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Education

Brigham Young University, B.A. in Economics, *magna cum laude* and University Honors, 1989.

University of Chicago, Department of Economics, M.A. (1992); Ph.D. (1997).

Ph.D. Qualifying Fields: Labor Economics; Econometrics and Statistics.

Dissertation: *Essays on the Economics of Chronic Illness*.

Committee Chair: Robert W. Fogel

Current and Past Positions

Chair, Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University (July 1, 2014 – July 1, 2021).

Professor, Department of Political Science (Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics), Brigham Young University (since Sept. 1, 2013)

Research Economist, National Bureau of Economic Research, working group on Cohort Studies (Since 2001).

Chief Economist, Notalys, LLC (since June, 2013).

Director, Graduate Program in Public Policy, Brigham Young University (1999-2000 and 2002-2013).

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science (Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Economics), Brigham Young University (2004-2013).

Visiting Associate Professor and Co-Director, Center for Population Economics, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago (September 2004-August 2005).

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Brigham Young University (1997-2004).

Lecturer in Economics, University of Chicago (1993-1996).

Visiting Lecturer, Brigham Young University, Department of Economics (Summer 1993).

Graduate Research Assistant for Robert W. Fogel (April 1993 - June 1997).

Associate Editor for the North-Holland Journal *Resource and Energy Economics* (October 1991 - June 1993).

Research Associate, Economics of Disability Section, Rutgers University Bureau of Economic Research (Jul. 1989 - Aug. 1990).

External Grants & Contracts

Early Indicators of Later Work Levels, Disease and Death. Senior Investigator and Core Leader, 1997-Present. Sponsored by National Institute on Aging (P01 AG 10120), Robert W. Fogel & Dora Costa, Principal Investigators. Most recent funding level was \$9.7 million over five years (2014-2019).

Expanding Utah's Health Insurance Options: An Economic Analysis of Benefits, Costs and Risks. June, 2015. Lead author on report prepared with Jay Goodliffe and Katherine Kitterman.

The Cost of Retiring Poor: Government Outlays in Utah's Retiring Population. January 2015. Co-author on report prepared for AARP.

The Healthy Utah Poll: Initial Findings. June 2014. Part of a team that analyzed the Dan Jones poll on the Healthy Utah plan.

The Economics of the Healthy Utah Plan: A Preliminary Analysis. June, 2014. Report prepared for consortium of local non-profit reports.

Financial Analysis for Utah SIM Grant. I led the research team that analyzed the state of Utah's new Health Innovation Plan. This was a report produced jointly by Leavitt Partners and Notalys, LLC for the Utah Department of Health. Oct. 31-Dec. 16, 2013.

Senior Consultant to the Utah Department of Health for the Medicaid Expansion Community Working Group, April - Sept., 2013. See the report *Economic Perspectives on Utah Medicaid Reform under the ACA*

AidData (formerly Project Level Aid Data). Senior Investigator, 2008-2011. Currently an Affiliated Researcher. AidData has received several million dollars in funding from the Gates Foundation, Hewlett Foundation, USAID, and the National Science Foundation, among others.

Field Researcher for Robert Woods Johnson Foundation, April, 2009 - January, 2012. Evaluated the grant received by the Utah Department of Health, *Maximizing Enrollment for Kids in the Medicaid and CHIP programs*.

Awards & Lectureships

2014 Virginia Cutler Lecturer for the School of Family Life, Brigham Young University

J. Reuben Clark Fellowship, Brigham Young University, (2004-2006).

National Institute on Aging, Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (October 1994-June 1997).

University Fellowship, University of Chicago (1990-1994).

Scholarly Articles

“Military Service, Combat, and Civic Participation” (with William Ruger). **2021**. *Armed Forces and Society* 47:551-585.

“Vicious Habits: Sexually Transmitted Infections among Black and White Union Army Veterans.” (with Christopher Roudiez, Heather Desomer, Coralee Lewis and Noelle Yetter) *Journal of Applied History* 1:53-67. **2019**.

“Does Adult Height Predict Later Mortality?: Comparative Evidence from the Early Indicators Samples” **2019**. *Economics and Human Biology* 34:274-285.

