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### **Education:**

Ph.D. Economics, Syracuse University 2009

Dissertation: "Three Essays in Applied Public and Labor Economics"

Advisors: Timothy Smeeding (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and Jeffrey Kubik (Syracuse University)

M.A. Economics, New School for Social Research 1996

B.A. Political Science, Lewis & Clark College (minor in economics) 1994

### **Employment:**

Assistant Research Professor July 2009 to present  
Political Economy Research Institute  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

### **Fields of Interest:**

Public economics, labor economics, applied microeconomics, state and local taxes, poverty and income inequality, New England regional economy

### **Publications:**

"Recent trends in Income Inequality: Labor, Wealth and More Complete Measures of Income" (with Tim Smeeding), forthcoming (May 2011) in *Research in Labor Economics*.

"The Interaction of Metropolitan Cost-of-Living and the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit: One Size Fits All?" (with Katie Fitzpatrick) *National Tax Journal*, September 2010, Vol. 63, No. 3, 419-446.

"Income, Inequality, and Poverty over the Early Stages of the Great Recession" (with Tim Smeeding, Asaf Levanon and Esra Burak), in *The Great Recession*, Eds. Grusky, David, Bruce Western, and Christopher Wimer, Russell Sage Foundation (forthcoming).

"Using Local Labor Market Data to Re-examine the Employment Impacts of the Minimum Wage," forthcoming in *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, April 2009.

"Addressing the Regressivity of Sales Taxes," *State Tax Notes*, Sept. 2003.

**PERI Studies and Policy Papers:**

“Prioritizing Approaches to Economic Development in New England: Skills, Infrastructure, and Tax Incentives” – PERI, August 2010.

“The Wage Penalty for State and Local Government Employees in New England” (with John Schmitt) – PERI, September 2010.

“Combining Minimum Wage and Earned Income Tax Credit Policies to Guarantee a Decent Living Standard to All U.S. Workers” (with Jeannette Wicks-Lim) – PERI, October 2010.

“The Economic Impact of Local Living Wages” (with Jeff Chapman) – Economic Policy Institute Briefing Paper #170, February 2006.

**Papers Under Review at Peer-reviewed Journals:**

**Work in Progress:**

US Chapter for “Effects of the Great Recession on the Income Distribution: Cross-National Perspectives” an international research project of the Fondazione Rodolfo DeBenedetti (FRDB) (with Tim Smeeding)

“An Empirical Evaluation of ‘Trickle-down’: Using US State data to Explore the Impacts of Rising Income Inequality on middle and low-income standards of living” (with Elias Light)

“Cross-border impacts of sales tax policy changes – findings from many policy changes and several data sets” (with Shawn Rohlin)

“Differential patterns in job loss in the Great Recession – a panel data analysis looking at the influence of homeownership and retirement savings” (with Jesse Bricker)

“The impact of state and local taxes on migration behavior”

“State tax policy impacts on residential location decisions – A natural experiment analysis of Connecticut” (with Chris Rohlfs)

“Stagnation Vs. Climbing the Ladder: Decomposing Returns to Tenure” (with Jesse Bricker)

“Regional Variation and the Effectiveness of Economic Stimulus”

**Working Papers:**

“Costly Migration and the Incidence of State and Local Taxes,” PERI Working Paper #251, February 2011.

“Recent Trends in the Distribution of Income: Labor, Wealth and More Complete Measures of Well Being” (with Tim Smeeding) – PERI Working Paper #225, June 2010.

“Inequality in the Distribution of Income from Labor and Income from Capital over the Recession” (with Tim Smeeding) – Tobin Project Working Paper – May 2010.

“Generating Jobs through State Employer Tax Credits: Is there a Better Way?” (with Heidi Garrett-Peltier) – PERI Working Paper # 219, April 2010.

“The Interaction of Metropolitan Cost-of-living & the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit: One Size Fits All?” – PERI Working Paper #204, August 2009.

“The Interaction of Metropolitan Area Costs and the Federal EITC: One Size Fits All?” (with Katie Fitzpatrick), Center for Policy Research Working Paper #110, September 2008.

“Income from Wealth and Income from Labor: Stocks, Flows, and More Complete Measures of Well Being” (with Tim Smeeding), working paper, June 2007,  
([www.irp.wisc.edu/aboutirp/people/affiliates/Smeeding/14-INCOME-FROM-WEALTH\\_6\\_21\\_07.pdf](http://www.irp.wisc.edu/aboutirp/people/affiliates/Smeeding/14-INCOME-FROM-WEALTH_6_21_07.pdf))

**Invited Lectures, Presentations and Workshops:**

Meeting of Scholars on new research and trends in the privatization and contracting of public services and assets, hosted by the Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations and In the Public Interest, April 28-29, 2011.

UMASS/Boston Globe Panel Discussion “Recovering from the Recession,” March 28, 2011.

“Approaches to Economic Development in and after the Current Downturn,” keynote address at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Tax and Budget Conference of the Maine Center for Economic Policy, March 4, 2011.

