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APPOINTMENTS

University of California-Los Angeles, Department of Economics, Professor, 2020-
National Bureau of Economic Research, Faculty Research Fellow, 2006-2013; Research Associate 2013-
(Groups: Development of the American Economy, Labor Studies, Children)
Center for Economic Policy Research, 2019-
CESifo, Research Affiliate, 2009-
IZA, Research Fellow, 2014-
University of Michigan, Department of Economics, Professor, 2017-2020; Associate Professor (with tenure),
2013-17; Assistant Professor, 2007-13; Population Studies Center, Research Professor, 2017-2020;
Research Associate Professor, 2013-7; Faculty Associate, 2008-13
University of California, Berkeley, Department of Demography, Visiting Scholar, 2010-2011
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Scholar in Health Policy Research, 2005- 2007

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, 2005, Ph.D. in Economics
Vanderbilt University, 2003, M.A. in Economics
Agnes Scott College, 1997, B.A. in Economics and German

PUBLICATIONS (former student or student co-authors are underlined>)

Edited Volumes:

A Half Century of Change in the Lives of American Women (coedited with Tom DiPrete). Russell Sage Foundation
Journal of the Social Sciences. (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2016).

Legacies of the War on Poverty (coedited with Sheldon Danziger). (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2013).

Databases

“Summary of Procedure to Match NUMIDENT Place of Birth County to GNIS Places” (with Evan Taylor and
Bryan Stuart). *CES Technical Notes Series*, 2016. Link [here](#). Database available in the RDC with proper
clearance.

“US County-Level Natality and Mortality Data, 1915-2007” (with Karen Clay, Price Fishback, Michael Haines,
Shawn Kantor, Edson Severnini, and Anna Wentz), Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for
Political and Social Research [distributor], 2018-05-02. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E100229V4>.

Articles:

“Prep School for Poor Kids: The Long-Run Impact of Head Start on Health, Human Capital and Productivity”
(with [Shuqiao Sun](#) and [Brenden Timpe](#)), December 2021, [NBER Working Paper](#), conditionally accepted at
the *American Economic Review*.

* Featured in the April 2021 NBER Digest.

