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Ph.D., Princeton University, 1993
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M.Sc., London School of Economics, 1987
B.A., Wellesley College, 1986
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Work Experience:

2022 - Vice President and Director of Microeconomic Research, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
2021 - 2022 Senior Fellow in Economic Studies, Director of the Center on Children and Families, the Cabot Family Chair, The Brookings Institution
2012- Marshall I. Goldman Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Wellesley College (on leave)
2019 Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, MIT
2012 Visiting Scholar, Regional and Community Outreach, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
2008-2012 Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Wellesley College
2006-2008 Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Wellesley College
2007 Visiting Senior Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California
2002-2007 Senior Economist, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
2000-2002 Program Officer in Human and Community Development, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
1995-2001 Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Boston College
1997-1998 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Princeton University
1992-1995 Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Affiliations & Honors:

2020-2021 Midwest Economics Association, Second Vice President
2010- Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research

Scholarly Publications:

“[Immigrant Labor and the Institutionalization of the U.S.-born Elderly](#),” with Kelsey Moran (MIT) and Tara Watson (Williams College), *Review of International Economics*, March 2021. ([NBER working paper version](#)).

[“Judge Effects, Case Characteristics, and Plea Bargaining,”](#) with Kyung H. Park (Wellesley College) and Anne Morrison Piehl (Rutgers University), *Journal of Labor Economics*, vol. 39, no. S2, 2021: S543-S574.

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[“Adequate \(or Adipose?\) Yearly Progress: Assessing the Effect of ‘No Child Left Behind’ on Children's Obesity,”](#) with Patricia M. Anderson (Dartmouth College) and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach (Northwestern University), *Education Finance and Policy*, vol. 12, iss. 1, Winter 2017, pp.54-76.

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[“The Effects of an Anti-Grade-Inflation Policy at Wellesley College,”](#) with Patrick McEwan (Wellesley College) and Akila Weerapana (Wellesley College), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, vol. 28, no. 3, Summer 2014, pp. 189-204

[“The Impact of a Classroom-based Guidance Program on Student Performance in Community College Math Classes,”](#) with Mary Visher (MDRC), *Education Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, 2013. <http://epa.sagepub.com/content/early/2013/05/31/0162373713485813>

[“Giving ‘til it Helps? Alumnae Giving and Children’s College Options,”](#) with Caitlin Kearns (W ’10 and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), and Patrick McEwan (Wellesley College), *Research in Higher Education*, bol. 54, No. 5, August 2013, pp.481-498.

[“Is Being in School Better? Using School Starting Age to Identify the Impact of Schools on Children’s Obesity,”](#) with Patricia M. Anderson (Dartmouth College), Elizabeth Cascio (Dartmouth College), Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach (Northwestern University), *Journal of Health Economics*, September 2011, pp.977-986.

[“The Effect of Quantitative Skills Training on College Outcomes and Peers,”](#) with Patrick J. McEwan (Wellesley College) and Corrine Taylor (Wellesley College), *Economics of Education Review*, April 2010, vol. 29, iss., pp:187-199.

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[“Childhood Disadvantage and Obesity: Is Nurture Trumping Nature?,”](#) with Patricia Anderson (Dartmouth College) and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach (Northwestern University), in Jonathan Gruber (ed.), *An Economic Perspective on the Problems of Disadvantaged Youth*, Chicago University of Chicago Press, 2009.

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Other Publications:

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[“The Relationships Among SNAP Benefits, Grocery Spending, Diet Quality, and the Adequacy of Low-Income Families’ Resources,”](#) with Patricia M. Anderson (Dartmouth College), Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, *Policy Futures*, June 14, 2016.

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<http://www.usnews.com/opinion/articles/2013/09/26/food-stamps-are-the-way-to-combat-food-insecurity>

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Book Review, [“Human Resource Economics and Public Policy: Essays in Honor of Vernon Briggs,”](#) *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, January 2011, vol. 64, no. 2, pp. 411-413.

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[“Crime, Corrections, and California: What Does Immigration Have to Do with It?,”](#) with Anne Morrison Piehl (Rutgers University), *California Counts*, Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California, February 2008.

[“Assessing the Impact of Job Loss on Workers and Firms,”](#) with Kevin F. Hallock (Cornell University), *Chicago Fed Letter: Essays on Issues*, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, April 2006, no. 225a.

[“Bringing Together Policymakers, Researchers, and Practitioners to Discuss Job Loss,”](#) with Kevin F. Hallock (Cornell University), *Economic Perspectives*, Second Quarter 2005, vol. 29, pp. 2-12.