“Recent Trends in the Distribution of Income: Labor, Wealth and More Complete Measures of Well-Being” American Economics Association Annual Meeting, URPE session on “Inequality and Worker Well-Being in the U.S.,” January 8, 2011.

“Public Sector Pay Differentials,” Economic Analysis Research Network conference, December 9, 2010.

“Assessing Alternative Approaches to Economic Development at the State-level,” Center on Budget and Policy Priorities State Fiscal Policy Conference, November 9, 2010.

“Prioritizing Approaches to Economic Development in New England: Skills, Infrastructure, and Tax Incentives,” seminar at Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's New England Study Group seminar series, October 6, 2010.

“Economic Development in New England: A Positive Growth Agenda,” faculty colloquium at Center for Public Policy and Administration, University of Massachusetts Amherst, November 1, 2010.

“The importance of state investments in the economic recovery and beyond,” at the “Jobs and the Future of the US Economy: Possibilities and Limits” conference at Howard University, October 1, 2010.

“Economic Development in New England,” keynote speaker at Vermont Public Assets Institute annual budget conference, September 30, 2010.

“Recent Trends in Income from Wealth and Income from Labor: Stocks, Flows and More Complete Measures of Well Being,” at OECD/IZA conference “Economic Crisis, Rising Unemployment and Policy Responses: What Does It Mean for the Income Distribution?” February 2010.

“Inequality in the Distribution of Income from Labor and Income from Capital over the Recession” presented with Tim Smeeding at Tobin Project conference on income inequality, May 2010.

"Rhode Island and the New England Economy: The Current crisis and the Road Ahead" speaker at Rhode Island Poverty Center Annual Budget Conference, January 2010.

"The Economic Role of the Public Sector," Connecticut Voices for Children Annual Budget Conference, January 2010.

"Costly Migration and the Incidence of State and Local Taxes," University of Massachusetts Department of Economics, November 2008.

"Cost of living and the EITC," Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, March 2009.

"Costly Migration and the Incidence of State and Local Taxes," Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, February 2009.

"Costly Migration and the Incidence of State and Local Taxes," University of North Dakota, March 2009.

"Costly Migration and the Incidence of State and Local Taxes," Economic Research Service, USDA, March 2009.

"Cost of living and the EITC" - Presented at National Tax Association Conference in Philadelphia, PA in Nov. '08

Center for Policy Research Seminar (with Tim Smeeding presenting) "Income from Wealth and Income from Labor: Stocks, Flows, and More Complete Measures of Well Being," October 2007

Luxembourg Income Study Annual Summer Workshop, 2005

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' annual State Fiscal Analysis Conference, 1999 to 2004 (various presentations)

Economic Analysis Research Network annual conference, 2000 to 2004 (various presentations)

Testimony before Oregon House of Representatives committees on tax reform, minimum wage policy, and poverty trends on various occasions, 1999 to 2004

Community Action Directors of Oregon Annual Poverty Conference, presentations 2003 and 2004

**Reviewer/Discussant:**

Peer Reviewer for competitive grant program at the Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP) at the USDA Economic Research Service

National Tax Journal  
Research in Labor Economics

"Patterns of Non-Employment, and of Disadvantage, during a Recession" by Richard Berthoud

Organizer of Panel "Differential Impacts of Geographic Variation in Taxation" (with Katie Fitzpatrick) National Tax Association 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Taxation, November 2008.

**Teaching:**

- University of Massachusetts, Amherst Fall 2011  
Center for Public Policy and Administration  
“State and Local Government Finance” – masters’ level
- Syracuse University Fall 2005 & Spring 2006  
Instructor: “Intermediate Microeconomics with Calculus”  
- Upper-level undergraduate course (ECN 311)
- Teaching Assistant Fall 2008  
- Public Economics (ECN 431) for Prof. Chris Rohlfs  
- Labor Economics (ECN 451) for Prof. Jeff Kubik
- Portland State University Spring 2001 & Spring 2002  
Instructor: “Economics of Poverty, Wealth, and Inequality”  
- Upper-level undergraduate course
- Co-instructor (with Gretchen Kafoury): “Oregon’s Future” Spring 2004  
- Lower-level undergraduate course

**Awards:**

- Musgrave Prize, 2011, for best article each year in the *National Tax Journal*
- Maxwell Summer Fellowship, 2006 and 2007  
Roscoe-Martin Research Fund grant, (awarded, but declined) 2006  
Melvin Eggers Summer Scholar Fellowship, Syracuse, 2004  
Honors on Master’s exam, New School, 1996  
Pamplin Fellowship, Lewis & Clark, 1993  
Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, 1993  
Troy Ridenauer Memorial Scholarship, Lewis & Clark, 1992

**Affiliations:**

American Economic Association

**Community Involvement:**

- SE Works (community-based employment and training agency in SE Portland) 2000 to 2004  
Member of the board of directors, Chair from 2002 to 2004.