- “Changes in the U.S. Gender Gap in Wages in the 1960s” (with [Thomas Helgerman](#) and [Bryan A. Stuart](#)), forthcoming, *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings* 111, link [here](#).
- “The Economic Effects of a Very High *National* Minimum Wage: Evidence from the 1966 Amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act” (with John E. DiNardo and [Bryan A. Stuart](#)), forthcoming, *Journal of Labor Economics*, link [here](#). [NBER Working Paper 26926](#).
- * Featured on NPR, January 29, 2021, “[Should We Raise the Minimum Wage](#)”
- “Does Age at Marriage Affect Marital Stability or Women’s Education? The Case of the Midnight Marriages” (with [Emily Beam](#) and [Anna Wentz](#)), 2021, *Economic Inquiry*, link [here](#).
- “How Well Do Automated Methods Linking Perform? Evidence from the LIFE-M Project” (with [Connor Cole](#), [Morgan Henderson](#) and Catherine Massey), 2020, *Journal of Economic Literature* 58 (4):997-1044. [NBER Working Paper 24019](#).
- “Equal Opportunities Begin with Contraception,” December 2020, *Nature*, link [here](#).
- “Trends in Birth Rates After Elimination of Cost Sharing for Contraception by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” (with Vanessa K. Dalton, Michelle Moniz, Lindsay K. Admon, Giselle Kolenic, Anca Tilea, and Mark Fendrick), 2020 *JAMA Network Open* 3 (11):e2024398, link [here](#).
- “The Demographic Effects of Dodging the Vietnam Draft: Evidence from Time Series” (with [Eric Chyn](#)), 2020, *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings* 110: 220-225, link [here](#).
- “Simple Strategies for Improving Inference with Linked Data: A Case Study of the 1850-1930 IPUMS Linked Representative Historical Samples” (with [Connor Cole](#) and Catherine Massey), 2019, *Historical Methods*, link [here](#).
- “Do Family Planning Programs Increase Children’s Opportunities? Evidence from the War on Poverty and the Early Years of Title X” (with Zoë McLaren and [Olga Malkova](#)), 2018, *Journal of Human Resources* 54 (4): 825-856. [NBER Working Paper 23971](#). [PMCID: PMC6876122](#).
- “Fertility” (with [Brad J. Hershbein](#)). In L. Cain, P. Fishback and P.W. Rhode (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of American Economic History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, June 2018), link [here](#).
- “Access and Use of Contraception and Its Effects on Women’s Outcomes in the U.S.” (with Jason Lindo). In L. Argys, S. Averett, and S. Hoffman (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Women and the Economy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, May 2018). [NBER Working Paper 23465](#).
- “Five Decades of Remarkable, but Slowing, Change in U.S. Women’s Economic and Social Status and Political Participation” (with Tom A. DiPrete). In M.J. Bailey and T.A. DiPrete (eds.), *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2016). [PMCID: PMC5115603](#).
- “Hope for America’s Next Generation” (with [Brenden Timpe](#)). *Science* 352 (6286), May 2016. [PMCID: PMC4900691](#).
- “The War on Poverty’s Experiment in Public Medicine: The Impact of Community Health Centers on the Mortality of Older Americans” (with [Andrew Goodman-Bacon](#)), *American Economic Review*, March 2015: 1067-1104. [PMCID: PMC4436657](#)
- “Is there a Case for a ‘Second Demographic Transition’: Three Distinctive Features of the Post-1960 U.S. Fertility Decline” (with Melanie Guldi and [Brad J. Hershbein](#)). In Boustan, Frydman, and Margo (eds.), *Human Capital and History: The American Record* (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2014), link [here](#).
- “How the U.S. Fought the War on Poverty: The Economics and Politics of Funding at the Office of Economic Opportunity” (with [Nicolas J. Duquette](#)), *Journal of Economic History*, June 2014: 351-388. [PMCID: PMC4266933](#).
- * 2014 Arthur H. Cole Prize for best article published in the *Journal of Economic History*
- “Do Family Planning Programs Decrease Poverty? Evidence from Public Census Data” (with [Olga Malkova](#) and [Johannes Norling](#)), *CESifo Economic Studies*, March 2014. [PMCID: PMC4206087](#).

