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CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor, Loyola University Chicago, Quinlan School of Business, Department of Economics, July 2012 – Present (Asst. Prof. from 2006 – 2012)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, December 2006
Dissertation: *Essays on the Intergenerational Transmission of Obesity and Human Capital*
M.A., Economics, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, December 1997
B.A., *summa cum laude*, Economics and Math, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, May 1996

PUBLISHED & FORTHCOMING RESEARCH

“Changes Over Time in the Relationship of Obesity to Education Accumulation” accepted for publication in *Eastern Economic Journal*

“The effect of job loss and unemployment duration on suicide risk in the United States: a new look using mass-layoffs and unemployment duration,” (with Richard Dunn) *Health Economics*, vol. 21, no. 3, March 2012, pp. 338-350

“Suicide, social integration and fertility rates,” (with Richard Dunn), *Applied Economics Letters*, vol. 18, no. 11, July 2011, pp. 1011-1014

“The Politics of Hope and Despair: The Effect of Presidential Election Outcomes on Suicide Rates” (with Richard Dunn), *Social Science Quarterly*, 2010, vol. 91, no. 3, pp. 593 – 612

“Measures of the Intergenerational Transmission of Body Mass Index Between Mothers and Their Children in the United States, 1981-2004” *Economics and Human Biology*, 2010, vol. 8, no. 1, pp. 30 – 43

“Childhood Influences on Youth Obesity,” (with Charles Hokayem), *Economics and Human Biology*, 2005, vol. 3, no. 2, pp. 165 – 187

WORKING PAPERS

“Back to work, back to health? Spending on services for dislocated workers and suicide risk,” (with Richard Dunn), May 2012

“Suicide, unemployment duration and the length of unemployment insurance benefits in Europe,” (with Richard Dunn), July 2011

“The dynamic response of suicide rates to job loss in the United States,” (with Richard Dunn), July 2011

“The Effect of Relative Weight Status on Education Accumulation,” November 2010

“Obesity and Educational Attainment”, January 2010

OTHER RESEARCH

“Local Matching Markets and Risky Adolescent Behaviors,” (with Lorens Helmchen)

**RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE**

Trainee, National Institute of Mental Health Training Grant in Health and Mental Health Economics, UW-Madison, Sept. 2003 – July 2006

Research Assistant, Professor Larry Samuelson, UW-Madison, August 2002-July 2003

Analyst, National Economic Research Associates, Chicago, IL, Nov. 1997-August 2000

PRESENTATIONS “Back to work, back to health: Spending on services for dislocated workers and suicide risk,”
American Society of Health Economists, Biennial Conference, Minneapolis, June 2012

“Local Matching Markets and Risky Adolescent Behaviors and Attributes”

Add Health Users Conference, Natl Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, July 2012

Intl. Health Econ. Assoc., 8th World Congress, Toronto, July 2011 (poster + short oral)

Meetings of the Midwest Economics Association, St. Louis, MO, March 2011

“The Effect of Relative Weight Status on Education Accumulation”

University of Illinois-Chicago, Dept. of Economics seminar, November 2010

AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Chicago, IL, June 2009 (Poster)

University of Chicago, Economics of Biodemography and Aging Workshop, May 2009

Meetings of the Southern Economic Association, Washington, DC, November 2008

“Obesity and SNAP: Does Anyone ‘Gain’ From Food Stamp Program Participation?”

American Society of Health Economists, Biennial Meetings, Ithaca, NY, June 2010

Meetings of the Midwest Economics Association, Cleveland, OH, March 2009

“Unemployment and Suicide in the United States: A New Look Using Mass Layoffs”

DePaul University, Department of Economics seminar, April 2010

Meetings of the Midwest Economics Association, Evanston, IL, March 2010

University of Illinois-Chicago, IGPA Health Econ & Policy seminar, February 2010

Meetings of the Southern Economic Association, San Antonio, TX, Nov. 2009

“Changes Over Time in the Relationship of Obesity to Education Accumulation”

American Society of Health Economists, Biennial Meetings, Durham, NC, June 2008

“The Role of Weight Status in Intergenerational Correlations of Education”

International Health Econ. Assoc., 6th World Congress, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 2007

Northern Illinois University, Department of Economics workshop, April 2007

University of Chicago, Health Economics workshop, February 2007

University of Illinois-Chicago, Health Economics workshop, October 2006

“Measures of the Intergenerational Transmission of Body Mass Index”

