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Employment

Associate Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Brown University, 2007-present.
Mary Tefft and John Hazen White, Sr. Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Economics, Brown University, 2003-2007.
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

- "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

"Momentum and Social Learning in Presidential Primaries" (with Nathan Schiff), *NBER working paper 13637*, revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Political Economy*.

"Media Bias and Influence: Evidence from Newspaper Endorsements" (with Chun-Fang Chiang), *NBER working paper 14445*, revise and resubmit at the *Review of Economic Studies*.

"Partisan Control, Media Bias, and Viewer Responses: Evidence from Berlusconi's Italy" (with Ruben Durante), *NBER working paper 14762*, revise and resubmit at *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

"Government Form and Public Spending: Theory and Evidence from U.S. Cities" (with Stephen Coate), *NBER working paper 14857*.

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

Board of Editors, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2009-present.
Associate Editor, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2009-present.
Editorial Advisory Board, *National Tax Journal*, 2004-current.
Program Committee, National Tax Association Spring Meetings, 2002.

Referee for *American Economic Review*; *American Economic Journal-Public Policy*; *Economics and Politics*; *Economics Bulletin*; *Economic Inquiry*; *Economic Journal*; *Economics of Governance*; *Education Finance and Policy*; *International Tax and Public Finance*; *International Economic Review*; *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*; *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*; *Journal of Political Economy*; *Journal of Public Economics*; *Journal of Public Economic Theory*; *National Science Foundation*; *National Tax Journal*; *Public Budgeting and Finance*; *Public Finance Review*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Review of Economics and Statistics*; *Review of Economic Studies*; *Southern Economic Journal*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

Service to University

Search Committee, Public Policy Post-Doctoral Positions, Academic Year 2004-2005.
Search Committee, Economics Department, Academic Years 2003-2006.
Speaker, Brown University Alumni Leadership Weekend Forum on "Countdown to November", 2004.
Speaker, Brown University Commencement Forum on "The Impact of the Bush Presidency on the Public Sector", 2004.
Speaker, Brown University Economics Day Forum on "Economic Issues in the US Presidential Election", 2004.
Planning Committee for Master's Program in Public Policy, Academic Year 2003-2004.
Freshman Advisor, Academic Year 2004-2005.
Public Policy Master's Program Advisor, Academic Year 2005-current.
Economics Concentration Advisor, Academic Years 2007-current.
Public Policy Concentration Advisor, Academic Years 2003-current.
Applied Microeconomics Seminar Co-organizer, Academic Year 2003-2004, Fall semester 2007.

Recent Presentations

2008: NBER Neemrana Conference; American Politics Summer Conference (Yale); PIER Political Economy (University of Pennsylvania); Duke University; Georgetown; Northwestern University; Columbia University; Stanford GSB; University of California, Berkeley.

2007: Yale University, Johns Hopkins, University of Maryland, McGill; University of Toronto; University of Pennsylvania (Wharton); Northwestern University; NBER Political Economy Fall Meetings.

2006: AEA meetings (discussant); Budget Policy Conference (USC); Stanford University; Harvard-MIT Joint Public Economics Seminar; UW-Madison; University of Michigan; Conference on Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations (Georgia State University); NBER Summer Institute (discussant); IIES (Stockholm University); NBER Public Economics Fall Meetings.

2005: Yale University; Northwestern University; NBER Public Economics Spring Meetings (discussant); University of Virginia; University of Pennsylvania; New York University; University of Chicago; University of Connecticut.

2004: Warwick/IFS Public Economics Weekend; FTC; Duke / UNC Public Economics Seminar; Boston University; Research Group on Political Institutions and Economy Policy (Harvard University); Cornell University; Econometric Society; Stanford University GSB; Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Society (discussant); NBER Public Economics Spring Meetings.

2003: American Economic Association (discussant); University of Florida; Public Choice Society; State Fiscal Crises: Causes, Consequences, Solutions (Urban Institute); NBER Public Economics Spring Meeting; Public Economic Theory Conference; Econometric Society; NBER Summer Institute (discussant); Constitutional Design Conference (Stockholm, Sweden); Harvard University; University of the South; University of Pennsylvania (Economics and Wharton); Columbia.