

# KATHLEEN McGARRY

## Curriculum vitae

### Office Address:

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### Current/Past Positions:

Professor, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2004-present  
Joel Z. and Susan Hyatt 1972 Professor, Department of Economics, Dartmouth College, 2007-2009  
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1999-present  
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, UCLA, 1999-2004  
Senior Economist, Council of Economic Advisers, 2000-2001  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, UCLA, 1992-1999  
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1993-1999

### Education:

Ph.D. Economics, State University of New York, Stony Brook, 1992  
Thesis Title: *Measurement Error, Poverty Transitions and Program Participation: A Study of Poverty Among the Elderly*  
B.S. Mathematics (*summa cum laude*), State University of New York, Stony Brook, 1986

### Major Fields of Concentration:

Public Economics, Health Economics, Economics of Aging

### Fellowships and Awards:

NBER National Fellowship, 2001-2002  
Warren C. Scoville Distinguished Teaching Award, 2011, 2010, 2000, 1998, 1997, 1994  
Dean's Marshal Award, Outstanding Assistant Professor in the Social Sciences, 1997  
Brookdale Fellowship, 1995-1998  
NBER Fellowship in Aging and Health Economics, 1994-1995  
Kalman Fellowship for Graduate Study, 1987, 1988, 1989  
Stony Brook Foundation Award for the Outstanding Student in Mathematics, 1986  
Stony Brook Foundation Award for the Outstanding Student in Economics, 1986  
Phi Beta Kappa, 1984

## Publications:

- “State of the Science: Risk Factors and Therapeutic Interventions for Alzheimer Disease” (with Martha Daviglus et al.), 2011. *Archives of Neurology*, 68 (9): 1185-1190.
- “The Risk of Out-of-Pocket Health Care Expenditures at the End of Life” (with Samuel Marshall and Jonathan S. Skinner), 2011. *Explorations in the Economics of Aging* David A. Wise, ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press: 101-128.
- “Preventing Alzheimer Disease and Cognitive Decline” (with Martha Daviglus et al.), 2011. *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 154 (3): 176-181.
- “Preference Heterogeneity and Insurance Markets” (with David Cutler and Amy Finkelstein), 2008. *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, 98 (2): 157-162.
- “Intergenerational Ties: Alternative Theories, Empirical Findings and Trends, and Remaining Challenges” (with Suzanne Bianchi, V. Joseph Hotz, and Judith Seltzer), 2008. In *Caring and Exchange Within and Across Generations*, Alan Booth, Ann Crouter, Suzanne Bianchi and Judith Seltzer eds. New York: Russell Sage.
- “Inheritances and Bequests,” 2008. In *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*. Steven Durlauf and Lawrence Blume, eds. MacMillian.
- “Recent Trends in Resource Sharing among the Poor” (with Steven Haider), 2006. In *Working and Poor*, edited by Rebecca Blank, Sheldon Danziger, and Robert Schoeni, New York: Russell Sage.
- “Multiple Dimensions of Private Information: Evidence from the long-term care insurance market” (with Amy Finkelstein), 2005. *The American Economic Review* 96 (4): 938-958.
- “Dynamic Inefficiencies in Insurance Markets: Evidence from Long-Term Care Insurance” (with Amy Finkelstein and Amir Sufi), January 2005. *The American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, 95 (2): 224-228.
- “Medicare Gaps and Widow Poverty” (with Robert Schoeni), 2005. *The Social Security Bulletin*, 66 (1): 58-74.
- “Widow Poverty and Out of Pocket Medical Expenses Near End of Life” (with Robert Schoeni), 2005. *The Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, 60B (3): S160-S169.
- “Does Caregiving Affect Work? Evidence Based on Prior Labor Force Experience,” 2003. In *Health Care Issues in the United States and Japan*, David A. Wise, ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- “Why Parents Play Favorites: Explanations for Unequal Bequests” (with Audrey Light), 2004, *The American Economic Review*, 94 (5): 1669-1681.
- “Health and Retirement: Do Changes in Health Affect Retirement Expectations?” 2004. *Journal of Human Resources*, 39 (4): 624-648.

