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TEACHING AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2012- Associate Professor of Public Policy, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
- 2005-2012 Assistant Professor of Public Policy, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
- 2005-2013 Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
- 2013- Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research
- 2003-2005 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research, University of California, Berkeley

EDUCATION

- 2003 Ph.D., Economics, Harvard University
Dissertation: School Desegregation: Successes and Failures in Integration since *Brown vs. Board of Education*
- 1996 A.B., Economics, Harvard University, *magna cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

- “The Quest for a Targeted and Effective Title I ESEA: Challenges in Designing and Implementing Fiscal Compliance Rules,” (with Nora Gordon), *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, December 2015.
- “[The K-12 Education Battle](#),” (with Elizabeth Cascio), In *The Legacies of the War on Poverty*, July 2013, Sheldon Danziger and Martha J. Bailey, eds.
- “[The Poverty Gap in School Spending Following the Introduction of Title I](#),” (with Elizabeth Cascio), *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, May 2013.
- “[Local Responses to Federal Grants: Evidence from the Introduction of Title I in the South](#),” (with Elizabeth Cascio and Nora Gordon), *American Economic Journal: Economic*

Policy, August 2013. (formerly “Federal Aid and Equality of Educational Opportunity: Evidence from the Introduction of Title I in the South,” NBER WP 17155).

[“From Separate and Unequal to Integrated and Equal? School Desegregation and School Finance in Louisiana,”](#) *Review of Economics and Statistics*. May 2011.

[“Desegregation and Educational Attainment for Blacks,”](#) *Journal of Human Resources*. Fall 2010.

[“Paying for Progress: Conditional Grants and the Desegregation of Southern Schools,”](#) (with Elizabeth Cascio, Nora Gordon, and Ethan Lewis), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. February 2010. ([Online Appendix](#))

[“From Brown to Busing,”](#) (with Elizabeth Cascio, Nora Gordon, and Ethan Lewis), *Journal of Urban Economics*. September 2008.

[“Court-Ordered Desegregation: Successes and Failures in Integration Since Brown vs. Board of Education,”](#) *Journal of Human Resources*. Summer 2005.

[“Paying for Health Insurance: The Tradeoff between Competition and Adverse Selection,”](#) with David M. Cutler, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. May 1998.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Description: Why and how descriptive analysis informs education decisions, A Guide for Researchers (with Loeb, S., S. Dynarski, D. McFarland, P. Morris, S. Reardon), Institute for Education Sciences Applied Research Methods Series. Forthcoming.

Comment on “Explaining Trends in High School Graduation: The Changing Elementary and Secondary Education Policy Landscape and Income Inequality over the Last Half Century” by Nora Gordon. In [Human Capital In History](#), Leah Platt Boustan, Carola Frydman, and Robert A. Margo, eds. 2014.

[Review of Sharing the Prize: The Economics of the Civil Rights Movement in the South.](#) By Gavin Wright. In *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*. Winter 2014.

[Review of The Elusive Ideal: Equal Educational Opportunity and the Federal Role in Boston's Public Schools, 1950-1985.](#) By Adam R. Nelson. In *Journal of Economic History*. December 2005.

WORKING PAPERS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Promoting College Enrollment among Disadvantaged Students: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Two Low-Cost Interventions” (with Meredith Phillips).

“Did School Desegregation Increase Social Contact between Blacks and Whites? Evidence from Mixed-Race Births” (with Nora Gordon).

“State and Local Fiscal Responses to the Introduction of Title I” (with Elizabeth Cascio and Nora Gordon).

“Do Rising Health Insurance Costs Reduce Employment?” (with Gideon Lukens).