American Society of Health Economists, Inaugural Meetings, Madison, WI, June 2006

UW-Madison, Public Economics workshop, October 2005

“Costly Delays in Seeking Mental Health Care,” poster presentation

NIMH Biennial Economics Conference, September 2004, Washington, DC

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Undergraduate: Intro. and Intermediate Microeconomics, Health Economics, Econometrics

MBA: Health Care Economics (Part-time MBA and Health Care Executive MBA)

GRANTS

Loyola University Chicago, School of Business Administration Faculty Development Grants

“Local Matching Markets and Risky Adolescent Behaviors,” Academic Year 2010-11, \$3,000

“Unemployment and Suicide in the United States: A New Look Using Mass Layoffs” Academic Year 2009-10, \$3,000

Loyola University Chicago, Summer Research Stipends, Internal Grants

“Persistence of Obesity and Correlations of Education Within Families,” Summer 2010, \$6,000

“The Effect of Changes to Food Stamp Benefit Delivery Timing on Obesity,” Summer 2009, \$6,000

“The Role of Obesity and Social Networks in Education Accumulation,” Summer 2008, \$6,000

Loyola Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (LUROP), Internal Grants

“Medical Technology Adoption: A Case Study of Drug-Eluting Stents,” with LUC undergraduate Michael Lauer, \$1,000 (to student), 2012-13

“The Influence of Socioeconomic and Insurance Inequalities in Access to Emergency Care,” with LUC undergraduate Patrick Sinclair, \$1,000 (to student), 2009-10

“Implications of Expansion of S-CHIP and Potential Funding Mechanisms,” with undergraduate Pratik Desai, \$1,000 (to student), 2007-08

ACADEMIC HONORS

Harold S. Groves Award, best first-year econometrics paper, UW-Madison, 2001

Century Scholarship, University of Chicago, 1996-97

Phi Beta Kappa, Macalester College, 1996

Winner, Minnesota Econ. Assoc. Student Paper Contest, Senior Thesis category, 1996

Robert L. Bunting Prize, Macalester College Department of Economics, 1996

Omicron Delta Epsilon, Macalester College, 1995

John M. Dozier Prize, Macalester College Department of Economics, 1995

Pi Mu Epsilon, Macalester College, 1994

SERVICE

Referee

Applied Economics, Eastern Economic Journal, Economics and Human Biology, Health Economics, Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics

Conference Discussant

International Health Economics Association, World Congress, 2007 and 2011

Meetings of the American Society of Health Economists, 2010, 2008, 2006

Midwest Health Economics Conference, Chicago, IL, 2010

Meetings of the Midwest Economics Association, 2010, 2009

Meetings of the Southern Economic Association, 2009

Annual Meetings of Illinois Economics Association, Chicago, IL, 2007

Association for Public Policy and Management Meetings, Madison, WI, November 2006

Loyola University Chicago, Quinlan School of Business Administration Service

Chair, Department of Economics tenure-track search committee, 2012-13
Member, Department of Economics tenure-track search committees, 3 times
Member of SBA Research Committee, 2006 – 2012
Member of Advisory Board, Health Care Management MBA Program, 2006 – Present
Chapter President, *Beta Gamma Sigma* honor society, 2010 – Present
Hiring committee for Director of Health Care Management MBA program, 2006

Loyola University Chicago Service

Member, Provisional University Senate, 2012 – Present
Chair, Budget and Strategic Plan Committee, University Senate, 2012 – Present
Member, Faculty Council, 2013 – Present
Moderator, Beazley Symposium on Access to Health Care, session on “Cost Implications to Providing Access to Health Care,” Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 2008
Member, Organizing Committee for *Bridges to Latino Health* conference, Loyola University Chicago, 2006-07

MEDIA CITATIONS & APPEARANCES Appeared on WBEZ’s *Morning Shift* discussing long-term unemployment and suicide, January 2014

Appeared twice on *First Business News* discussing health care issues, May 2013

Quoted about suicide research in *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Las Vegas Sun*, and on CNN’s Health.com

Research discussed on websites of CBS News, The Huffington Post, United Press International, *Science Daily*, *The Washington Examiner*, and *Chicago Magazine*

Panel member, Association for Corporate Growth, “Primary Drivers of Midwestern Job Growth”, March 2012 and March 2013

AFFILIATIONS American Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists