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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Policy, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, June 1999.
Thesis: *Essays on the Changing Labor Market: Computerization, Inequality, and the Development of the Contingent Work Force.*

M.A., Public Policy, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, June 1994.
Thesis: *Charting the Impacts of the Computer Revolution: New Evidence from the Current Population Survey.*

B.A., Psychology (minor Computer Science), Tufts University, Medford, MA, 1989. (Summa cum Laude. Phi Beta Kappa.).

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Human capital and earnings inequality; Labor market impacts of technological change; Contingent and intermediated work arrangements; Health, disability and labor supply; Employment protection and labor market operation.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2008 (Spring) – Professor, MIT Department of Economics
- 2007 (Spring) – Visiting Associate Professor, University of Chicago, Department of Economics
- 2006 (Fall) – Ford Foundation Visiting Associate Professor of Economics, University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business
- 2005 (July) – Associate Professor with tenure
- 2003 (July) – Pentti J.K. Kouri Career Development Associate Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Economics, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 2002 (July) – Pentti J.K. Kouri Career Development Assistant Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Economics, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 2002 (May) – Visiting Assistant Professor, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
Delivering a five lecture course, “Biased Technical Change and Earnings Inequality: What is the Evidence? What are the Alternatives?”
- 2002 (Spring) – Visiting Scholar, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Economics, Center for Labor Economics, Berkeley, California
- 2001 (Fall) – Visiting Scholar, Princeton University, Department of Economics, Industrial Relations Section, Princeton, New Jersey
- 1999 (July) – Assistant Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Economics, Cambridge, Massachusetts

OTHER AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- 2009 – Editor in Chief, the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*
- 2007 – Organizer, “Conference on Labor Market Intermediation.” Co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, May 17 and 18, 2007 (conference volume to be published by the University of Chicago Press)
- 2007 – Board of Editors, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*
- 2007 – Board of Editors, *Journal of Labor Economics*
- 2007 – American Economic Association, Census Advisory Committee
- 2007 – Member, Technical Review Committee, National Longitudinal Study

- 2006 – Faculty Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research
- 2006 – Research Fellow, IZA, Bonn Germany
- 2006 – Program Committee, 2007 American Economics Association Annual Meeting
- 2005 – Program Committee, 2006 Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting
- 2004 – Board of Editors, *Journal of Economic Literature*
- 2004 – Organizer, “The Link Between Income and Consumption Inequality.” Fundación Ramón Areces, Madrid, March 26-27 (Co-organizer: Pedro Albarran, University Carlos III de Madrid)
- 2003 – Technical Advisor, Social Security Administration, “Ticket to Work and Adequacy of Work Incentives Advisory Panel”
- 2003 – Member, Scientific Committee, Conference on the Economics of Information and Communications Technologies, ZEW, Mannheim, Germany, July
- 2002 - present – Associate Editor, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*
- 1999 - present – Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
- 1999 - present – Faculty Affiliate, Joint Center for Poverty Research, Northwestern University/University of Chicago

AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2008 Sherwin Rosen Prize for Outstanding Contributions in the Field of Labor Economics awarded by the Society of Labor Economists.
- 2008 W.J. Usery Lecture, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University.
- 2007 Keynote Speaker, Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network: Conference on Education, Training and School-to-Work Transitions. Ontario, Canada, September.
- 2006 Joseph Schumpeter Lectures, Humboldt University, Berlin.
- 2006 John T. Dunlop Outstanding Scholar Award by the Labor and Employment Relations Association.
- 2005 MIT Undergraduate Economics Association Teaching Award.
- 2004 Invited Participant, National Academy of Sciences/Beckman Frontiers of Science Symposium.
- 2003 Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship, 2003 – 2005.
- 2002 Eligible Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University.
- 2002 Honorable Mention, Minnesota Award for best paper on Institutions and the Labor Market, “Why Do Temporary Help Firms Provide Free General Skills Training?”
- 2001 First Prize, Milken Institute Award for Distinguished Economic Research, “The Contribution of Unjust Dismissal Doctrine to the Growth of Employment Outsourcing.”
- 1999 Honorable Mention, Upjohn Institute for Employment Research Dissertation Prize.
- 1997 Harvard University Graduate Society Dissertation Fellowship.
- 1996 Harvard University Graduate Society Term Fellowship.
- 1995 Harvard University Graduate Society Summer Research Fellowship.
- 1994 Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy Doctoral Fellow.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2007 Social Security Administration Research Grant, “Interactions between Veteran's Disability, Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance, and Supplemental Security Insurance.”
- 2006 Social Security Administration Research Grant, “How Does the Design of Social Security Affect Work and Retirement Decisions? Disability Insurance and Labor Supply Forecasts.”
- 2005 Russell Sage Foundation Grant for Preparation of Manuscript on the Role of Temporary Help Employment in Low-Skilled Labor Markets.
- 2005 MIT \$50K Wade Fund Award, “Do Temporary Help Jobs Facilitate Labor Market Advancement for Low Skilled Workers? Evidence from Random Assignments.”
- 2003 National Science Foundation CAREER Award SES-0239538, “Empirical Studies of Labor Market Intermediation.”
- 2001 Russell Sage/Ford Foundation/Rockefeller Foundation Grant for Experimental Study of Impact of For-Profit Labor Market Intermediaries on Labor Market Outcomes.
- 2001 Steven H. Sandell Grant for Junior Scholars in Retirement Research.

