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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Ph.D. in Economics, 1997

Thesis Title: *Wages and Labor Market Assignment*

Thesis Advisor: Joseph G. Altonji

Alfred P. Sloan Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1996-1997

Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University, 1992-1993

Economic and Social Research Institute Fellowship 1992-1995

University College Dublin, M.A., Economics, 1991

Trinity College Dublin, B.A., Economics, 1990

RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics

Applied Econometrics

EXPERIENCE

University of California at Los Angeles

Assistant Professor, July 1997-present

Department of Economics

Courses Taught: Undergraduate Intermediate Micro, Undergraduate Wage Theory,

Graduate Labor Economics, Teaching Assistant Training Course

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

Research Fellow, 2003-present

Visiting Scholar

Maynooth College, 2002

Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin

Research Assistant, 1990-1992

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

National Science Foundation “The Effects of Family Background: Evidence from the U.S. and Norway” (with Sandra Black) 2004-2007
Seed Grant, California Center for Population Research (with Sandra Black) 2004
Institute for Labor and Employment Small Research Grant, 2003-2004
Upjohn Institute Small Grant, 2002-2003
UCLA Career Development Award, 2002-2003
Collins Faculty Fellowship, 2000-2001
UCLA Academic Senate Grant, 1997-2002

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

Industry Growth and Decline and Changes in the Gender and Education Wage Gaps During the 1980s, FORTHCOMING AT *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, July 2005.

The More the Merrier? The Effect of Family Size and Birth Order on Children’s Education, (Joint with Sandra Black and Kjell Salvanes), FORTHCOMING AT *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, May 2005.

Do Employers Insure Workers against Low Frequency Shocks? Industry Employment and Industry Wages, FORTHCOMING AT *Journal of Labor Economics*, April 2005.

Why the Apple Doesn’t Fall Far: Understanding the Intergenerational Transmission of Education, (Joint with Sandra Black and Kjell Salvanes). FORTHCOMING AT *American Economic Review*, March 2005.

Changes in Relative Wages and Family Labor Supply, *Journal of Human Resources*, June 2004.

Cyclical Quality Adjustment in the Labor Market, *Southern Economic Journal*, January 2004. Won Georgescu-Roegen Prize for the best article published in the past year in the Southern Economic Journal.

Changes in Male Labor Supply and Wages, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, April 2003.

Occupational Upgrading and the Business Cycle, *Labour*, September 2002.

The Cyclicity of Real Wages within Employer-Employee Matches, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, July 2001.

The Extent and Consequences of Downward Nominal Wage Rigidity, (Joint with

Joseph G. Altonji). *Research in Labor Economics*, 2000.

Task Assignment over the Business Cycle, *Journal of Labor Economics*, January 2000.

WORKING PAPERS

Small Sample Bias in Synthetic Cohort Models of Labor Supply, Under revision for the *Journal of Applied Econometrics*.

“Satisfaction” with Local Public Services: Does it Affect Complaints (Voice) and Geographic Mobility (Exit)? (Joint with Burton Weisbrod). Under revision for *Public Finance Review*.

Improved JIVE Estimators for Overidentified Linear Models with and without Heteroskedasticity. (Joint with Daniel Akerberg), under revision for *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

Improved Errors-In-Variables Estimators for Grouped Data, under revision for *Journal of Business and Economics Statistics*.

Fast Times at Ridgmont High? The Effects of Compulsory Schooling Laws on Teenage Births, in submission. (Joint with Sandra Black and Kjell Salvanes.)

The Spot Market Matters: Evidence on Implicit Contracts from Britain, in submission. (Joint with Robert Hart.)

The Benefits of Obtaining a High-Paying Job. Working Paper, 2004.

Optimally Combining Censored and Uncensored Datasets. (Joint with Gautam Tripathi). Working Paper, 2004.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Intergenerational Transmission of Health, Human Capital, and Earnings in the United States and Norway. (Joint with Sandra Black and Kjell Salvanes).

Modelling Attrition in Panel Data. (Joint with Guido Imbens).

Estimation Methods for Censored and Truncation Data with Applications to Age at First Marriage and Jobless Durations. (Joint with Gautam Tripathi).

Implicit Contracts and Wages. (Joint with Robert Hart).

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society (January 2005)
NBER Labor Studies Program Meeting (October 2004)
European Summer Symposium in Labour Economics (ESSLE) (September 2004)
Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop (June 2004)
Society of Labor Economics Annual Conference (May 2004)
European Summer Symposium in Labour Economics (ESSLE) (September 2003)
Society of Labor Economics Annual Conference (September 2003)
Upjohn Institute/IZA Workshop on Labor Reallocation (August 2003)
European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference (September 2002)
Society of Labor Economics Annual Conference (May 2002)
Western Economic Association Annual Conference (July 2001)
Econometric Society Summer Meetings (June 2001)

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

University of Houston
Texas A+M
Maynooth College
Northwestern University
Chicago Business School
Florida International University
University of Maryland
University of Rochester
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Berkeley
University of Arizona
University College Dublin
Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin
University of Washington
Yale University
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Junior Recruiting Committee, UCLA, 1999-2000
Member, Society of Labor Economists

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISEES

Matthew Neidell (2002), Columbia University
Marigee Bacolod (2002), University of California Irvine
Eduardo Fajnzylber (2003), University of Montreal

REFEREE

American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Southern Economic Journal, Journal of Monetary Economics, Labour, Economica, Canadian Journal of Economics, The Econometrics Journal.

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