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### EDUCATION

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. (Economics), 1993.

Saint Louis University, B.S. (Economics, Honors), 1988.

### EMPLOYMENT

Instructor in Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1991.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN, 1993-94.

Assistant Professor of Economics, Knox College, Galesburg, IL, 1994-1999

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, American University, Washington, DC, 1999-2002

Assistant Professor of Economics, American University, Washington, DC, 2002-2008

Associate Professor of Economics, American University, Washington, DC, 2008-present

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Matchmaker, Matchmaker, Make Me a Match: A General Personal Computer Record Linkage System"  
(with Jeremy Atack and Fred Bateman), *Historical Methods* 25(Spring 1992), pp. 53-65.

"Specialization in Late Nineteenth Century Agriculture: Missouri as a Test Case," *Agricultural History* 67,  
1(Winter 1993), pp. 16-35.

"Rural Response to Increased Demand: Crop Choice in the Midwest, 1860-1880," *Journal of Economic  
History* 53, 2(June 1993), pp. 332-345.

"Long Term Trends in Agricultural Specialization in the U.S.: Some Preliminary Results," *Agricultural  
History* 70, 1(Winter 1996), pp. 90-101.

"Wealth Accumulation and Distribution in the Midwest in the Late Nineteenth Century," *Explorations in  
Economic History* 33, 4(Spring 1996), pp. 524-538.

"Population Dynamics in Rural Missouri, 1860-1880," *Social Science History* 21, 1(Spring 1997), pp. 85-  
110.

"Railroad Development and Land Value" (with Chad Coffman), *Journal of Real Estate Finance and  
Economics* 16, 2(March 1998), pp. 191-204.

"Land Ownership, Farm Size, and Tenancy after the Civil War," *Journal of Economic History* 58, 3(Sept.  
1998), pp. 822-829.

"Middlemen in the Market for Grain: Changes and Comparisons," *Essays in Economic and Business  
History* 18, 1(2000), pp. 59-72.

"Transracial Placement in Adoptions with Public Agency Involvement: What Can We Learn from the  
AFCARS Data?" (with Rita Simon), *Adoption Quarterly* 8, 2(June 2004), pp. 45-56.

"Unintended Consequences of Bargaining for Adoption Assistance Payments" (with Daniel Pollack),  
*Family Court Review* 43, 3(July 2005), pp. 495-511.

- “New Evidence on Race Discrimination under ‘Separate but Equal’” (with Bradley Hansen), *Essays in Economic and Business History* 2, 1(2006), pp. 120-132.
- “An Economic Analysis of the Adoption of Children from Foster Care” (with Bradley Hansen), *Child Welfare* 85, 3(May/June 2006), pp. 559-583.
- “The Role of Path Dependence in the Development of U.S. Bankruptcy Law, 1880-1938” (with Bradley A. Hansen), *Journal of Institutional Economics* 3, 2(2007), pp. 203-225, doi: 10.1017/S174413740700063X.
- “Using Subsidies to Promote the Adoption of Children from Foster Care,” *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* 28, 2007, pp. 377-393, doi: 10.1007/s10834-007-9067-6.
- “State-Designated Special Needs, Post-Adoption Support, and State Fiscal Stress,” *Children and Youth Services Review* 29, 2007, pp. 1411-1425
- “The Value of Adoption,” *Adoption Quarterly* 10, 2(2007), pp. 65-87. doi: 101300/J145v10n02\_03.
- “Tradeoffs in Formulating a Consistent National Policy on Adoption” (with Daniel Pollack), *Family Court Review*, 46, 2(April 2008), pp. 366-374. [Selected for inclusion in the *University of La Verne Law Review's* Selective Bibliographic Index of Juvenile Law Publications (2007-2008).]
- “The Distribution of a Federal Entitlement: The Case of Adoption Assistance” *Journal of Socio-Economics* 37, 6(December 2008), pp. 2427-2442.
- “Religion, Social Capital, and Business Bankruptcy, 1921-1932” (with Bradley Hansen), *Business History* 50, 6(November 2008), pp. 714-727.
- “The Structure of Families who Adopt Children from Foster Care,” *Journal of Public Child Welfare* 2, (2008), pp. 427-449.