- “Introduction: Legacies of the War on Poverty” (with Sheldon Danziger). In M.J. Bailey and S. Danziger (eds.) *Legacies of the War on Poverty*. (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2013), link [here](#).
- “Fifty Years of U.S. Family Planning: New Evidence on the Long-Run Effects of Increasing Access to Contraception,” *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Spring 2013: 341-409. [PMCID: PMC4203450](#).
- “Recent Evidence on the Broad Benefits of Reproductive Health Policy” (with Melanie Guldi and [Brad J. Hershbein](#)), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 32 (4), July 2013: 888-896. [PMCID: PMC4075263](#)
- “Further Evidence on the Internal Validity of the Early Legal Access Research Design” (with Melanie Guldi and [Brad J. Hershbein](#)), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 32 (4), July 2013: 899-904. [PMCID: PMC4075275](#)
- “The Opt-In Revolution? Contraception, Fertility Timing and the Gender Gap in Wages” (with [Brad J. Hershbein](#) and Amalia Miller), *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 4 (3), 2012: 225-54. [PMCID: PMC3684076](#)
- * Winner of the 2013 IZA Young Labor Economist Award.
- “Reexamining the Impact of U.S. Family Planning Programs on U.S. Fertility: Evidence from the War on Poverty and Early Years of Title X,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 4 (2), April 2012: 62-97. [PMCID: PMC3348617](#)
- “Inequality in Postsecondary Education” (with Susan Dynarski). In G.J. Duncan and R.J. Murnane (eds.), *Whither Opportunity? Rising Inequality, Schools, and Children’s Life Chances*. (Russell Sage: New York, New York, September 2011), link [here](#).
- * Featured in the May 2012 NBER Digest (<http://www.nber.org/digest/may12/may12.pdf>).
- “Did Improvements in Household Technology Cause the Baby Boom? Evidence from Electrification, Appliance Diffusion, and the Amish” (with William J. Collins), *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 3 (2), April 2011: 189-217, link [here](#).
- * Co-winner of the 2011 Best Published Work using IPUMS-USA data.
- “*Momma’s Got the Pill: How Anthony Comstock and Griswold v. Connecticut Shaped U.S. Childbearing*,” *American Economic Review* 100 (1), March 2010: 98-129. [NBER Working Paper 14675](#).
- * Winner of the CESifo Distinguished Research Affiliate Award for Best Paper by an Economist under 35, May 2009.
- “The Wage Gains of African-American Women in the 1940s” (with William J. Collins), *Journal of Economic History* 66 (3), September 2006. [NBER Working Paper 10621](#).
- “Laws and Policies Governing Contraceptive Access, 1960-1980” (with Melanie Guldi, [Allison Davido](#), and Erin Buzuvis), August 2011, link [here](#).
- “More Power to the Pill: The Impact of Contraceptive Freedom on Women’s Lifecycle Labor Supply,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 121 (1), February 2006: 289-320, link [here](#). Update: “Erratum and Addendum,” posted September 2009.
- “Review of Marissa Chappell *The War on Welfare*,” *Journal of Economic History* 71 (1), 2009.
- “Women’s Economic Advancement in the Twentieth Century United States,” Dissertation Summary, *Journal of Economic History* 66 (2), 2006.
- “Teachers in American History, 1754-1829,” In Paul Finkelman (ed.), *Encyclopedia of the New American Nation* (Farmington Hills, Michigan: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2005).
- “Review of Charles T. Clotfelter *After Brown: The Rise and Retreat of School Desegregation*,” *Economic History Services*, October 14, 2004, <http://www.eh.net/bookreviews/library/0859.shtml>

WORK IN PROGRESS (former student or student co-authors are underlined)

Book project: *The Age of the Pill*, in process.

- See my related [lecture](#) at the NBER Summer Institute, July 2019.

[The Longitudinal Intergenerational Family Electronic Micro-database](#) (LIFE-M): The LIFE-M project uses cutting-edge machine learning techniques to combining U.S. vital records (birth, marriage, death certificates) with census information into a longitudinal and intergenerational micro-database spanning the 20th Century U.S. Once completed (expected 2020), this project will include four generations of individuals and their families, beginning in the late 19th and covering most of the 20th century.

[The Michigan Contraceptive Access, Research and Evaluation Study](#) (M-CARES): a large, on-going individually randomized control trial in Michigan studying the impact of financial access to reproductive health care for poor women.

“The Long-Run Effects of California's Paid Family Leave on Women's Careers: Evidence from Tax Records” (with [Tanya Byker](#), [Elena Patel](#), and [Shanti Ramnath](#)), September 2019, [NBER Working Paper](#) and [CEPR Working Paper](#), revision requested at the *American Economic Journal-Policy*.

- Featured in the [New York Times](#), [Washington Post](#), and by the Washington Center of Equitable Growth [blog](#) among other outlets

“Is the Social Safety Net a Long-Term Investment? Large Scale Evidence for the Food Stamps Program” (with [Hilary Hoynes](#), [Maya Rossin-Slater](#), and [W. Reed Walker](#)), March 2020, [NBER Working Paper](#), revision requested at *Review of Economic Studies*.

“How Subsidies Affect Contraceptive Use among Low-Income Women in the U.S. A Randomized Control Trial” (with [Vanessa Wanner Lang](#), [Iris Vrioni](#), [Lea Bart](#), [Daniel Eisenberg](#), [Paula Fomby](#), [Jennifer Barber](#), and [Vanessa K. Dalton](#)), March 2021, link [here](#), under review.

