

Name

Citizenship: U.S.
Permanent Resident: Canada

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Ph.D. candidate, ECONOMICS (expected) 05/2005
Master of Arts (A.M.) in ECONOMICS 2002

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, *cum laude*

B.S., MATHEMATICS and B.A., ECONOMICS (with honors) 06/2000

DISSERTATION

Title: Essays on *Analyzing the Impact on Educational Achievement of Different School Reform Policies.*

Committee: Petra E. Todd (Chair), Jere Behrman, Kenneth I. Wolpin, Gregory Kordas.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Microeconometrics and Impact/Program Evaluation, Health Economics, Public Economics, Development Economics, and social policy.

RESEARCH PAPERS

- “Estimating the Impact on Academic Achievement of School Vouchers and Private Schooling when the Impact Depends on the Duration of Participation.” February 2005.
- “Heterogeneity in Educational Achievement Impact: Evidence from the New York City School Voucher Program.” March 2005.
- “Self-Medication in Mexico: Evidence from the Mexican Health and Aging Study.” (joint with Jose A. Pagan, Daniel Polsky, and Sara Ross). March 2004. (revised and resubmitted to *Health Policy*)
- “To What Extent Can Early Childhood Interventions Narrow the Early Test Score Gap?” (*WORK-IN-PROGRESS*)
- “Can an Educational-Based Community Nutrition Program Reduce Malnutrition Rate in Madagascar?” (with Emanuela Galasso). (*WORK-IN-PROGRESS*)
- “The Effect of Health Insurance on Labor Supply of Elderly Male Mexicans.” May 2003.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Summer Intern/Consultant, **The World Bank**, Development Research Group 05/2003 – Present

Project: **Community Nutrition Project (SEECALINE) implemented in Madagascar**

- Estimate the impacts on nutritional status of children under age of three of a large-scaled nutrition program in Madagascar using data from administrative sources, poverty maps and community census.

Consultant, **RAND Corp.**, Population and Labor Program

- Supervisor: **Professor Duncan Thomas**, UCLA; Project: **Indonesia Family Life Survey (IFLS)** 05/2001 - 08/2001
- Performed statistical and econometrics analyses. 09/1999 - 06/2000
- Constructed price indexes using price (*BPS*) and consumption data (*SUSENAS*).

Research Assistant for **Professor Mark V. Pauly**, The Wharton School, U of Pennsylvania

- Estimated the effect of health on private health insurance premiums using the *National Health Longitudinal Survey* and the *Health and Retirement Study*. 09/2004 - Present
01/2002 - 9/2002

Research Assistant for **Professor Daniel Polsky**, General Internal Medicine, U of Pennsylvania

- Estimated models of employees’ decisions on purchasing health insurance from their employers and the employers’ decisions on supplying health insurance to their employees, using the *CTS*. 05/2002 – 03/2004

TEACHING INTERESTS

Labor Economics, Econometrics and Quantitative Methods, Economics of Education and Health Economics.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES (University of Pennsylvania)

Instructor:

Intermediate Microeconomics, Computing Certificate in Economics, Statistics for Economics Fall 2003 – Summer 2004

Recitation Instructor and Teaching Assistant:

Principles of Micro- and Macro-economics, Development Economics, International Financial Markets Fall 2001 – Spring 2003

HONORS AND AWARDS

University Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania.	09/2004 – 05/2005, 09/2000 – 06/2001
Summer Fellowship, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.	06/2004 – 08/2004
Tuition Scholarship (Five years), University of Pennsylvania.	09/2000 – 05/2005
Economics Departmental Scholar, UCLA.	06/1998 – 06/2000
Omicron Delta Epsilon International Honor Society in Economics	03/1998 – Present
College Honors, The College of Letters and Sciences, UCLA.	09/1997 – 06/2000
W.M. Stout Memorial Scholarship, UCLA.	09/1998

CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Educational Testing Services	11/2004
University of Pennsylvania	10/2004
Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.	08/2004
Western Economics Association Annual Conference	7/2004
Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference	6/2004
Inter-University Graduate Student Conference at Yale University	5/2004

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-Chair, Inter-University Graduate Student Conference, University of Pennsylvania.	09/2003 – 12/2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with representatives from five other universities (Columbia, Maryland, NYU, Princeton, Yale) to organize the Inter-University Graduate Student conferences. 	

SPECIAL SKILLS

Computer Skills: Fortran, R, GAUSS, STATA, SAS, C++, MS Office, Unix.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association, Canadian Economic Association, Western Economic Association International, American Educational Research Association.

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