Persistent social networks: Civil War Veterans who Fought Together Co-locate in Later Life.”(with Dora L. Costa, Matthew E. Kahn, and Christopher Roudiez). **2018**. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*. (Previously published as NBER Working Paper #22397).

“Data set from the Union Army Samples to Study Locational Choice and Social Networks.” (with Dora L. Costa, Matthew E. Kahn, and Christopher Roudiez). **2018**. *Data in Brief* 17:226-233.

“Cobesity.” **2017**. *Contexts* 16: 74-76.

“Union Army Veterans, All Grown Up.” (with Dora L. Costa, Heather DeSomer, Eric Hanss, Christopher Roudiez, and Noelle Yetter) **2017**. *Historical Methods* 50: 79-95. (previously published as NBER Working Paper #22497, August, 2016).

- “Family Economics and Obesity.” **2016.** (Online publication date: Dec, 2015), in John Komlos and Inas R. Kelly, (eds.), *The Oxford Handbooks of Economics and Human Biology*. Oxford University Press.
- “Marriage, Gender and Obesity in Later Life.” **2012.** *Economics and Human Biology* 10:431-453.
- “Introduction (Special Issue on Obesity and the Family Across the Life Course)” (with Robert Crosnoe and Kellie Daniels). **2012.** *Economics and Human Biology* 10:329-332.
- “More Dollars than Sense: Refining Our Knowledge of Development Finance Using AidData,” (with Michael J. Tierney, Daniel Nielson, Darren Hawkins, Michael Findley, J. Timmons Roberts, Ryan M. Powers, Bradley Parks, & Robert Hicks). **2011.** *World Development* 39: 1891-1906.
- Chasing Success: Health Sector Aid and Mortality. **2011.** *World Development* 39:2031-2043.
- “Marital Status and Colon Cancer Outcomes in US SEER Registries: Does Marriage Affect Cancer Survival by Gender and Stage?” (with Li Wang, David B. Stewart, & Christopher S. Hollenbeak). **2011.** *Cancer Epidemiology* 35:417-422.
- “Prejudice and Policy: Racial Discrimination in the Union Army Disability Pension System, 1865-1906.” **2010.** *American Journal of Public Health* 100 : S56-S65.
- “Race, Infection, and Arteriosclerosis in the Past (with Dora Costa & Lorens Helmchen.) **2007.** *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science* 104:13219-13324.
- “Disease Prevalence and Survey Design Effects: A Response to Weir and Smith” (with Benjamin Howell.) **2007.** *Social Science and Medicine* 65: 1078-1081.
- “A Lot More to do: The Sensitivity of Time-Series Cross-Section Results to Alternative Specifications (with Daniel Butler). **2007.** *Political Analysis* 15:101-123.
- “Dyin’ in Zion: Longevity and Mortality in Utah” (with. Ken R. Smith). In C. Zick and K. Smith (eds), *Utah in the New Millenium: A Demographic Perspective*. **2006.** University of Utah Press.
- “Family-Centered Health Policy Analysis.” In D. Russell Crane and Elaine S. Marshall (eds.) *Handbook of Families and Health*. **2006.** Sage Publications.
- “Work and the Disability Transition in Twentieth Century America” (with Joseph Burton & Benjamin Howell). **2005.** *NBER Working Paper* No. 11036
- “Do Panel Surveys Make People Sick? Arthritis Prevalence in the Health and Retirement Study” (with Benjamin Howell). **2005.** *Social Science and Medicine* 60:2623-2627.

