

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Positions

Professor of Economics, University of Nevada, Reno. July 2019 to Present.

Fellow, Global Labor Organization (GLO), Essen, Germany. 2017 to present.

Research Fellow, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), Bonn, Germany. 2017 to present.

Past Positions

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Nevada, Reno. July 2005 to June 2011.

Associate Professor of Economics, University of Nevada, Reno. July 2011 to June 2019

Awards

Dean's Research Professor, College of Business, University of Nevada Reno, 2014-2016.

Beta Gamma Sigma Researcher of the Year, College of Business, University of Nevada Reno, 2012.

Education

University of Pennsylvania , Ph.D., Economics	2005
Ohio State University , M.A., Economics	2000
Indian Statistical Institute , M.S., Quantitative Economics	1998
University of Calcutta , B.S., Economics	1996

Research Interests

Labor Economics, Health Economics, Family Economics, Economics of Education.

Published Research

1. Impacts of shifting responsibility for high-cost individuals on Health Insurance Exchange plan premiums and cost-sharing provisions (with Jeanne Wendel and Miaomiao Zou) forthcoming in *Journal of Health Economics*
2. Will Skill-Based Immigration Policies Lead to Lower Remittances? An analysis of the relations between education, sponsorship, and remittances (with Miaomiao Zou) forthcoming in *Journal of Development Studies*.
3. Incentive design to boost health for juveniles with Medicaid coverage: Evidence from a field experiment (with Dana Edberg and Jeanne Wendel) forthcoming in *Economics and Human Biology*.
4. Legal status and immigrants' educational investment decisions, *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2019.
5. Marriage markets as explanation for why heavier people work more hours, (with Shoshana Grossbard) *IZA Journal of Labor Economics*, 2017.
6. An Application of Difference-in-Difference-Difference Model Effects of Prevailing Wage Legislation in Mountain States of the United States (with TR Harris and N Wiseman) *Public Works Management & Policy*, 2017.
7. Evaluating an employee wellness program, (with Jeanne Wendel) *International Journal of Health care Finance and Economics*, 2013, 13 (3-4), 173-199
8. Children, spousal love, and happiness: an economic analysis (with Shoshana Grossbard), *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2013, 11 (3), 447-467.
9. Long-Term Trends in Relative Earnings Mobility, (with Bradley R. Schiller), *Social Science Quarterly*, 2013, 94 (4), 881-893
10. Effects of the 1978 Pregnancy Discrimination Act on Female Labor Supply, *International Economic Review*, 2012, 53 (4), 1133-1153
11. Value of an Employment-based Green Card (with David Oxborrow), *Demography*, 2012, 49 (1), 219-237
12. Is post-smoking-cessation weight-gain a significant trigger for relapse? (with J. Wendel), *Applied Economics*, 2011.

13. Employment and Earnings of Low Income Residents in Urban China: The Role of Social Safety Net (with S. Song and E. Zhu), *Chinese Economy*, 2011
14. Effects of School Reform on Education and Labor Market Performance: Evidence from Chile's Universal Voucher System (with David Bravo and Petra Todd), *Quantitative Economics*, 2010, Vol. 1(1): 47-97.
15. Religion, Religiosity and Educational Attainment of Immigrants to the USA, *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2011.
16. Analyzing the impact of prenatal care on infant health: do we have useful input and output measures? (with Jeanne Wendel, Wei Yang, and Wai Lee) *Economics Bulletin*, 2008, Vol. 9(22): 1-14.
17. Are Prenatal Care Resources Allocated Efficiently Across High-Risk and Low-Risk Mothers? (With Jeanne Wendel), *International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics*, 2008, Vol. 8(3), 163-179.
18. Private Money as a Competing Medium of Exchange (with Mark Pingle), *Journal of Macroeconomics*, 2010, Vol. 32(2): 541-554.
19. Urban Poor in China: A Descriptive Analysis (with S. Song and E. Zhu), *Chinese Economy*, 2009, Vol. 42(4): 44-62.
20. Do Women Value Marriage More? The Effect of Obesity on Cohabitation and Marriage, *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2008, 6(2): 111-126.
21. Technology Transfer in Duopoly: The Role of Cost Asymmetry (with T.Kabiraj and A. Mukherjee), *International Review of Economics and Finance*, 1999, 8(1): 363-374.

Conference Proceeding

22. Game Theoretic Modeling to Enforce Security Information Sharing among Firms (with DK Tosh, S Sengupta, CA Kamhoua, and KA Kwiat) 2015 IEEE 2nd International Conference on Cyber Security and Cloud Computing

Other Completed Research

1. Language assimilation and performance in achievement tests among immigrant children: Evidence from a field experiment, revision requested by *Economics of Education Review*, [IZA Discussion paper No. 11524](#)
2. Comparing Wage Gains from Small and Mass Scale Immigrant Legalization Programs? [IZA Discussion paper No. 11525](#)

3. Do employers discriminate against obese employees: evidence from individuals who simultaneously work in self-employment and paid-employment?
4. New evidence on International Transferability of Human Capital (with Eric Gibbons)

Work in progress

5. Who Creates Jobs and Why? Estimating a Dynamic Structural Model (with Frank Fossen and Mobarak Hossain)
6. Effects of the ACA on Workplace Absenteeism of Obese Workers (with Ethan Grumstrup, Mobarak Hossain, and Olga Shapoval)
7. The Effects of Pay for Performance on Physician Productivity (with Jeanne Wendel)
8. Does Managed Care save money? (with Jeanne Wendel)

Advising

Ph.D. thesis committee chair (year of graduation and first job in parenthesis)

- Miaomiao Zou (2017, Assistant Professor at Nanjing Audit University, China)
- Mobarak Hossain (in progress)
- Olga Shapoval (in progress)

Ph.D. thesis committee member (year of graduation and first job in parenthesis)

- Eric Gibbons (2018, Visiting Assistant Professor at Ohio State University, Marion)

M.A. /M.S. thesis committee chair

- Jina Morrow (2010)
- Hiroe H. Primmer (2007)
- Gosia Sylwestrzak (2007)

M.A. /M.S. thesis committee member

- Nathan Osborne (2016)
- Alexix Irion (2015)
- Leandra Copeland (2011)
- Andrea West (2012)
- Tiana Bowlen (2010)
- Cody C. Clark (2007)

External Contracts, Grants, Sponsored Research

1. Incentives for preventing Chronic Diseases (2013-2016), Sponsored by NV-DHHS-DHCFP, (with Dana Edberg and Jeanne Wendel) **\$74,925**
2. NV Health Information Exchange Program Evaluation (2013-2014), Sponsored by NV Health Information Exchange, (with Chad Anderson, Dana Edberg, and Jeanne Wendel) **\$ 122,669**
3. Direct and Indirect Effects of Prevailing Wage on Society (2012), Sponsored by Building and Construction Trade Council of Northern Nevada (with Tom Harris), **\$19,851**
4. DHCFP Aggregation, Conversion, Model Research/Analysis (2007), Sponsored by NV-DHHS-DHCFP, (with Jeanne Wendel) **\$8000**

Teaching

University of Nevada Reno

Introductory Microeconomics (Undergraduate Level)

Labor Economics (Undergraduate Level)

Labor Economics (Graduate Level)

Game theory (Graduate Level)

University of Pennsylvania

Mathematics for Economists (Graduate Level)

Referee

Annales d Economie et de Statistique, Applied Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, Economics and Human Biology, International Economic Review, IZA Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, PLOS ONE, Quantitative Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, Social Science Journal.

Computer Skills

Fortran90, Matlab, Stata