

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 05/2001 - 08/2001
09/1999 - 06/2000

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

Research Assistant for **Professor Mark V. Pauly**, The Wharton School, U of Pennsylvania 09/2004 - Present
01/2002 - 9/2002

- Estimated the effect of health on private health insurance premiums using the *National Health Longitudinal Survey* and the *Health and Retirement Study*.

Research Assistant for **Professor Daniel Polsky**, General Internal Medicine, U of Pennsylvania 05/2002 – 03/2004

- 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*.

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.

REFERENCES

Reference Name
Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania
Contact Information

Reference Name
Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania
Contact Information

Reference Name
Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania
Contact Information

Reference Name
Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania
Contact Information

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Reference Name
The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
Contact Information

Reference Name
Department of Economics, UCLA
Contact Information

For Additional Information Contact:
Reference Name
Contact Information