- 2000 MIT James H. Ferry Fund Award for Innovation in Research Education.
2000 Russell Sage/Ford Foundation/Rockefeller Foundation Grant for Research on For-Profit Labor Market Intermediaries.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Graduate: Graduate Labor Economics I, II and III; Graduate labor topics: "Technical Change and Inequality: What is the Evidence? What are the Alternatives?"
Undergraduate: "Microeconomic Theory and Public Policy;" "Putting Social Science to the Test: Experiments in Economics," "Inequality and Public Policy."

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- "Studies of Labor Market Intermediation." Accepted for Publication (final revisions pending). University of Chicago Press (D. Autor, Editor).
- "Does Job Testing Harm Minority Workers? Evidence from Retail Establishments." 2008. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 123(1), November, 219 – 277 (with David Scarborough).
- "Trends in U.S. Wage Inequality: Re-Assessing the Revisionists." 2008. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 90(2), May, 300 – 323 (with Lawrence F. Katz and Melissa Schettini Kearney).
- "Do Employment Protections Reduce Productivity? Evidence from U.S. States." 2007. *The Economic Journal*, 117, June, F189-F219 (with Adriana R. Kugler and William D. Kerr).
- "The Costs of Wrongful-Discharge Laws." 2006. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 88(2), May, 211 – 231 (with John J. Donohue III and Stewart J. Schwab).
- "Women War and Wages: The Impact of Female Labor Supply on the Wage Structure at Mid-Century." 2004. *Journal of Political Economy*, 112(3), June, 497 – 551 (with Daron Acemoglu and David Lyle).
- "The Skill Content of Recent Technological Change: An Empirical Exploration." 2003. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 118(4), November, 1279 – 1334 (with Richard J. Murnane and Frank Levy).
- "The Rise in the Disability Rolls and the Decline in Unemployment." 2003. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 118(1), February, 157 – 206 (with Mark G. Duggan).
- "Outsourcing at Will: The Contribution of Unjust Dismissal Doctrine to the Growth of Employment Outsourcing." 2003. *Journal of Labor Economics*, 21(1), January, 1 – 42.
- "Why do Temporary Help Firms Provide Free General Skills Training?" 2001. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 116 (4), November, 1409-1448.
- "Upstairs Downstairs: Computers and Skills on Two Floors of a Large Bank." 2002. *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 55 (3), April, 432 – 447 (with Frank Levy and Richard J. Murnane).
- "Wiring the Labor Market." 2001. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 15(1), Winter, 25 – 40.
- "Changes in the Wage Structure and Earnings Inequality." 1999. in Orley Ashenfelter and David Card, eds., *Handbook of Labor Economics*, Volume 3A, Amsterdam: Elsevier-North Holland, 1463 –1555 (with Lawrence F. Katz).
- "Computing Inequality: Have Computers Changed the Labor Market?" 1998. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 113 (4), November, 1169-1214 (with Lawrence F. Katz, and Alan B. Krueger).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Structural Demand Shifts and Potential Labor Supply Responses in the New Century.” 2007 (forthcoming). *Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Conference Series No. 52: Labor Supply in the New Century*.
- “Distinguishing Income from Substitution Effects in Disability Insurance.” 2007. *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 97(2), May, 119-124 (with Mark G. Duggan).
- “The Growth in the Social Security Disability Rolls: A Fiscal Crisis Unfolding.” 2006. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 20(3), Summer, 71 – 96 (with Mark G. Duggan).
