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### Education

University of Chicago, B.A. (Economics), 1982  
University of California, Los Angeles, M.A. (Economics), 1984  
University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D. (Economics), 1987

### Employment

Professor, Department of Economics, Ohio State University, 2005 – present.  
Other current Ohio State University affiliations:  
Faculty Associate, Center for Human Resource Research, 1995 – present.  
Faculty Associate, Initiative in Population Research, 2000 – present.  
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Ohio State University, 2000 – 2005.  
Visiting Researcher, Department of Policy Studies, UCLA School of Public Policy and Social Research, January – March 2003.  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Ohio State University, 1995 – 2000.  
Research Scientist, Center for Human Resource Research and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Ohio State University, 1993 – 1995.  
Visiting Scholar, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 1992 – 1993.  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1987 – 1992.

### Journal Publications

“Identifying Race and Ethnicity in the 1979 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth” (with Alita Nandi). Forthcoming in *Population Research and Policy Review* 26 (April 2007).

“Measurement Error in Schooling: Evidence from Samples of Siblings and Twins” (with Alfonso Flores-Lagunes). *Contributions to Economic Analysis and Policy* 5 (issue 1, 2006).

“Job Mobility and Wage Growth: Evidence from the NLSY79.” *Monthly Labor Review* 128 (February 2005): 33-39.

“Why Parents Play Favorites: Explanations for Unequal Bequests” (with Kathleen McGarry). *American Economic Review* 94 (December 2004): 1669-1681.

- “Living Arrangements, Marital Status, and the Economic Well-being of Mothers: Evidence from Brazil, Chile and the United States.” (with Manuelita Ureta). *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* 25 (Fall 2004): 301-334.
- “Who Receives the College Wage Premium? Assessing the Labor Market Returns to Degrees and College Transfer Patterns” (with Wayne Strayer). *Journal of Human Resources* 39 (Summer 2004): 746-773.
- “Gender Differences in the Marriage and Cohabitation Income Premium.” *Demography* 41 (May 2004): 263-284.
- “Unemployment Insurance and Job Quits” (with Yoshiaki Omori). *Journal of Labor Economics* 22 (January 2004): 159-188.
- “From Bakke to Hopwood: Does Race Affect College Attendance and Completion?” (with Wayne Strayer). *Review of Economics and Statistics* 84 (February 2002): 34-44.
- “In-School Work Experience and the Returns to Schooling.” *Journal of Labor Economics* 19 (January 2001): 65-93.
- “Determinants of College Completion: School Quality or Student Ability?” (with Wayne Strayer). *Journal of Human Resources* 35 (Spring 2000): 299-332. Reprinted in Clive R. Belfield and Henry M. Levin (editors), *International Library of Critical Writings in Economics: The Economics of Higher Education*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2003.
- “High School Employment, High School Curriculum, and Post-School Wages.” *Economics of Education Review* 18 (June 1999): 291-309.
- “Job Change Patterns and the Wages of Young Men” (with Kathleen McGarry). *Review of Economics and Statistics* 80 (May 1998): 276-86.
- “Estimating Returns to Schooling: When Does the Career Begin?” *Economics of Education Review* 17 (February 1998): 31-45.
- “Hazard Model Estimates of the Decision to Reenroll in School.” *Labour Economics* 2 (December 1995): 381-406.
- “The Effects of Interrupted Schooling on Wages.” *Journal of Human Resources* 30 (Summer 1995): 472-502.
- “Early-Career Work Experience and Gender Wage Differentials” (with Manuelita Ureta). *Journal of Labor Economics* 13 (January 1995): 121-54.
- “Interpreting Panel Data on Job Tenure” (with James N. Brown). *Journal of Labor Economics* 10 (July 1992): 219-57.
- “Panel Estimates of Male and Female Job Turnover Behavior: Can Female Nonquitters Be Identified?” (with Manuelita Ureta). *Journal of Labor Economics* 10 (April 1992): 156-81.
- “Gender Differences in Wages and Job Turnover Among Continuously Employed Workers” (with Manuelita Ureta). *American Economic Review* 80 (May 1990): 293-97.

## **Monographs**

*New Evidence on School Desegregation* (with Finis Welch). Washington, D.C.: United States Commission on Civil Rights, 1987.

## **Unpublished Research Papers**

“Effects of Income Tax Laws on Cohabitation, Marriage and Divorce.” (with Yoshiaki Omori). Working paper, June 2005.

“Economic Incentives and Family Formation” (with Yoshiaki Omori). Working paper, March 2005; revised February 2006.

“Identifying Sheepskin Effects in the Returns to Education” (with Alfonso Flores-Lagunes). Working paper, May 2004.

“Why Parents Play Favorites: Explanations for Unequal Bequests” (with Kathleen McGarry). NBER Working Paper W9745, June 2003.

“A Competing Risks Model of Schooling and Job Turnover” (with Yoshiaki Omori). Working paper, July 1998; revised July 2000, February 2002.

“Notes on the NLS Schooling Data.” Prepared for NLS Summer Workshop, Columbus OH, August 1995.

“High School Employment.” U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Discussion Paper 95-27, May 1995.

“Transitions from School to Work: A Survey of Research Using the National Longitudinal Surveys.” U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Discussion Paper 94-18, April 1994.

## **Research Grants**

Ohio State University Initiative in Population Research seed grant, 2005 (PI). “Computer Use and Child Outcomes.”

National Science Foundation grant, 2004-2007 (PI). “Economic Incentives and Family Formation.”

American Educational Research Association grant, 2000-2001 (PI). “Transfer Decisions, Graduation Rates and Earnings of Four-year College Students.”

Spencer Foundation grant, 2000-2001 (co-PI with Wayne Strayer). “College Transfer Decisions and their Effects on Future Earnings.”

National Science Foundation grant, 1996-1998 (PI). “A Competing Risks Model of Schooling and Job Turnover.”

Ohio State University seed grant, 1994 (PI). “Schooling and Job Mobility.”

Spencer Foundation grant, 1993 (PI). “The Determinants of Discontinuous Schooling Among Young Men and Women.”

National Science Foundation grant, 1991-1993 (co-PI with Manuelita Ureta). “Fertility and the Labor Turnover of Women.”

U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics grant, 1988-1989 (co-PI with Manuelita Ureta). “Gender Differences in the Quit Behavior of Young Workers.”

## **Awards and Academic Honors**

1992-1993 H. Gregg Lewis Prize (with James N. Brown) for “Interpreting Panel Data on Job Tenure.” Awarded biennially to the outstanding paper in the *Journal of Labor Economics*.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 1984-87.

University of California Fellowship, 1982-84.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1982.

## **Professional Activities**

Principal Investigator, 1979 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 2005 – present.

Member, Society of Labor Economists Nominating Committee for the Sherwin Rosen Prize and Jacob Mincer Lifetime Achievement Award, 2003 – 2005.

Editorial Board, *Demography*, 2002 – 2004.

Recent referee for: *American Economic Review*; *Canadian Journal of Economics*; *Demography*; *Economic Inquiry*; *Economics of Education Review*; *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*; *Journal of Human Resources*; *Journal of Labor Economics*; *Journal of Policy and Management*; *Labour Economics*; *Review of Economics and Statistics*; *Review of Labor Economics and Industrial Relations*; *Southern Economic Journal*; National Science Foundation.

Member: American Economic Association; Society of Labor Economists; Population Association of America.