TEACHING

Awards

- Public Policy Professor of the Year (2016)
- Best MPP Course (2015, 2016)

Courses Taught

- Principles of Microeconomic Theory I (MPP core course)
- Statistical Methods for Policy Analysis II (MPP core course)
- Health Care Policy and Finance (Public Policy/Health Services Research)
- The Economics of Education Policy (Public Policy)
- Arguing with Data: Introduction to Descriptive Data Analysis (Public Policy)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Institute for Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, *Promoting College Enrollment among Disadvantaged Students: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Two Low-Cost Interventions*, Joint PIs (in alphabetical order): Tiffani Chin, Meredith Phillips, Sarah Reber; August 2011-July 2015; \$2,977,299.

National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2008/09-2009/10.

UCLA Center for American Politics and Public Policy Kenneth L. Sokoloff Fellow, 2008/09.

California Center for Population Research Seed Grant, *The Health Effects of Air Pollution: Evidence from Forest Fires*, 2006-2007, \$12,500.

Spencer Foundation, Research Grant, *The Federal Role in Equality of Educational Opportunity: Evidence from the Civil Rights Act and Title I*, co-principal investigator with Elizabeth Cascio and Nora Gordon, 2006-2008, Award Number 200600131, \$157,400.

National Science Foundation, Research Grant, *Local Responses to Federal Education Policy: Evidence from the Civil Rights Act and Title I*, co-principal investigator with Nora Gordon, Elizabeth Cascio, and Ethan Lewis, 2005-2007, Award Number 0519126, \$220,441.

University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, Regional Small Grant recipient, 2005-2006. \$18,423.

Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship for Research Related to Education, 2002-2003.

American Educational Research Association Dissertation Fellowship, 2002-2003.

National Science Foundation, Graduate Fellowship, 1998-2001.

Lincoln Institute for Land Use Policy Dissertation Grant, 2001-2002.

PRESENTATIONS

2015-2016: University of Virginia, Batton School of Public Policy and Leadership; Annual Meetings of the American Economics Association.

2014-2015: Southern California Conference in Applied Economics (discussant); Teachers College, Columbia University; American Education Finance and Policy Association Annual Conference; California Center for Population Research (CCPR), UCLA

2013-2014: Southern California Conference in Applied Economics (discussant)

2012-2013: Human Capital in History Conference in honor of Claudia Goldin, NBER (discussant); Annual Meetings of the American Economics Association (presenter and discussant); University of California, Santa Barbara; University of Southern California Rossier School of Education; Northwestern University; Southern California Conference in Applied Economics (discussant)

2011-2012: All-California Labor Economics Conference, RAND

2010-2011: Stanford University; National Bureau of Economics, Education Program Meetings; University of Texas, Austin; University of Wisconsin, Madison; Annual Meetings of the American Economics Association; Annual Meetings of the Association for Education Finance and Policy; Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics (discussant)

2009-2010: University of Colorado, Boulder; University of California, Irvine; Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics (discussant)

2008-2009: Annual Meetings of the National Academy of Education; Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin; University of Colorado, Denver; University of Colorado School of Education, Boulder

2007-2008: University of California, Davis

2006-2007: American Economic Association Annual Meetings

2005-2006: Northwestern Kellogg School of Management; American Economic Association Annual Meetings (discussant)

2004-2005: Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Meetings; Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin

2003-2004: Princeton University; Annual Meetings of the National Tax Association; Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Meetings; National Bureau of Economics, Education Program Meetings; University of Chicago Harris School (discussant)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Co-Organizer (with Leah Boustan), All-California Labor Economics Conference, 2015

Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools, UCLA Academic Senate, 2013-

Selection Committee, National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Program, 2013-2016

Faculty Advisor to Denver Public Schools Fellows, Strategic Data Project, Harvard Graduate School of Education, 2011-2013

Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*, 2010 and 2011.

Referee: *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Inquiry*, *Berkeley Electronic Press*, *Demography*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Human Capital*, *European Economic Review*, *Industrial Relations*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Social Science Review*.

President's Council of Economic Advisers

- Staff Economist, May 1997-June 1998
- Research Assistant, August 1996-May 1997