- “Estate and Gift Tax Incentives and Inter Vivos Giving” (with David Joulfaian), 2004. *National Tax Journal*, LVII (2): 429-444.
- “Public Policy and the U.S. Health Insurance Market: Direct and Indirect Provision of Insurance,” 2002. *National Tax Journal*, LV (4): 789-827.
- “The Predictive Validity of the Subjective Probabilities of Survival,” (with Michael D. Hurd), 2002. *Economic Journal*, 112 (482): 966-985.
- “Guaranteed Income: SSI and the Well-Being of the Elderly Poor,” 2002. In *The Distributional Effects of Social Security and Social Security Reform*, Martin Feldstein and Jeffrey Liebman eds. Chicago: University of Chicago Press: 49-79.
- “The Cost of Equality: Unequal Bequests and Tax Avoidance,” 2001. *Journal of Public Economics*, 79 (1): 179-204.
- “Behavioral Responses to the Estate Tax: Inter Vivos Giving,” 2001. *National Tax Journal*, 53 (4): 913-931.
- “Inter Vivos Transfers or Bequests? Estate Taxes and the Timing of Parental Giving,” 2000. *Tax Policy and the Economy*, 14: 93-121.
- “Social Security, Economic Growth, and the Rise of Independence of Elderly Widows in the 20th Century,” (with Robert F. Schoeni), 2000, *Demography*, 37 (2): 221-236.
- “Inter vivos Transfers and Intended Bequests,” 1999. *Journal of Public Economics*, 73 (3): 321-351.
- “Job Change Patterns and the Wages of Young Men,” (with Audrey Light), 1998. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 80 (2): 276-286.
- “Pensions and the Distribution of Wealth” (with Andrew Davenport), 1998. In *Frontiers in the Economics of Aging*, David A. Wise ed., Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 1998.
- “Caring for the Elderly: The Role of Adult Children,” 1998. In *Inquiries in the Economics of Aging*, David A. Wise ed., Chicago: University of Chicago Press: 463-485.
- “Transfer Behavior Within the Family: Results from the Asset and Health Dynamics Study,” (with Robert F. Schoeni), 1997. *The Journals of Gerontology*, 52B: 82-92.
- “Medical Insurance and the Use of Health Care Services by the Elderly,” (with Michael D. Hurd), 1997. *Journal of Health Economics*, 16 (2): 129-154.
- “Factors Determining Participation of the Elderly in the Supplemental Security Income Program,” 1996. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 30 (2): 331-358.
- “Evaluation of the Subjective Probabilities of Survival in the Health and Retirement Study” (with Michael D. Hurd), 1995. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 30: s268-s292.

“Transfer Behavior in the Health and Retirement Study: Measurement and the Redistribution of Resources within the Family,” (with Robert F. Schoeni), 1995. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 30: s184-s226.

“Measurement Error and Poverty Rates of Widows,” 1995. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 30 (1): 113-134.

### **Working Papers and Submissions:**

“Why Don’t Retirees Insure Against Long-Term Care Expenses? Evidence from Survey Responses”, resubmitted, April 2012.

“Out-of-Pocket Spending in the Last Five Years of Life,” (with Amy Kelly et al.) under review, April 2012.

“Parental Investments in Education and Later Transfers,” (with Steven Haider) under revision, April 2012.

“Dynamic Aspects of Familial Transfers” (formerly entitled, “Testing Parental Altruism: Implications of a Dynamic Model”), under revision, April 2012.

“The Long-Term Financial and Health Outcomes of Disability Insurance Applicants,” (with Jonathan Skinner), presented at the Retirement Research Consortium Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 2009.

“Living Arrangements of Mothers and their Adult Children Over the Life Course,” (with V. Joseph Hotz and Emily Wiemers), December 2010.

