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**Graduate Studies:**

Ph.D., Economics, Harvard University, 2007  
Thesis Title: "Essays in Lifecycle Consumption Decisions"  
Dissertation Committee Chairs: David Cutler, David Laibson

**Undergraduate Studies:**

A.B., Social Studies, Harvard College, *Magna Cum Laude*, 1999. Thomas Temple Hoopes prize for outstanding senior honors thesis (advisor: Benjamin M Friedman)

**Teaching and Research Fields:**

Primary fields: Health Economics, Psychological Economics, Public Finance

Secondary fields: Experimental Economics, Econometrics, Industrial Organization

Professional development teaching: memo writing, managing diversity, managing teams

**Professional Experience:**

2008-Present University at Albany, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy  
Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Policy. (MPA Director, Spring 2013 to present; Faculty Director of the Undergraduate Major in Public Policy and Management, 2014 to 2018.) Teaches undergraduate, MPA, and PhD courses in microeconomics, health policy, psychological economics, professional development, public finance, econometrics, and STATA programming. Teaches both in-person and online courses.

2006-2008 Duke University  
Mellon Instructor for Writing in Economics, Department of Economics and University Writing Program. Designed/taught writing-intensive undergraduate seminars on health economics, public finance, and behavioral economics. Taught introductory microeconomics.

**Awards:**

2018: University at Albany, President's Excellence Award for Teaching

**Fellowships and Grants:**

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| 2004-2005 | National Bureau of Economic Research Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Aging and Health  |
| 2000-2003 | National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship  |
| 2010      | W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research mini-grant for project with Samrat Bose on "Welfare Magnets: Migration and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996" |

Referee for *The American Economic Review*, *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, *Managerial and Decision Economics*, *Public Administration Review*, *The Southern Economic Journal*

**Professional Service:**

February 2016 to present: Member, New York State Medicaid Evidence Based Benefit Review Advisory Committee

2015 to 2018: Member, NASPAA Committee on Undergraduate Education

**Publications:**

**"The Impact of the Medicaid High-Risk OB Care Management Program in New York State,"** (with Youngjoo Park and Lindsay Cogan), *Health Services Research* (forthcoming)

**"Building a Bridge to Behavioral Economics: Countervailing Cognitive Biases in Lifetime Saving Decisions,"** (with David Andersen, Babak Bahaddin, and Luis Luna-Reyes), *System Dynamics Review* (forthcoming)

**"Do Changes in Health Insurance Status Explain Interstate Variation in Emergency Department Utilization?"** (with Niyousha Hosseinichimeh and Erika Martin), *World Medical and Health Policy*, 8(1), March 2016, 58-73

**"Does Changing the Rules Really Matter? Assessing Procedural Justice Perceptions under Civil Service Reform,"** (with Ellen Rubin), *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 26(1), November 2014, 129-141

**"The Effect of the Massachusetts Healthcare Reform on Emergency Department Use"** (with Niyousha Hosseinichimeh), *World Medical and Health Policy* 6(1), March 2014, 9-21

**“Information Acquisition: Experimental Analysis of a Boundedly Rational Model”** (with Xavier Gabaix, David Laibson, and Guillermo Moloche), *American Economic Review*, 96(4), September 2006, 1043-1068.

**“The Hyperbolic Buffer Stock Model: Calibration, Simulation, and Empirical Evaluation”** (with George-Marios Angeletos, David Laibson, Andrea Repetto, and Jeremy Tobacman), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 15(3), Summer 2001, 47-68. Reprinted in Loewenstein, Read, and Baumeister, eds, *Time and Decision: Economic and Psychological Perspectives on Intertemporal Choice*, Russell Sage Foundation, 2003 and in Khalil, ed, *The New Behavioral Economics*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2009.

**Working Papers:**

**“Comment on ‘Rationalization is Rational,’”** (with Jonathan Weinberg), *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, commentary proposal accepted by editor

**“An Investigation into Attitudes to Fairness within Bureaucracy,”** (with Keith Baker and Ellen Rubin)

**“The Effect of Health Insurance on Primary Care Use: Evidence from the Massachusetts Health Reform”** (with Jihyun Shin)

**“The Differences in Cigarette Brand Preferences between Older and Younger Smokers”**

**“Welfare Magnets: Migration and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996”** (with Samrat Bose)

**“Are Children of Smokers More Likely to Smoke Themselves?”** (with Min Chen)

**Presentations:**

**“Representative Bureaucracy and Legitimacy: a Survey Experiment,”** (with Keith Baker and Ellen Rubin) ASPA (Denver), March 2018

**“Beyond Grammar: What Should We Teach When We Teach Students How to Edit?”** NASPAA (Brooklyn) October 16, 2015

**“The Effect of Health Insurance on Primary Care Use: Evidence from the Massachusetts Health Reform”** (with Jihyun Shin) Eastern Economic Association annual conference (New York City), Feb 26, 2015

**“Writing Wrongs: Tips for Teaching Effective Communication in a Public Affairs Classroom,”** NASPAA (Albuquerque) November 5, 2014

**“Using RCTs to Test Procedural Changes: Evidence from Medicaid Fraud Investigations,”** (with Saratu Ghartey) Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Fall Research Conference (Washington, DC) November 8, 2013

**“Teaching Professional Writing in a Multidimensional World,”** NASPAA (Washington, DC) April 11, 2013

**“Nudges: Tips for Incorporating the Science of Behavior Change into Your Existing Classes,”** NASPAA (Washington, DC) April 11, 2013

**“The Impact of Health Insurance on Utilization: Evidence from the Massachusetts Reform,”** Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL) April 12, 2013

**“Medicaid Fraud Enforcement: a Field Experiment in Investigation Methods,”** Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL) April 14, 2013

**“Medicaid Fraud Enforcement: Evaluating Strategies for More Efficient Investigations”** Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Fall Research Conference (Baltimore, MD) November 10, 2012

**“Do Medicaid Recipients Use Emergency Departments because they Cannot Access Primary Care?”** Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL) April 14, 2012

**“Encouraging Compliance with Medicaid Billing Rules: a Randomized Intervention in New York State,”** Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Fall Research Conference (Washington, DC) November 4, 2011

**“Welfare Economics when Consumer Preferences are Malleable: Implications from the Work of Amartya Sen,”** Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL) April 2, 2011

**“Measuring the Sentinel Effect: a Randomized Intervention in NYS Medicaid,”** Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL) March 31, 2011

**“Consumer Behavior and Health,”** Capital District Medical Decision Making Interest Group, (Albany, NY) October 5, 2010