“How the Equal Pay Act of 1963 Affected the U.S. Gender Gap” (with [Thomas Helgerman](#) and [Bryan Stuart](#)), April 2021.

“Childbearing in the United States: Past, Present and Future,” *Journal of Economic Literature*, in process.

“The Demographic Legacy of the Vietnam War: Evidence from the 1969 Draft Lottery” (with [Eric Chyn](#)).

“The Determinants of Life Expectancy in the 20th Century U.S.” (with [Michael J. Murto](#)), in process.

“The Long-Term Health and Economic Benefits of Community Health Centers (with [Valentina Duque](#), [Andrew Goodman-Bacon](#), and [Michael Murto](#)).

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS AND HONORS

American Economic Review: Insights, Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2020

NBER Summer Institute, Presentation on Fertility for the Social Security Administration, July 2019, link [here](#).

Keynote speaker, CESifo Venice Summer Institute, June 2019.

NBER Summer Institute Methods Lecture, July 2017, link [here](#).

University of Michigan, John Dewey Teaching Award, June 2017: University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and the Arts award for outstanding teaching of undergraduates

Keynote speaker, Mary MacKinnon Memorial Lecture, Canadian Network for Economic History, 2015

Keynote speaker, Annual Conference of the Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network, 2015

First Vice President of the Midwestern Economic Association, 2015

Arthur H. Cole Prize for best article published in the *Journal of Economic History*, 2014

IZA Young Labor Economist Award, 2013

University of Michigan, Class of 1923 Memorial Teaching Award, June 2013 (University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and the Arts award for outstanding teaching of undergraduates)

American Economic Review, Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2013

IPUMS-USA/IPUMS-CPS, 2011 Co-Winner of Best Published Work using IPUMS-USA/IPUMS-CPS Data

CESifo Distinguished Research Affiliate Award for Best Paper by an Economist under 35, 2009
 University of Illinois Foundation, *John E. Rovensky Fellowship*, 2004-05
 Economic History Association, *Dissertation Fellowship*, 2004-05
 Vanderbilt University, *Dissertation Enhancement Award*, March 2004
 National Bureau of Economic Research, *Dissertation Fellowship for Study of Nonprofit Institutions*, “A Case Study of the Nonprofit Sector in Providing Family Planning,” 2003-04; renewed 2004-05
 Poster Winner, Population Association of America Annual Meetings, April 2004
 Vanderbilt University, College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, 2003
 Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics, *Rendigs Fels Award for Excellence in Teaching*, 2003
 Phi Beta Kappa, Decatur Georgia Chapter, 1997

SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECTS

- \$3.89 million Bailey, PI: NIH, R01-HD100438
 “The Effects of Unintended Pregnancy on Children”
 This project expands the scope of the M-CARES project to examine the effects of mother’s financial access to contraceptives on their children who were born before the intervention.
- \$ 241,236 Bailey, PI: National Science Foundation, SMA 1757063/1757092, 2018-20 (with Tanya Byker)
 “Measuring the Long-Term Effects of California’s 2004 Paid Family Leave with Tax Data”
 This project uses administrative IRS-tax data to understand how California’s 2004 paid leave statute affected parents’ careers and family structure over its first decade in existence.
- \$1.07 million Bailey, PI: NIH, R01-AG057704, 2018-21
 “Longitudinal and Intergenerational Determinants of Aging and Mortality”
 This project uses innovations in automated indexing and machine learning to digitize and cross-validate hand-written cause of death information and add this variable to the LIFE-M data.
- \$ 427,395 Bailey, PI: NIH, R21-AG05691201, 2017-19
 “How Does Automated Record Linkage Affect Inferences about Population Health?”
 This project uses innovations in machine learning to develop new methods for historical record linkage as part of the LIFE-M project.
- \$5.99 million Bailey, PI: Laura and John Arnold Foundation, 2017-22
 “Michigan Contraceptive Access, Research, and Evaluation Study (M-CARES)”
 M-CARES is a large-scale randomized control trial that examines the short- and long-run causal effects of increasing financial access to contraceptives in the United States. Following participants and their families in three surveys and administrative data (e.g., tax records, credit reports, birth certificates, health records, and Census data), M-CARES will quantify how subsidizing contraception affects women’s choice of contraceptives, pregnancy, and childbearing. We will also generate novel experimental evidence for less commonly studied outcomes, including physical health and health care use; educational attainment and labor-market outcomes; financial security; relationship quality; mental health and well-being; and receipt of public benefits.
- \$2.13 million Bailey, PI: National Science Foundation, SMA 1539228, 2015-19
 “RIDIR: The Longitudinal Intergenerational Family Electronic Micro-Database (LIFE-M)”
 Some of the most important questions in social science and public policy relate to how individuals’ lives, health, and experiences have changed across time. But most data spanning the 20th century are cross-sectional—large sets of individuals at *one* point in time. The LIFE-M project is transforming vital records (birth, marriage, death certificates) and Census data into the first longitudinal and intergenerational micro-database to span much of the late 19th and most of the 20th centuries. Once completed, LIFE-M will facilitate the study of economic and geographic mobility and family formation and dissolution over the 20th century. It will also enhance our understanding of the long-term impacts of adverse events, public policies, and family background.

