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## Education

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August 2001    PhD in Business Economics,  
                    The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business

June 1996      Bachelor of Arts in Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*  
                    Brigham Young University  
                    Minor in Mathematics

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## Academic Positions

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September 2007-Present  
                    Associate Professor,  
                    Economics Department, Brigham Young University

June 2001-August 2007  
                    Assistant Professor,  
                    Economics Department, Brigham Young University

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## Honors Received

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July, 2000      Oscar Mayer Dissertation Fellowship

April, 2000     American Educational Research Association Dissertation Fellowship

1996-2000     Graduate School of Business Fellowship

1996-Present   Member of Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society

1990-1996     Brigham Young University Trustees Scholarship

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## Refereed Publications

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“An Approach to Longitudinally Matching Current Population Survey (CPS) Respondents.” With Brigitte Madrian. *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*, 2000, 26: 31-62.

“Are Idle Hands the Devil’s Workshop? Incapacitation, Concentration, and Juvenile Crime.” With Brian Jacob. *American Economic Review*, 2003, 93(5): 1560-1577.

“The Impact of Teacher Training on Student Achievement: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from School Reform Efforts in Chicago.” With Brian Jacob. *Journal of Human Resources*, 2004, 39(1): 50-79.

“Remedial Education and Student Achievement: A Regression-Discontinuity Analysis.” With Brian Jacob. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2004, 86(1): 226-244.

“Educational Peer Effects and the Chicago Public Schools.” *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2004, 56(2): 169-191.

“Examining the Relationship between Women’s Education and Marriage Outcomes.” With Frank McIntyre. *Journal of Labor Economics*, 2006, 24(4): 787-830.

“The Dynamics of Criminal Behavior: Evidence from Weather Shocks.” With Brian Jacob and Enrico Moretti. *Journal of Human Resources*, 2007, 42(3): 489-527.

“What Do Parents Value in Education? An Empirical Examination of Parents’ Revealed Preferences for Teachers.” With Brian Jacob. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2007, 122(4): 1603-1637.

“Can Principals Identify Effective Teachers? Evidence on Subjective Performance Evaluation in Education.” With Brian Jacob. *Journal of Labor Economics*, 2008, 25(1) : 101-136.

“Explaining the Puzzle of Cross-State Differences in Bankruptcy Rates.” With Frank McIntyre. Forthcoming in the *Journal of Law and Economics*.

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## Other Publications

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“When Principals Rate Teachers.” With Brian Jacob. *Education Next*, Spring 2006. (Non-technical version of “Principals as Agents: Subjective Performance Measurement in Education.”)

“In Low Income Schools Parents Want Teachers Who Teach.” With Brian Jacob. *Education Next*, Spring 2007. (Non-technical version of “What Do Parents Value in Education? An Empirical Examination of Parents’ Revealed Preferences for Teachers.”)

Chapter Comment on “Estimating and imputing incomes for middle-class families” in *Being Together Working Apart: Dual-Career Families and the Work-Life Balance*, ed. Barbara Schneider and Linda J. Waite. 2005 Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK.

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## Working Papers

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“The Effect of Grade Retention on High School Completion.” With Brian Jacob. Invited for resubmission to the *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.

“The Impact of Research Grant Funding on Scientific Productivity.” With Brian Jacob. Submitted to the *Journal of Political Economy*.

“Chapter 7 or 13: Are Client or Lawyer Interests Paramount?” With Frank McIntyre

“The Long Term Value of Value-Added: Examining the Persistence of Teacher-Induced Learning Gains.” With Brian Jacob and David Sims

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## Work in Progress

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“The Distributional Consequences of Bankruptcy Reform.” With Frank McIntyre.

“Ghosts of the Past: Blacks and Chapter 13 Bankruptcy.” With Frank McIntyre.

“The Impact of Tracking on the Distribution of Student Achievement.” With Brian Jacob.

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## Teaching Experience

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Economics 380: Intermediate Microeconomics I.  
Economics 382: Intermediate Microeconomics II.  
Economics 413R: Applied Econometrics

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## Professional Activities

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Referee: American Economic Review, American Economic Journal, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Economic Journal, Education Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, and Sociological Quarterly.

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## Professional Presentations

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November 2002: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference.

December 2002: NBER URC Conference on the Economic Analysis of Government Expenditure Programs

January 2004: Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting

May 2004: University of Wisconsin Labor Economics Seminar

May 2004: Stanford University Labor Economics Seminar

July 2004: Western Economics Association Meetings

August 2004: NBER Summer Meetings

January 2005: University of California at Berkeley Labor Economics Seminar.

June 2005: Society of Labor Economics Meetings.

September 2005: Federal Reserve Bank Board of Governors.

February 2006: Cornell University Labor Economics Seminar.

July 2006: NBER Summer Meetings.

October 2007: University of California at Berkeley Public Policy School and Economics Department.