#### Edited Law Review Articles

- “The Regulation of Intercountry Adoption” (with Daniel Pollack), *Brandeis Law Journal* 45, 1(October 2006), pp. 105-128.
- “Raising the Cut-Off: The Empirical Case for Extending Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies from Age 18 to 21” (with Josh Gupta-Kagan), *Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy* 13, 1(January 2009), pp. 1.-33.

#### Book Chapters & Conference Proceedings

- “Using Private Contracts to Create Adoptions from Foster Care,” Stephen J. Quintero (ed.), *Child Welfare Issues and Perspectives* (New York: Nova Science Publishers 2009).
- “Transracial Adoption of Black Children: An Economic Analysis” (with Daniel Pollack), in Michele Goodwin (ed.), *Baby Markets: Money, Morality, and the Neopolitics of Choice* (Cambridge 2010), pp. 133-145.
- “Extending and Expanding Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies for Children and Youth in the District of Columbia” (with Josh Gupta-Kagan), *Achieving Equity for Children and Families*, Proceedings of the 33<sup>rd</sup> National Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Family Law Conference, National Association of Counsel for Children (2010), pp. 35-55.
- “Inequalities across States in a Federally-Funded System: The Case of Child Welfare Subsidies,” *The Econ of Inequality, Poverty, and Discrimination in the 21st Century*, (ABC-CLIO, forthcoming in 2012).

#### Research Reports

- “Extending and Expanding Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies for Children and Youth in the District of Columbia Foster Care System: Fiscal Impact Analysis” (with Josh Gupta-Kagan), report to the Council of the District of Columbia, November 2009, entered into public record March 4, 2010.

Other Invited Publications

- "Strategies for Commercialization: Missouri Agriculture, 1860-1880," *Journal of Economic History* 54, 2(June 1994), pp. 423-425. [dissertation summary]
- "At the Confluence of Economics and World History," *Econ-Exchange* 7, 1(March 2003), pp. 1-4. [essay on teaching economics with history for K-12 teachers of economics]
- "An Overview of Federal Adoption Policy Legislation" (with Bradley Hansen). ONLINE. Center for Adoption Research. Available: <http://www.centerforadoptionresearch.org/default.asp?action=article&ID=139&CategoryID=26&CategoryName=Federal> (last accessed December 1, 2005). [policy history]
- "Measuring the Relationship between Income and Interest in Adoption." ONLINE. Center for Adoption Research. Available: <http://www.centerforadoptionresearch.org/> (last accessed December 1, 2005). [research report]
- "Explaining Bankruptcy: An Analysis of State Bankruptcy Rates During the Great Depression" (with Bradley Hansen), *The Newsletter of the Cliometric Society* 19, 2(Summer-Fall 2004). [preview of January 2005 American Economic Association presentation]
- "Masters of the Economy." Game 154. ONLINE. Games Economists Play. Available: <http://www.marietta.edu/~delemeeg/games/games151-160.htm> (last accessed August 20, 2006). [description and materials for a classroom game]

*AFCARS Adoption Data Research Brief Series:*

- "Adoptive Family Structure." AFCARS Adoption Data Research Brief Number 1. ONLINE. North American Council on Adoptable Children. Available: <http://www.nacac.org/pdfs/AFCARSadoptivefamilystructure.pdf> (last accessed August 24, 2006).
- "Age of Children at Adoption and Time from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption." AFCARS Adoption Data Research Brief Number 2. ONLINE. North American Council on Adoptable Children. Available: <http://www.nacac.org/pdfs/AFCARSageatadoption.pdf> (last accessed August 24, 2006).
- "Race and Transracial Adoption." AFCARS Adoption Data Research Brief Number 3. ONLINE. North American Council on Adoptable Children. Available: <http://www.nacac.org/pdfs/AFCARSraceandtra.pdf> (last accessed August 24, 2006).
- "Special Needs and Disabilities." AFCARS Adoption Data Research Brief Number 4. ONLINE. North American Council on Adoptable Children. Available: <http://www.nacac.org/pdfs/AFCARSspecialneeds.pdf> (last accessed August 24, 2006).
- "Title IV-E Claims and Adoption Assistance Payments." AFCARS Adoption Data Research Brief Number 5. ONLINE. North American Council on Adoptable Children. Available: <http://www.nacac.org/pdfs/AFCARStitleivepayments.pdf> (last accessed August 24, 2006).