- \$ 921,018 Bailey, PI: Laura and John Arnold Foundation, 2015-19
 “Evaluating the Long-Term Effects of Four War on Poverty Programs”
 This project uses large-scale administrative Census data linked to the NUMIDENT file to evaluate the long-run economic effects of four War on Poverty programs: Head Start, Food Stamps, Community Health Centers, and Family Planning Programs.
- \$1.77 million Bailey, PI: NIH, R01-HD070950, 2012-17
 “Community Care for All? Health Centers’ Impact on Access to Care and Health”
- \$ 154,500 Bailey, PI: NIH, R03-HD066145, 2010-12
 “Documenting the War on Poverty’s Community Programs”
- \$ 39,795 Bailey, PI: NIH, R03-HD058065-Administrative Supplement, 2009-10
 “The Impact of Family Planning on the Health and Well-Being of U.S Women and Children: Evidence from the War on Poverty”
- \$ 148,667 Bailey, PI: NIH, R03-HD058065, 2008-10
 “The Impact of Family Planning on the Health and Well-Being of U.S Women and Children: Evidence from the War on Poverty”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial and Professional Boards

Editor, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 2019-
 Executive Committee, American Economic Association, 2019-2022 (Elected)
 Associate Editor, *American Economic Review*, 2018-
 Board of Editors, *Journal of Economic Literature*, 2015-2020
 Executive Committee, Society of Labor Economists, 2018-2020 (Elected)
 Trustee, Board of Trustees for Economic History Association, 2016- (Elected)
 Board of Trustees, Cliometrics Society, 2014- 2018 (Elected)
 Deputy Editor, *Demography*, 2013-2016
 Book Review Editor, *Journal of Economic History*, 2012-2014
 Editorial Board, *Essays in Economic and Business History*, 2012-2015
 Editorial Board, *Journal of Economic History*, 2008-2011

Significant Department and University Service

Associate Chair of Recruiting, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, 2016-17; 2019-20
 Executive Committee, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, 2009-2010; 2016-17; 2018-20
 Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, Assistant Director of the Development Core in Population Dynamics, 2018-20
 LS&A Dean’s Committee on Quantitative Social Science, University of Michigan, 2016-18
 Faculty Advisory Committee, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, 2016-18
 LS&A Honors Keynote Speaker, University of Michigan, Fall 2016
 Faculty Advisor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, Student Seminar in Health, History, Development and Demography (H2D2), 2014-20
 University of Michigan Departments of Women’s Studies and Economics, “Herman Faculty Fellow in Gender and Economics,” 2007-2009

Other Professional Service

Mincer Award Committee for lifetime achievement in labor economics, Society of Labor Economics, 2021
 Search Committee for lead editor for *American Economic Journal: Applied*, 2020
 Director, CeMENT Workshop for Faculty in Doctoral Programs, 2016-
 Program Committee, Annual American Economic Association Meetings, San Diego 2020