“Geographic Dispersion and the Well-Being of the Elderly,” (with Suzanne Bianchi and Judith Seltzer), October 2010.

### **Published Comments:**

Comment on “Noncompliance with the Federal Estate Tax,” (by Martha Britton Eller, Brian Erard, and Chih-Chin Ho), in *Rethinking Estate and Gift Taxation*, William Gale, James Hines, and Joel Slemrod, eds. Washington D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2001: 411-421.

Comment on “Private Transfers within the Family: Mothers, Fathers, Sons, and Daughters,” (by Donald Cox), in *Death and Dollars* Alicia Munnell and Annika Sunden, eds. Washington D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2001: 202-209.

### **Referee/Reviewer for:**

American Economic Review, Berkeley Economic Journals, Contemporary Policy Issues, Demography, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Health Affairs, Inquiry, Journals of Gerontology, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Risk and Insurance,

Millbank Memorial Foundation Quarterly, National Institutes on Health, National Science Foundation, National Tax Journal Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Social Security Bulletin, Southern Economic Journal.

**Grants and Additional Support:**

- “Geographic Dispersion and the Well-Being of the Elderly” (with Suzanne Bianchi and Judith Seltzer) *Social Security Administration*, 2009-2010.
- “For Better or Worse: Disability Benefits and Outcomes in Later Life” (with Jonathan Skinner), *Social Security Administration*, 2008-2009.
- “Out of Pocket Medical Expenses and Retirement Security” (with Jonathan Skinner), *Social Security Administration*, 2007-2008.
- “Understanding Old Age Poverty Rates of the Divorced and Never Married” (with Robert Schoeni), *Social Security Administration*, 2002-2003.
- “Non-Pecuniary Aspects of Retirement,” principal investigator, *National Institutes of Health*, 2003-2008 (extended) R01.
- “Changes in Income, Wealth, or Medical Expenses? A New Look at the Causes of Poverty among Widows,” (with Robert Schoeni), *Social Security Administration*, 2002-2003.
- “Aging and Intergenerational Assistance within Families,” principal investigator *National Institutes of Health*, 1998-2006 (extended) R29.
- “The Effects of Pre-Retirement Expectations on Retirement Age,” *Retirement Research Foundation* (through the UCLA Center on Aging), 1993-1994.
- “Labor Market Rigidities and the Retirement Behavior of the Elderly,” *UCLA Center on Aging*, 1992-1993.
- UCLA Academic Senate Grants, 1992-2007, 2010.
- Institute for Industrial Relations, various awards.

**Current Departmental and University Service:**

- Vice Chair of Undergraduate Studies, Economics Department
- Chair’s Advisory Committee, Economics Department
- Special assistant to the Dean of Social Sciences
- Personnel Committee, Department of Economics
- Director Kevin Albert Family Endowment

**Professional Service:**

- Co-Principal Investigator, Health and Retirement Study, 2009-present
- National Health and Aging Trends Study, Scientific Advisory Panel, 2009-present
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics, Advisory Board, 2008-present
- Steering Committee Member, Health and Retirement Study, 2001-2005
- International Longevity Center Program Advisory Group, 2002-2005
- RAND Summer Institute, organizer 1998, 2002
- HRS Family Data Workshop, co-organizer, 2003

Senior Economist, President's Council of Economic Advisers, 2000-2001  
Chair, Economics of Aging Interest Group, Gerontological Society of America, 2001-2002  
Brookdale Foundation Advisory Panel

### **Teaching Experience:**

Graduate:	Undergraduate:
Probability and Statistics (UCLA Econ 203a)	Microeconomic Theory (UCLA 21/11/101a)
Labor Economics (UCLA Econ 261a, 261b)	Public Finance (UCLA Econ 130)
	Microeconomics (Dartmouth Econ 21)
	Managerial Decision Making (SUNYSB)