- “The Prevalence of Chronic Respiratory Disease in the Industrial Era: The United States, 1895-1910,” in Dora Costa (ed.) *Health and Labor Force Participation over the Life Cycle: Evidence from the Past*. **2003**. Chicago: NBER and University of Chicago Press.
- “The Height of Union Army Recruits: Community and Family Influences” (with Clayne L. Pope), in Dora Costa (ed.) *Health and Labor Force Participation over the Life Cycle: Evidence from the Past*. **2003**. Chicago: NBER and University of Chicago Press.
- “Good Marriages Gone Bad: Health Mismatches as a Cause of Marital Dissolution in Late Mid-Life.” (with Shawn Waddoups). **2002**. *Population Research and Policy Review* 21: 505-533.
- “Warfare and Welfare: Military Service, Combat and Marital Dissolution.” (With William Ruger and Shawn Waddoups). **2002**. *Armed Forces and Society* 29:85-107.
- “The Health Capital of Families: An Investigation of the Inter-Spousal Correlation in Health Status.” **2002**. *Social Science and Medicine* 55:1157-1172.
- “Work and the Accommodation of Chronic Illness: A Re-Examination of the Health-Labor Supply Relationship.” **2001**. *Applied Economics* 33:1139-56.
- “Body Stature as a Measure of Health and Mortality,” in Neil J. Smelser and Pail B. Baltes (eds.), *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. **2001**. Amsterdam: Elsevier, pp. 6491-5.
- “Socioeconomic Status and the Prevalence of Health Problems among Married Couples in Late Mid-Life.” **2001**. *American Journal of Public Health* 91:131-5.
- “Secular Trends in the Determinants of Disability Benefits.” (with Louis L. Nguyen). **1998**. *American Economic Review* 88:227-31.
- The Economic Consequences of Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury* (with M. Berkowitz, C. Harvey, C. Greene, T. Stripling). **1992**. New York: Demos Publications.
- “New Estimates of the Direct Costs of Traumatic Spinal Cord Injuries, Results of a Nationwide Survey.” (with M. Berkowitz, C. Harvey, C. Green). **1992**. *Paraplegia* 30: 834-850.

Book Reviews

- “A Doomsaying Primer.” Review of Niall Ferguson, *The Great Degeneration: How Institutions Decay and Economics Die*. *Law and Liberty*. April 29, **2014**.
- “*Intensely Human: The Health of the Black Soldier in the American Civil War* (review).” **2009**. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 40:121-122
- “Feature Review,” *Democracy Defended*, by Gerry Mackie in *Perspectives on Political Science*, August, **2004**.

Scholarly Presentations

I regularly present research at scholarly conferences. During my career I have presented dozens of research papers at the American Economic Association, The International Health Economics Association, The American Association for Policy Analysis and Management, The Population Association of America, The Social Science History Association, the Midwest Political Science Association, The Southern History Association, and several other scholarly venues.

Courses Taught

At Brigham Young University

- 1) ECON 110: Principles of Economics (Summer 1993).
- 2) PLSC 205: Rationality and Politics (Fall 1999, Winter 2000, Fall 2002, 2003).
- 3) POLI 298: Lecture Series in Political Science (Fall 2014, 2015, 2016)
- 4) PLSC 328: Quantitative Political Methodology (Fall 2005) – Joint with PPOL 603
- 5) PLSC 330: Theories of Public Policy (Winter, Fall 1999, Winter 2008, 2011-2013).
- 6) POLI 331: Politics and Public Policy (Winter 2014, 2015, 2016, 2020)
- 7) POLI 428: Advanced Statistical Analysis (Winter 2019, Fall 2019)
- 8) PLSC 430: Capstone in Public Policy (Winter 2000, Fall 2011).
- 9) PLSC 532: Methods of Policy Analysis I (Fall 1997, Fall 1998).
- 10) PLSC 533: Methods of Policy Analysis II (Winter 1998, Winter 1999).
- 11) PLSC 545: Social Policy / ECON 413R Demographic Economics (Winter 1998, Fall 1998).
- 12) PLSC 391/399: Washington Seminar (Fall 2000, Winter 2001)
- 13) PPOL 603: Data Analysis 1 (Fall 2005-2009)
- 14) PPOL 604: Data Analysis 2 (Winter 2002, Winter 2003- 2004, 2006-2010)
- 15) PPOL 611: Policy Analysis 1 (Fall 2001-2003, 2005-2013)
- 16) PPOL 612: Policy Analysis 2 (Winter 2002-2007, 2010, 2012)
- 17) PPOL 615: Capstone Seminar in Public Policy (Winter 2002, 2010-2014)
- 18) PPOL 599R, 680R, 689R (Various)
- 19) REL A 121: Book of Mormon (Fall 2012, Winter 2013, Fall 2013)
- 20) AHTG 100: American Heritage (Winter 2014, Winter 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Winter 2022)

At the University of Chicago

ECON 265: Environmental Economics (Winter 1993-1995, Spring 1996).