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### EDUCATION

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. (Economics), 1993.  
Saint Louis University, B.S. (Economics, Honors), 1988.

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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

### 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, Center for Adoption Research, University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2005-present; Research Fellow, 2002-2005

### PUBLICATIONS (appear in print or accepted in final form)

#### 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, 2(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, 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* 24, 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), 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: 10.1300/J145v10n02\_03.
- "Tradeoffs in Formulating a Consistent National Policy on Adoption" (with Daniel Pollack), *Family Court Review*, 46( 2), April 2008, pp. 366-374.
- "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): 714-727.
- "The Structure of Families who Adopt Children from Foster Care," *Public Child Welfare* 2(4).

#### 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), forthcoming in *Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy* (forthcoming Winter 2008).

### Book Chapters

- “Transracial Adoption of Black Children: An Economic Analysis” (with Daniel Pollack), forthcoming in Michele Goodwin (ed.), *Baby Markets: Money, Morality, and the Neopolitics of Choice* (Cambridge 2008).
- “Using Private Contracts to Create Adoptions from Foster Care,” forthcoming in Frank Columbus (ed.), *Child Welfare Issues and Perspectives* (New York: Nova Science Publishers 2008)

### Other Invited Articles

- “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).

### Invited Essays

- “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]
- “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.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Prior to joining AU: 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).
- “Middlemen in the Market for Grain: Changes and Comparisons,” Economic and Business History Association Annual Meetings, November 1999.
- "Anthropometric vs. Conventional Economic Measures of the Standard of Living: A Search for Theoretical Consistency" (with Farley Grubb), Eastern Economic Association Meetings, February 2001.
- “Demand for Adoption: The Case of Children in Foster Care,” Annual Meetings of the Eastern Economic Association, February 2003.
- “Bargaining over Support for Adopted Children,” Annual Meetings of the Southern Economic Association, November 2003.
- “Economics of the Proposed U.S. Regulations Implementing the Hague Convention,” Workshop on Inter-country 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.

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“Valuing Surrogate Families,” Southern Economic Association Meetings, November 21, 2008.

### **SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS**

“The First Boom in Bankruptcy” (with Bradley Hansen), *Journal of Economic History*  
“Valuing Substitute Families: Financial Support for Foster and Adoptive Parents” (with Paul Jacobs), *Feminist Economics*

### **SPONSORED RESEARCH**

#### Contracts and Grants Received

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)

#### 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 Grant, AY 2003-04 and AY 2007-08

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American University, College of Arts and Sciences, Mellon Faculty Development Fund Award, several semesters from Fall 2002-Fall 2005

### **TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES**

Graduate Courses Taught at AU: European Economic History (Econ 618), Labor Economics (Econ 571), Principles of Economics (Econ 603)

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 (1 defended, 5 in progress)

Dissertation Committee Member (6 defended)

McNair Summer Research Advisor, 2002 (1 student)

I regularly serve as Honors Capstone Advisor and Independent Study Advisor (several per academic year)

### **SERVICE TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**

#### Department of Economics

Director of Undergraduate Studies, includes Omicron Delta Epsilon Advisor and Honors Coordinator (2006-current); Dissertation Fellowship Committee (AY 02-03); Merit Review Committee (AY 02-03); Grievance Committee (AY 02-03); Personnel Committee (AY 03-04); Strategic Planning Committee, chair of sub-committee on undergraduate concerns (continuing); ad hoc Committee on Governance (AY 05-06), Steering Committee (06-07, 07-08); Program Review and Self-Study Committee, including coordination of data collection and coordination of assessment plans and reports (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); General Education Area 4 Coordinator (AY 2007-present), NCUR Coordinator

### **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*

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Editor of Cliometrics Society *Newsletter*, appointed November 2006

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

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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.

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

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

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, Public Oversight Hearing on Extending Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies Until Age 21 and Expanding Guardianship Subsidies to Non-Kin, December 12, 2008.