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Employment

Professor of Economics, Brown University, 2011-current.
Associate Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Brown University, 2007-2011.
Mary Tefft and John Hazen White, Sr. Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Economics, Brown University, 2003-2007.
Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, 2009.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Yale University, academic year 2006-2007.
Economist, Division of Research and Statistics, Federal Reserve Board, 2000-2002.

Professional Affiliations

National Bureau of Economic Research
Faculty Research Fellow (2002-2008)
Research Associate (2008-present)

Education

Ph.D. University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Economics, 2000.
M.S. University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1997.
B.S. Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1992.

Journal Articles

“Spatial Competition and Cross-border Shopping: Evidence from State Lotteries” (with Nathan Schiff), *NBER working paper 15713*, forthcoming, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.

“Partisan Control, Media Bias, and Viewer Responses: Evidence from Berlusconi’s Italy” (with Ruben Durante), *NBER working paper 14762*, forthcoming, *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

“Media Bias and Influence: Evidence from Newspaper Endorsements” (with Chun-Fang Chiang), July 2011, *Review of Economic Studies*, 78(3), 795-820.

“Government Form and Public Spending: Theory and Evidence from U.S. Cities” (with Stephen Coate), August 2011, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 3, 82-112.

“Momentum and Social Learning in Presidential Primaries” (with Nathan Schiff), October 2010, *Journal of Political Economy*, 118(6), 1110-1150.

"Pet Overpopulation: An Economic Analysis" (with Stephen Coate), 2010, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*. Vol. 10 : Iss. 1 (Advances), Article 106.

"A Spatial Merger Estimator with an Application to School District Consolidation" (with Nora Gordon), June 2009, *Journal of Public Economics*, 93(5-6), 752-765.

"A New Look at Racial Profiling: Evidence from the Boston Police Department" (with Kate Antonovics), February 2009, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 91(1), 163-177.

"Legislative Representation, Bargaining Power, and the Distribution of Federal Funds: Evidence from the U.S. Senate", October 2008, *Economic Journal*, 118(532), 1785-1803.

"The Effects of School District Consolidation on Educational Cost and Quality" (with Nora Gordon), 2008, *Public Finance Review*, 36(4), 408-430.

"Socially Optimal Districting: A Theoretical and Empirical Exploration" (with Stephen Coate), November 2007, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 122(4), 1409-1471.

"Are Policy Platforms Capitalized Into Equity Prices? Evidence from the Bush / Gore 2000 Presidential Election", May 2006, *Journal of Public Economics*.

"Estimating the Value of Proposal Power", *American Economic Review*, December 2005, (longer version: *NBER working paper 10530*).

"Parochial Interests and the Centralized Provision of Local Public Goods: Evidence from Congressional Voting on Transportation Projects", *Journal of Public Economics*, 88(3), March 2004.

"Public Funds and Private Capital Markets: The Investment Practices and Performance of State and Local Pension Funds", *National Tax Journal*, 56(3), September 2003. (with Julia Coronado and Eric Engen).

"Endogenous Federal Grants and Crowd-out of State Government Spending: Theory and Evidence from the Federal Highway Aid Program," *American Economic Review*, 92(1), March 2002.

"Supermajority Voting Requirements for Tax Increases: Evidence from the States," *Journal of Public Economics*, 76(1), April 2000.

"Rainy Day Funds and State Government Savings," *National Tax Journal*, 52(3), September 1999. (with Arik Levinson).

Other publications

"Targeted Public Spending" in The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics, 2nd edition, eds. Steven N. Durlauf and Lawrence E. Blume and. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.

"Common Tax Pool Problems in Federal Systems", in Democratic Constitutional Design and Public Policy: Analysis and Evidence, MIT Press, 2006.

"The State and Local Sector: Problems and Prospects", *State Tax Notes*, 29(6), August 2003. (with Andrea Kusko and Laura Rubin)

"Measuring the Incidence of Endogenous Policies: Applications in Fiscal Federalism," *Proceedings of the 94th Annual Conference on Taxation*, 2002.

"Fiscal Institutions in U.S. States," with Arik Levinson, in Institutions, Politics and Fiscal Policy, Kluwer Academic Press, 2000.

Working Papers

"State Gun Policy and Cross-State Externalities: Evidence from Crime Gun Tracing"

"Sequential or Simultaneous Elections? An Empirical Welfare Analysis"

Teaching Experience

Economics and Public Policy (Masters in Public Policy course)

Public Economics (PhD course)

Public Economics (undergraduate course)

Economics and Public Policy (undergraduate research seminar)

Awards and Honors

NSF Award, Socially Optimal Redistricting, with Stephen Coate, 2005-2009.

Salomon Research Award, 2005.

National Tax Association's Outstanding Dissertation Award, 2001.

Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 1999-2000.

Christensen Award in Empirical Economics, 1998-1999.

Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Research in Social Sciences, 1998.

Anna Morris Ely Award for Distinguished Teaching, 1997.

Distinguished teaching assistant, Spring semester 1997 and Fall semester 1997.

Service to Profession

Co-Editor, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2009-present.

Board of Editors, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2009-present.

Editorial Advisory Board, *National Tax Journal*, 2004-current.

Associate Editor, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2009.

Program Committee, National Tax Association Spring Meetings, 2002.

Service to University

Director of Graduate Studies, Economics Department, 2010-current.