Program Committee, Joint meeting of the Society of Labor Economists-European Association of Labour Economists, Berlin, 2020
 Program Committee, Society of Labor Economists, 2006-7, 2016-17
 Guest Instructor, Chicago Summer School in Socio-Economic Inequality, 2015, 2016
 First Vice President, Midwestern Economics Association, 2016 (Elected)
 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Program, Program Faculty, 2012-2016
 CSWEP CeMENT Mentoring Workshop Mentor, 2015
 Economic History Association Program Committee Chair, 2015
 Cliometric Association Program and Local Arrangements Committee, 2014 and 2015
 Population Association of America Session Organizer, 2013, 2015, 2018
 Economic History Association Organizing Committee, 2013 Allied Social Science Association Meetings
 Referee for *American Economic Review*; *American Economic Review-Insights*; *American Economic Journal: Applied Microeconomics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *Berkeley Electronic Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, *Demography*, *Development Economics*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economics Bulletin*, *Economic Journal*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Health Affairs*, *Health Economics*, *Historical Methods*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Labour Economics*, *Population and Development Review*, *Population Research and Economic Policy*, *Research in Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Social Science Medicine*, *Southern Economic Journal*, and the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2020-21 (past and upcoming): American Economic Association Meetings (San Diego); Applied Economics Workshop (joint workshop of the University of Tokyo, National University Singapore, Hongkong University, National Taiwan University, and Institute of Economics, Academia Sinica); American Society of Health Economists (St. Louis, keynote speaker); Brookings (discussant); Boston University; Brown University; CESifo; Clemson University; Cornell University; London School of Economics; Monash University; New York University; Oxford; Population Association Meetings (Economic Demography Workshop); Rutgers University; Stellenbosch University; University of California, Berkeley; University of California, San Diego; University College London; University of Chicago (Becker Applied Seminar); University of Essex (Conference on Gender and the Labour Market); University of Maryland; University of Rochester; University of Virginia.
- 2019: American Public Policy Association Meetings (Denver), Brigham Young University; Brookings Conference on Unintended Pregnancy; CESifo Venice Summer Institute; Dartmouth University; Harvard University; Minnesota Population Studies Center; National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute; New York University; Northwestern University; Population Association of America; Society of Labor Economists; Toulouse School of Economics; University of California-Los Angeles; University of Texas-Austin; University of Wisconsin, Institute of Research on Poverty; Washington University.
- 2018: Barcelona GSE Summer Forum in Children's Health, Well-being, and Human Capital Formation; Bocconi University, Milan, Italy; Francisco Manuel dos Santos Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal (keynote speaker); Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany; Institut National D'Études Démographiques, Paris, France; Lund University, Sweden; National Bureau of Economic Research Children's-Education Meeting; National Bureau of Economic Research Cohort Studies Meeting; Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen, Norway; Social Science History Association; University of Copenhagen, Denmark; University of Warwick, U.K.; University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2016-17: American Economic Association Meetings; American Public Policy Association Meetings; National Academy of Sciences, American Opportunity Project (Washington, D.C.); National Bureau of Economic Research, Summer Institute Methods Lecture; Notre Dame; Ohio State University; Paris School of

Economics; Princeton University; Social Science History Association Meetings; Stanford University; Texas A&M; University of Arizona; University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy; University of Colorado; University of California, Santa Barbara; University of Southern Denmark; Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania; Yale University.