"The subtleties of race and recruitment in foster care and adoption," (with Daniel Pollack). *California NASW News* 32, 8(May 2006), 6. [editorial]

"The Value of Adoption" *Adoptalk* (Spring 2007), 8-9. [research summary]

Book Reviews

Review of Political Economy of the Family Farm (by Sue Headlee) in *Agricultural History* 67, 1(Winter 1993), pp. 90-92.

- Review of To Sow One Acre More (by Lee A. Craig) in *Journal of Economic History* 54, 2(June 1994), pp. 464-465.
- Review of Mexicans in the Midwest: 1900-1932 (by Juan Garcia) in *Journal of Economic History* 57, 3(September 1997), pp. 754-755.
- Review of Sowing Modernity: America's First Agricultural Revolution (by Peter D. McClelland).  
ONLINE. Economic History Services. Available:  
<http://www.eh.net/bookreviews/library/0226.shtml> (last accessed August 31, 2006).
- Review of A House Dividing: Economic Development in Pennsylvania and Virginia Before the Civil War (by John Majewski) in *Journal of Economic History* 61, 2(June 2001), pp. 555-56.
- Review of Fighting for the Farm: Rural America Transformed (edited by Jane Adams) in *Journal of Economic History* 63, 3(Sept. 2005), pp. 909-10.
- Review of The Rosenwald Schools of the American South (by Mary S. Hoffschwelle) in *The Southern Quarterly*.
- Review of Quantitative Economic History: The Good of Counting (edited by Joshua Rosenbloom).  
ONLINE. Economic History Services. Available: <http://eh.net/bookreviews/library/1359> (last accessed October 25, 2008).

#### **DATA SETS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN**

- "Manuscript Censuses of Population and Agriculture for 1860, 1870, and 1880: Missouri," ICPSR Study Number 6503.
- "State Panel Of Adoption And Child Welfare Policies And Programs, 1996-2003," National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect Dataset 125.

#### **ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- John E. Rovensky Fellowship in Economic and Business History, Business History Association, 1991-92.
- Allan Nevins Prize for Outstanding Dissertation, Economic History Association, 1993.
- Edwards Prize for Outstanding Publication in *Agricultural History*, Agricultural History Society, 1993
- Quadrennial Dissertation Competition Finalist, International Economic History Association, 1998
- Senior Research Fellow, Office of Foster Care and Adoption, University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2005-present; Research Fellow, 2002-2005
- Morton Bender Prize, American University, in Recognition of Scholarly Achievements since Attaining Tenure, 2011

#### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

- Prior to 2004: Economic and Business History Association Annual Meetings (1999), Washington D.C. area economic history seminar (1998); Allied Social Science Association annual meetings (1997); Hagley Foundation Library (1996); Social Science History Association annual meetings (1992, 1994, 1995); Eleventh International Economic History Congress (1994, 1998); Economic History Association annual meetings (1992, 1993); NBER (1993); University of Illinois (1991, 1994); Illinois Economic Association (1992); Indiana University (1992); University of Michigan (1993); University of Iowa (1994, 1995), University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (1991); Northwestern University (1991), Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings (2001, 2003), Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings (2003)
- "Economics of the Proposed U.S. Regulations Implementing the Hague Convention," Workshop on Intercountry Adoption, the European Union, and Transnational Law, Adoption Policy Institute and the New York School of Law, May 2004.