- “The Polarization of the U.S. Labor Market.” 2006. *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 96(2), May, 189 – 194 (with Lawrence F. Katz and Melissa S. Kearney).
- “Temporary Agency Employment as a Way out of Poverty?” 2006. in Rebecca Blank, Sheldon Danziger and Robert Schoeni (eds.) *Working but Poor: How Economic and Policy Changes are Affecting Low-Wage Workers*, New York: Russell Sage (with Susan N. Houseman).
- “The Employment Consequences of Wrongful-Discharge Laws: Large, Small, or None at All?” 2004, *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 94(2), May (with John J. Donohue III and Stewart S. Schwab).
- “Computer-Based Technological Change and Skill Demands: Reconciling the Perspectives of Economists and Sociologists.” 2003. In Eileen Applebaum, Annette Bernhardt, and Richard Murnane (eds.) *Low-Wage America*, New York: Russell Sage, 121 – 154 (with Frank Levy and Richard J. Murnane).
- “The Role of Temporary Employment Agencies in Welfare-to-Work: Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution?” 2002. *Focus*, 22(1), 63 – 70 (with Susan N. Houseman).
- “Skill Demand, Computerization and Inequality: Connecting the Dots.” 2002. In Donna K. Ginther and Madeline Zavodny, *Technology Growth and the Labor Market*, Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 107 – 130 (with Frank Levy and Richard J. Murnane).
- Review: “The Decline in Employment of People with Disabilities: A Policy Puzzle,” by David C. Stapleton and Richard V. Burkhauser, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 57(4), July, 629 – 631.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Minimal Impact: The Minimum Wage’s Role in the Evolution of U.S. Wage Inequality over Three Decades.” 2008. MIT mimeograph, July (with Alan Manning and Christopher L. Smith).
- “Inequality and Specialization: The Growth of Low-Skill Service Jobs in the United States.” 2008. MIT mimeograph, July (with David Dorn). [Revised from August 2007.]
- “Distinguishing Income from Substitution Effects in Disability Insurance: Preliminary Evidence from the Veterans Disability Compensation Program.” 2007. MIT mimeograph, March (with Mark G. Duggan).
- “Do Temporary Help Jobs Improve Labor Market Outcomes for Low-Skilled Workers? Evidence from ‘Work First.’” NBER Working Paper No. 11743, November 2005. Revised January 2008 (with Susan N. Houseman).
- “Rising Wage Inequality: The Role of Composition and Prices.” NBER Working Paper No. 11628, September 2005 (with Lawrence F. Katz and Melissa Schettini Kearney).

“Do Temporary Help Jobs Improve Labor Market Outcomes? A Pilot Analysis with Welfare Clients.”
2002. MIT Mimeo, December (with Susan N. Houseman).

CURRENT PROJECTS

“Lectures in Labor Economics.” *Book Manuscript*, (with Daron Acemoglu).

“Inequality in Wealth, Income, and Consumption, and Labor Supply.” *Annual Review of Economics*,
Volume 1. (Commissioned manuscript).

“The Efficacy of Private Disability Insurers in Encouraging Return to Work.” (with Mark G. Duggan
and Jon Gruber).

“The Joint Effect of Dismissal Protections on Employment and Productivity: An Empirical Test” (with
William Kerr, Bjoern Bruegemann and Adriana Kugler)

“Quantile Instrumental Variables Estimates of the Effects of Temporary Help and Direct-Hire Job
Placements on Labor Market Outcomes.” (with Susan N. Houseman and Sari Pekkala Kerr).

“Estimating the Effects of Job Placements on Labor Market Outcomes: A Comparison of Propensity
Score and Instrumental Variables Techniques.” (with Tal Gross and Susan N. Houseman).

“The Role of Temporary Help Employment in Low Skill Labor Markets.” *Book Manuscript*, the Russell
Sage Foundation (with Susan N. Houseman).