 2006)

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Education

Ph.D., Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2002

A.B., Economics, Highest Honors, Princeton University, 1996

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Wolf Balleisen Memorial Award, Department of Economics, for the outstanding senior thesis in the field of economics

Professional Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 2006-

Fellow, Economic Studies Program, Brookings Institution, 2005 –

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Wellesley College, 2002-2005

Other Affiliations

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2002-

Research Affiliate, Joint Center for Poverty Research, 2002-2004

Memberships: American Economic Association, Association of Public Policy and Management,
National Tax Association

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Early Career Fellowship in Economic Studies, Brookings
Institution, 2004

National Tax Association Outstanding Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention, 2002

MIT Department of Economics Fellowship, 1998-2002

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 1998-2001

Harry S. Truman Scholar, 1995

National Coca-Cola Scholar, 1992

Academic and Conference Presentations

- 2005 - 2006 Princeton University Dept of Economics; Yale University Dept of Economics; Cornell University School of Policy Analysis and Management; Princeton-Brookings *Future of Children* authors conference
- 2004 – 2005 NBER Summer Institute 2004; Brookings Institution; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference; Econometric Society Annual Meeting; University of Maryland; Federal Reserve Board of Governors; Heinz School of Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University; St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank; Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management
- 2003 – 2004 NBER Summer Institute 2003; Fundacion Ramon Areces, Madrid, Spain; University of Chicago GSB
- 2002 – 2003 NBER Summer Institute 2002; National Tax Association Annual Conference; University of Chicago; University of New Hampshire; Dartmouth College; Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
- 2001- 2002 Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Princeton University; Brown University; Wellesley College

Policy Presentations

Institute for Policy Research (IPR) at Northwestern, Policy Briefing - “The Evolution of the Social Safety Net: Change for the Better?” 2005
 American Enterprise Institute – “Does SSI Enduringly Reduce Child Poverty,” 2005

Professional Service

Ad hoc reviewer for journals:

American Economic Review, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Southern Economics, Labour Economics, National Tax Journal, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics

Ad hoc reviewer for research proposals:

National Science Foundation

Conference Discussant:

Brookings conference on policies to reduce poverty (2006); Econometric Society Annual Meeting (2004)

National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy – member of the Effective Research and Programs Task Force

Journal Publications

“The Polarization of the U.S. Labor Market,” *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, May 2006, 96(2). (with David H. Autor and Lawrence F. Katz)

“Intergenerational Mobility for Women and Minorities in the United States,” *Future of Children*, forthcoming Fall 2006, 16(2).

“State Lotteries and Consumer Behavior,” *Journal of Public Economics*, 2005, 89: 2269-2299.

“The Economic Winners and Losers of Legalized Gambling,” *National Tax Journal*, June 2005, 58: 281-302.

“Is There an Effect of Incremental Welfare Benefits on Fertility Behavior? A Look at the Family Cap” *Journal of Human Resources*, 2004, 39(2): 295-325.

Working Papers

“Lucky Stores, Gambling, and Addiction: Empirical Evidence from State Lottery Sales,” with Jonathan Guryan, NBER working paper 11287 (revise and resubmit at *American Economic Review*)

“The Impact of Child SSI Enrollment on Household Outcomes: Evidence from the SIPP”, with Mark Duggan, NBER working paper 11568 (under peer review)

“Trends in U.S. Wage Inequality: Re-Assessing the Revisionists”, with David Autor and Larry Katz, NBER working paper 11627 (revise and resubmit at *Review of Economics and Statistics*)

“Rising Wage Inequality: The Role of Composition and Prices”, with David Autor and Larry Katz, NBER working paper 11628 (revise and resubmit at *Journal of Labor Economics*)

“Estimating Preferences Under Risk: The Case of State Lottery Bettors,” in Ph.D. thesis, MIT Department of Economics

Research in Progress

“Does Expanding Publicly-Funded Family Planning Services Reduce Births and Abortions?” with Phil Levine

“Socioeconomic Disadvantage and Early Childbearing” with Phil Levine

“Medicaid Prescription Drug Cost Containment Strategies” with Mark Duggan

“Cash-Flow Sensitivity of Shut-down Decisions by Small Businesses: Evidence from Lottery Jackpots to Lottery Retailers” with Jonathan Guryan

“Lottery Players: What are they thinking?” with Jenny Liao

Grants

National Institute of Child Health and Development. The Impact of Child SSI Enrollment. R03HD050441. (with Mark Duggan), 2005 – 2007.

Citations in Press/Radio Appearances

Economist; Washington Post; Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Regional Focus; BBC Live at Five!; Detroit News; Fed Gazette; Christian Science Monitor; Boston Herald; Raleigh-Durham News & Observer

Teaching At Wellesley College (all undergraduate)

Econometrics; Intermediate Microeconomics; Economic Analysis of Social Policy

Other Professional Experience

M.I.T. Department of Economics Graduate Computer Lab Stata Consultant, 2001-2002
Research Assistant to Joshua Angrist, David Autor, Jonathan Gruber, 1999-2000
Research Assistant/Programmer, Mathematica Policy Research, Washington, D.C., 1996-1998
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for courses in econometrics, Princeton University, 1995-1996
Research Assistant to Professors David Card and Cecilia Rouse, Princeton University, 1995

Personal

Birth date: May 13, 1974

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Family: married (Dan Kearney), son (William, born June 2005)