- 2015: American Sociological Association Meetings, Chicago; Annual Conference of the Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network, Toronto, Canada; Brigham Young University; Chicago Summer School on Inequality; Conference of the Canadian Network for Economic History, Kingston, Canada; Mary MacKinnon Memorial Lecture; Chicago Summer School on Inequality; Economic History Association Meetings (plenary speaker; Nashville, Tennessee); IZA, Bonn, Germany; University of Arizona; University of British Columbia; Western Michigan University (keynote speaker).
- 2014: Administration for Children and Families; Cornell University (PAM); Harvard University; Institute for Research on Poverty, Madison, Wisconsin; University of California at Davis; Universite Catholique de Louvain, Belgium; University of Mannheim, Germany; University of Montreal, Canada; University of Toronto, Canada
- 2013: American Economic Association Meetings (San Diego); American Public Policy Association Meetings (Washington, DC); Brookings Papers on Economic Activity (March conference); Cornell University (ILR-Economics); Johns Hopkins University; BU-MIT-Harvard Health Economics Seminar; Northwestern University, 2013 Research Data Center Annual Conference (keynote speaker); Princeton University; Sciences-Po (Paris, France); University of California, Davis; University of Chicago Booth School of Business; University of Pittsburgh; Vanderbilt University
- 2012: American Economic Association Meetings (Chicago); Brookings Institute; CESifo (Munich, Germany); Cliometrics; Johannes Kepler University (Linz, Austria); Lund University (Sweden); National Bureau of Economic Research, Cohort Studies Meetings; National Bureau of Economic Research Conference, "Human Capital and History: The American Record" (festschrift for Claudia Goldin); Norwegian School of Economics; Society of Labor Economists (Chicago); University of Tennessee, Knoxville; University of Michigan, National Poverty Center "Legacy of the War on Poverty" Conference II; University of Texas, Austin; Vanderbilt University
- 2011: Clemson University; National Bureau of Economic Research, Development of the American Economy Summer Institute; Institute for Research on Poverty; RAND Corporation; University of California, Berkeley, Department of Economics; University of Illinois at Chicago; University of Houston/Rice; University of Michigan, National Poverty Center "Legacy of the War on Poverty" Conference I
- 2010: All-UC Conference in Labor Economics; American Society of Health Economics, Ithaca; Bowling Green State University Center for Family and Demographic Research; Claremont McKenna; Johns Hopkins University; Northwestern University; Santa Clara; Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics; Stanford University; University of California, Berkeley, Department of Demography; University of California, Davis; University of Chicago, Booth School of Business; University of Waterloo; Yale University
- 2009: American Economic Association Meetings, Atlanta; Brookings Institute, Project on Social Inequality and Educational Disadvantage; Columbia University; Cornell University; National Bureau of Economic Research Cohort Studies Meetings; Population Association Meetings of America, Detroit; University of California, Davis; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Los Angeles; University of Kentucky Poverty Center; University of Maryland, Baltimore; University of Michigan, Robert Wood Johnson Program in Health Policy; University of Virginia; Washington Area Seminar in Economic History; Washington University
- 2008: Economic History Association Meetings, New Haven; Michigan State University; National Bureau of Economic Research Development of the American Economy Summer Institute; National Bureau of Economic Research Law and Economics Summer Institute; Population Association Meetings of America, New Orleans; University of Kentucky Poverty Center
- 2007: Boston University, National Bureau of Economic Research Development of the American Economy Spring Meetings, National Bureau of Economic Research Cohort Studies Meetings, Ohio State University, Robert

Wood Johnson Annual Meetings in Health Policy Research, University of Rochester, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, Toronto University Law School

- 2006: Clemson University; Indiana University; Robert Wood Johnson Annual Meetings in Health Policy Research; University of Michigan, Population Studies Center; University of Minnesota, Population Center; Southern Economic Association Meetings; Stanford University
- 2005: American Economic Association Meetings (Philadelphia); Economic History Association Meetings (Toronto); National Bureau of Research Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy Meetings; Northwestern University; University of British Columbia; University of Michigan; University of California, Los Angeles; University of Colorado; University of Notre Dame; University of Pittsburgh; Upjohn Institute; Toronto University; Williams College
- 2004: National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Population Association of America Annual Meetings (poster), Rutgers University, Social Science History Association, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, Southern Economics Association Meetings, Southwestern Economics Association Meetings, University of Arizona, University of California at Merced, University of Miami at Ohio