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Education

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

PhD, Economics, September 2010

Dissertation Title: “*The Employment Impacts of Economy-wide Investments in Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency*”

Fields: Labor and Econometrics

Comprehensive Examinations: Macroeconomics and Political Economy

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

MA, Economics, May 2006

University of Connecticut, Storrs

BA, Economics and French, 1999 (summa cum laude)

Woman Scholar of the Year, 1999

Honor’s Thesis: U.S./Mexico Labor Migration and Workers’ Remittances

Employment

Assistant Research Professor, June 2011 – present

Research Fellow, June 2009 – May 2011

Research Assistant, Summer 2006 & Jan. 2007 – May 2009

Political Economy Research Institute, Amherst, Massachusetts

Conduct employment impact analysis using input-output modeling; Consult with the U.S. Department of Energy, including performing employment analysis of Recovery Act programs and other clean energy funding; Develop empirical methodologies for analyzing economic impacts; Perform quantitative and qualitative research, particularly in the areas of energy and labor markets; Analyze public and private investment in energy and social programs; Deliver presentations to various audiences including policy-makers and academicians; Communicate with the media, including newspaper and radio reporters; Contribute to the writing of reports and articles.

Staff Economist, Oct. 2005 – present

Center for Popular Economics, Amherst, Massachusetts

Teach economic literacy to social justice activists; Write and edit popular economics briefs; Develop workshops and curriculum for popular economics education.

Program Assistant, Oct. 2005-May 2007

Center for Popular Economics, Amherst, Massachusetts

Conducted outreach; Researched and applied for grants; Developed and conducted fundraising events; Edited and published newsletters; Maintained financial records and prepared budgets; Recruited members.

Instructor, Fall 2006

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Course: Introduction to Macroeconomics

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2005-Spring 2006

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Courses: Introduction to Microeconomics, Introduction to Macroeconomics

Job Developer, February 2003 – July 2004

Train and Gain, Homes for the Homeless, New York, NY

Conducted job training and placement for single mothers transitioning out of Tier II homeless shelters; Designed and conducted workshops on life skills and financial literacy; Developed contacts with employers; Maintained organization's database.

Peace Corps Volunteer, January 2000 - December 2001

Small Enterprise Development Project

Peace Corps Cameroon, Sa'a/Bafia, Cameroon, Africa

Worked with a local NGO to help communities in outlying villages establish and manage their own community banks; Taught computer skills to NGO employees; Educated local entrepreneurs on business practices such as basic accounting and feasibility studies; Organized seminars for local women's groups on topics such as project management, income generation, household finance and HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention; Founded, edited, and translated a bilingual small business development newsletter.

Research Assistant, January 1999 - May 1999

Connecticut Policy and Economic Council, Hartford, Connecticut

Researched educational issues and how they related to Connecticut's economic development.

Publications

Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure: A National Study of Employment Impacts, Political Economy Research Institute, June 2011.

Employment Estimates for Energy-Efficiency Retrofits of Commercial Buildings, Political Economy Research Institute, June 2011.

New Jobs – Cleaner Air: Employment Effects Under Planned Changes to the EPA's Air Pollution Rules, Political Economy Research Institute, February 2011. Co-authored with James Heintz and Ben Zipperer.

Generating Jobs through State Employer Tax Credits: Is there a Better Way?, Political Economy Research Institute, Working Paper 219, April 2010. Co-authored with Jeff Thompson.

The Impact of IMPACT: Creating Jobs in Ohio, Policy Matters Ohio, February 2010, with Wendy Patton of PMO.

The U.S. Employment Effects of Military and Domestic Spending Priorities: An Updated Analysis, Political Economy Research Institute, January 2010. Co-authored with Robert Pollin.

Green Prosperity: How Clean-Energy Policies Can Fight Poverty and Raise Living Standards in the United States, Political Economy Research Institute with Green for All and Natural Resources Defense Council, June 2009. Co-authored with Robert Pollin and Jeannette Wicks-Lim.

The Economic Benefits of Investing in Clean Energy: How the Economic Stimulus Program and New Legislation Can Boost U.S. Economic Growth and Employment, Political Economy Research Institute and Center for American Progress, June 2009. Co-authored with Robert Pollin and James Heintz.

Building the Green Economy: Employment Effects of Green Energy Investments for Ontario, Political Economy Research Institute, May 2009. Co-authored with Robert Pollin.

New York State Park System: An Asset to the Empire State, Political Economy Research Institute, March 2009. Co-authored with James Heintz and Robert Pollin.

How Infrastructure Investments Support the U.S. Economy: Employment, Productivity and Growth, Political Economy Research Institute and Alliance for American Manufacturing, January 2009. Co-authored with James Heintz and Robert Pollin.

Green Recovery – A Program to Create Good Jobs and Start Building a Low-Carbon Economy, prepared by PERI under commission by the Center for American Progress, September 2008. Co-authored with Robert Pollin, James Heintz, and Helen Scharber.

"The Wages of Peace," *The Nation*, Vol. 286, No. 12, March 31, 2008. Co-authored with Robert Pollin.

"Introduction to Neoliberalism," Chapter 1 in *Solidarity Economy: Building Alternatives for People and Planet*, edited by Jenna Allard, Carl Davidson and Julie Matthaei, Chicago, Changemaker Publications, 2008.

The Employment Effects of Downsizing the U.S. Military, PERI Working Paper No. 152, November 2007. Co-authored with Robert Pollin.

The U.S. Employment Effects of Military and Domestic Spending Priorities, PERI Working Paper No. 151, October 2007. Co-authored with Robert Pollin.

Fellowships and Awards

John Kenneth Galbraith Prize, UMass Amherst Dept. of Economics, Dec. 2008

Seymour Melman Fellowship, Institute for Policy Studies, Spring 2007

Graduate School Fellowship, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2004-2005

Graduate Studies Fellowship, Political Economy Research Institute, 2004-2005