[“Job Loss: Causes, Consequences, and Policy Responses,”](#) with Kevin F. Hallock (Cornell University), *Chicago Fed Letter: Essays on Issues*, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, October 2004, no. 207.

Work in Progress:

[“Making the \(letter\) Grade: The Incentive Effects of Mandatory Pass/Fail Courses,”](#) with Patrick J. McEwan and Akila Weerapana, April 2022.

[“Women’s Colleges and Economics Major Choice: Evidence from Wellesley College Applicants,”](#) with Patrick J. McEwan (Wellesley College), and Akila Weerapana (Wellesley College), October 2021.

“Understanding Food Insecurity in the Great Recession,” with Patricia M. Anderson (Dartmouth College), Hilary Hoynes (UC-Davis), and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach (Northwestern University).

[“Why are Immigrants’ Incarceration Rates So Low? Evidence on Selective Immigration, Deterrence, and Deportation,”](#) with Anne Morrison Piehl (Rutgers University), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Working Paper WP-2005-19, November 2005 (revised June 2009).

[“Female Offenders Use of Social Welfare Programs Before and After Jail and Prison: Evidence from Administrative Data,”](#) with Robert LaLonde (University of Chicago), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Working Paper WP-2006-13, November 2006.

[“Not Working: Demographic Changes, Policy Changes, and the Distribution of Weeks \(Not\) Worked,”](#) with Lisa Barrow (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Working Paper WP-2004-23, November 2004 (revised June 2006).

External Research Support:

2020 Co-Investigator (with Sari Kerr (PI) and Deniz Civril, Wellesley Centers for Women), Washington Center for Equitable Growth, “Did Paid Sick Leave and Family Medical Leave Ameliorate the Health and Economic Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic?” \$34,500.

2020-2022 Co-Investigator (with Sari Kerr (PI), Wellesley Centers for Women), National Science Foundation, Award No:1919071, “Family Friendly: How Are Firms and Establishments Affected by Publicly Mandated Family Leave.” \$353,314.

2019-2021 Co-Investigator (with Sari Kerr (PI), Wellesley Centers for Women), Russell Sage Foundation, Award No. 1808-07803, “Family Leave and Public Policy: Impact on Firms and Workers.” \$145,541.

2018-2019 Co-Investigator (with Tara Watson (PI), Williams College), Peterson Foundation 2050 grant, “Immigration, Care-giving, and Tomorrow’s Elderly.” \$55,000.

2016-2018 Principal Investigator, *National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging, 1R03AG051861-01*: “The Impact of Immigration on the Living Arrangements and Health of the Elderly.” (with Tara Watson, Williams College). \$150,000.

2012-2014 *University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research* (Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach (PI), Northwestern University): “New Evidence on Why Children’s Food Security Varies Across Households with Similar Incomes.” \$244,254.

2012-2013 *Russell Sage Foundation Social Effects of the Great Recession* (Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach (PI), Northwestern University): “Understanding Food Insecurity During the Great Recession.” \$146,614

2008-2009 *USDA Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics*: “Is Being in School Better?, Using School Starting Age to Identify the Impact of School on Children’s Obesity.” \$32,949.95

2006-2008 *Robert Wood Johnson Healthy Eating Research Grant* (Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach, Principal Investigator), Award number 57922: “The Effect of School Accountability Policies on Childhood Obesity.” \$74,995.

Other Professional Activities:

2019 Guest Editor, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*
2017- MyIntuition, Board Member
2015-2017 *Journal of Economic Perspectives* Advisory Board
2015 NSF Panelist
2010-2011 Education Studies Committee, MDRC

External Review Committees:

Economics Department, Colgate University, November 2015.
Economics Department, Colby College, April 2016
Economics Department, Brandeis, March 2016
Economics Department, Williams College, March 2017
Economics Department, Wesleyan University, March 2018
Economics Department, Stonehill College, November 2018

Referee for *The American Economic Review*, *The American Economic Journal: Public Policy*, *The American Economic Journal: Applied*, *The Journal of Political Economy*, *The Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *The Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *The Journal of Health Economics*, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, *The Journal of the European Economic Association*, *The National Tax Journal*, *Urban Studies*, *Population Index*, *The Economic Journal*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *The American Journal of Sociology*, *Public Finance Review*, *The Journal of Development Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Berkeley Electronic Press*, *Economics and Human Biology*, *Demography*, *Criminology*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, The National Research Council, The Russell Sage Foundation, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, The National Science Foundation, and The Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness.

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