### **Invited Presentations and Discussions:**

- 2011: Heidelberg University, Germany, Keynote Address; Boston College Retirement Research Center; Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting; NBER Insurance Meeting; 2001 Harmonization of Cross-National Studies of Aging Meeting, Peking University; Health and Retirement Study Summer Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI; Michigan Retirement Research Center Annual Meeting; Texas A & M University.
- 2010: American Economic Association Annual Meeting; University of Michigan Retirement Research Center Annual Workshop; National Academy of Sciences Workshop; RRC Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- 2009: American Economic Association Annual Meeting; MacArthur Foundation Aging Society Network Conference, Coral Gables, FL; School of Policy, Planning and Development, University of Southern California; University of New Hampshire; NBER Aging Meeting; Families and Health, NICHD sponsored Conference, Bethesda, MD.
- 2008: NBER Public Finance Spring Research Meeting; Retirement Research Consortium Annual Meeting; Banbury Center, Cold Spring Harbor National Laboratory Conference in Honor of James Watson's 80th Birthday.
- 2007: Tilburg University; International Conference for Panel Data Analysis, Seoul, South Korea; IZA Conference on Long Term Care, Bonn, Germany; Cognitive Economics Conference, University of Michigan; China Center for Economic Research/NBER conference; American Economic Association Annual meeting.
- 2006: University of Pennsylvania, University of Michigan, CIE-ITAM, Dartmouth College, Pennsylvania State University symposium on "Caring and Exchange within and Across Generations," NBER Insurance Meeting, Washington University St. Louis, University of Pennsylvania, Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- 2005: Michigan Retirement Research Center Workshop; Long-term Care Network Conference, Ann Arbor, MI; Syracuse University; Cornell University; Boston College, American Economic Association Annual Meeting.

- 2004: HRS Conference on Older Families, Santa Fe, NM; University of Kentucky; Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting.
- 2003: American Economic Association Annual Meeting; JCER-NBER Joint Conference, Nikko, Japan; RAND; NBER Conference on Taxation and Savings; Rutgers University; NBER Fall Health Care Meeting.
- 2002: State University of New York, Stony Brook; The Ohio State University; Harvard/MIT Public Finance workshop; American Economic Association Annual Meeting.
- 2001: Rutgers University; The Federal Reserve Bank of New York; International Longevity Center; University of North Carolina; Boston College Conference on Estates and Gifts; NBER Public Economic Meetings (fall); International Health Economics Association Meetings; University of Maryland.
- 2000: National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute; Stanford University; Brookings Conference on Estate Taxation; NBER Conference on Welfare Programs; American Economic Association Annual Meetings.
- 1999: Tax Policy and the Economy, annual meeting; NBER Conference on the Distributional Effects of Social Security Reform; University of Southern California, Andrus Center; Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley; UCLA, Medical School.
- 1998: Gerontological Society of America, National Meetings; International Seminars in Public Economics, Université de Liège, Belgium; Brookdale Foundation Annual Retreat; University of Chicago.
- 1997: Texas A&M University; University of California, San Diego; Econometrics Society Annual Meetings; UCLA/RAND Joint Workshop on Labor and Population; NBER Economics of Aging Meeting.
- 1996: F. Thomas Juster Retirement Conference; Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America; NBER Summer Institute; Center for Pension and Retirement Research; Brookdale Foundation Annual Retreat; American Economic Association Annual Meetings.
- 1995: Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America; Health and Retirement Survey, Wave 2 Conference, University of Michigan; NBER Economics of Aging Meeting; Population Association of America Meetings; Brookdale Foundation Annual Retreat; Boston University; Boston College; Harvard/MIT Labor Economics Seminar.
- 1994: Syracuse University; NBER Summer Institute; Asset and Health Dynamics Survey, Early Results Conference, University of Michigan; Institute for Research on Poverty Conference; Center for Pension and Retirement Research Conference.
- 1993: University of Arizona; Health and Retirement Survey, Early Results Conference; Western Economic Association Meetings; University of California, Santa Barbara; Institute for Industrial Relations Conference.