- “Bargaining over Support for Adopted Children,” Annual Meetings of the Eastern Economic Association, February 2004.
- “Explaining Bankruptcy: An Analysis of State Bankruptcy Rates During the Great Depression” (with Bradley Hansen), American Economic Association Meetings (Cliometrics Society/Economic History Association Session), January 2005.
- “Federal Adoption Assistance and Family Structure” (with Renata Kochut), Annual Meetings of the Eastern Economic Association, February 2005.
- “Tradeoffs in Formulating a Consistent National Policy on Adoption,” Second World Conference on Children without Parents, November 2005.
- “New Evidence on Race Discrimination under ‘Separate but Equal’” (with Bradley Hansen), Meetings of Economic and Business Historical Society, April 2005.
- “Legal Rules and Bankruptcy Rates” (with Bradley Hansen), Meetings of Southern Economic Association, November 2006.
- “Using Private Contracts to Create Adoptions from Foster Care,” research seminar series at the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, September 2007.
- “The Value of Adoption,” plenary address at the Fall Executive’s Conference of the California Alliance of Child and Family Services, October 31, 2007.
- “Adoption Assistance Research Update,” workshop at the Child Welfare League of America’s National Adoption and Foster Care Training Conference, December 10, 2007.
- “Valuing Surrogate Families,” Southern Economic Association Meetings, November 21, 2008.
- “The Value of Adoption,” New York Coalition for Children, April 21, 2009.
- “Using Data to Advocate for Permanency and Policy Changes,” 33d Annual Child Welfare, Juvenile and Family Law Conference, National Association of Counsel for Children, Austin, TX. (October 21, 2010)
- “The Effect of Recession and Stimulus on Children in Foster Care,” American Economic Association Annual Meeting, January 8, 2011.
- “Economic Crisis and Bankruptcy,” Washington Area Economic History Workshop, February 18, 2011.

## **SPONSORED RESEARCH**

### Contracts and Grants Received (Role: PI)

- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES 91-00517), AY 1991-92 (\$20,000)
- Economic History Association, Cole Grant-in-Aid, 1995 (\$1,500)
- National Science Foundation, Economics Program Grant (SES 96-23063), "Middlemen in Towns and Small Cities of the Midwest: 1865-1900," covering FYs 1997-1998 (\$60,000)
- Center for Adoption Research, “Economics of Adoption and Adoption Policy,” FY 2003-04 (\$19,353)
- National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Child Health and Development (R03-HD045342-01), “Assessment of Incentives to Adopt Children from Foster Care,” CYs 2004-2005 (\$132,600)
- Center for Adoption Research, “Adoption as Investment in Children,” CY 2006 (\$24,000)
- Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, “Maximizing the Potential of the Survey of Adoptive and Pre-Adoptive Parents,” Summer 2007 (\$3,630)
- Center for Adoption Research, “Sensitivity of Demand for Public Agency Adoption,” CY 2007 (\$25,000)
- National Science Foundation, Major Research Instrumentation Program Grant (BCS-1039497), “MRI: Acquisition of HPC at AU (Expanding Capabilities for Research and Research Training at American University through Shared High-Performance Computing),” October 1, 2010-September 30, 2011 (\$260,745)

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Institute for New Economic Thinking, "Emergency Preservation of Federal Bankruptcy Court Records," (co-PI Michelle Miller, Rutgers Business School) August 1, 2011-April 30, 2012 (\$69,543)  
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation (Grant Number 2011-6-16), "Digital Preservation of Bankruptcy Court Records, 1898-2000," (co-PI Michelle Miller, Rutgers Business School) September 15, 2011-December 31, 2012 (\$207, 665)

Other Research/Travel Support Received

American Council of Learned Societies International Travel Grant, 1994  
Hagley Foundation Grants-in-Aid, Winter 1995 and Summer 1996  
National Endowment for the Humanities, selected to attend 8-week summer seminar for college teachers, "The Industrial Revolution in Comparative Perspective," Summer 1997  
National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect, Cornell University, funded to attend Summer Research Institute, Summer 2003

Internal Research Support

Knox College Faculty Development Grants, 1995 and 1996  
American University, General Education Faculty Assistance Program Grant, Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Spring 2007  
American University, University Faculty Research Support Grant, AYs 2003-4, 2007-8, 2011-12.  
American University, College of Arts and Sciences, Mellon Faculty Development Fund Award, most recently Spring 2011.

**TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES**

Graduate Courses Taught at AU: European Economic History (Econ 618), Labor Economics (Econ 573), Principles of Economics (Econ 603), Economic History (Econ 618), Labor Economics Seminar (Econ 789)  
Undergraduate Courses Taught at AU: Principles of Macroeconomics (Econ 100), Principles of Microeconomics (Econ 200), International Economics (Econ 311), Senior Research Seminar (Econ 480)  
Dissertation Chair (3 defended, 2 in progress)  
Dissertation Committee Member (6 defended)  
McNair Summer Research Advisor, 2002 (1 student)  
I regularly serve as Honors Captstone Advisor, Independent Study Advisor, and include undergraduate students in my research projects (several per academic year)

## **SELECTED SERVICE TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**

### Department of Economics

Director of Undergraduate Studies, includes chairing Undergraduate Studies Committee, Omicron Delta Epsilon Advisor and Honors Coordinator (2006-current), chairing Undergraduate Studies Committee, undergraduate program assessment; Dissertation Fellowship Committee (AY 02-03); Merit Review Committee (AY 02-03); Grievance Committee (AY 02-03); Personnel Committee (AY 03-04), Personnel Committee Chair (AY 2009-10, AY 2010-11), ad hoc Committee on Governance (AY 05-06), Steering Committee (06-07, 07-08); Program Review and Self-Study Committee (Fall 2008).

### College of Arts and Sciences

Educational Policy Committee (AY 2003-04), Mellon Committee (AYs 03-06), CAS Robyn Mathias Student Research Conference Judge (2008); Academic Grievance Panel Member (November 2008).

### American University

Honors 101 Faculty Mentor (2006, 2008), Honors Advisory Board (2007-present), Ann Ferren Teaching Conference Planning Committee (for 2008 conference); NCUR Faculty Sponsor (2009); Member, Task Force on Research and Grants Infrastructure (2009-10); General Education Assessment Coordinator (2009-2010), Academic Technology Steering Committee (2009-present); Member, Working Group on Faculty Portal Design (2010); Member, Working Group on Datatel Interface for Grants Reporting (2011) Chair, HPC Liaison Committee (2010-present).

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

E-mail Mailing List Moderator for DATABASES for Cliometrics Society, 1994-96

Referee for *Journal of Economic History*, *Agricultural History*, *Social Science History*, *Historical Methods*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, *International Review of Law and Economics*, *Perspectives on Economic Education Research*, *Adoption Quarterly*, *Eastern Economic Journal*

Editor of Cliometrics Society *Newsletter*, appointed November 2006

Member of Editorial Board of *Adoption Quarterly*, appointed February 2007

Ad Hoc Reviewer, NSF/IOC Program, March 2009

Temporary Member, Social Sciences and Population Studies Study Section, NIH, March 2010

Member of Committee on Research in Economic History, Economic History Association, 2011-12

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, Economic History Association, Economic and Business History Association, Cliometrics Society

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Consultant, Fredericksburg Area Food Bank, "Private Contributions and Inventory Projections for Fredericksburg Area Food Bank," June 2003.

Special Education Advisory Board, Fredericksburg Public School District, AY 2005-6

Consultant, Children's Law Center, "Effect of Adoption Subsidy Extensions for DC," December 2007.

Consultant, Patton-Boggs, regarding lobbying for federal funding for post-adoption services, November 2008.

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Member, Board of Directors, Listening to Parents, a 503(c ) organization that aims to reduce barriers to adoption from foster care.

Consultant, National Archives and Records Administration, "Sampling Strategies for Preserving Bankruptcy Case Files."

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND MEDIA APPEARANCES**

Op-ed, *Washington Post*, October 19, 2008: "Despite a Tragedy, Adoption Aid Remains Crucial."

Interview on WAMU's Metro Connection, October 10, 2008: "DC Remembers 1929."

Interview on AARP's Inside E Street, December 12, 2008: "Jobs Wanted: For Hire," Segment: "Looking to the Past."

Testimony before the, Council of the District of Columbia, Committee on Human Services, Hearing on Extending Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies Until Age 21 and Expanding Guardianship Subsidies to Non-Kin, December 12, 2008, and March 4, 2010.

Interview, *The Economist*, February 25, 2010: "Protecting the Weakest: Recession May Hurt America's Vulnerable Children."

Featured by Metro Connection/WAMU, Radio, "Changing Adoption Laws." December 10, 2010.