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Current Position

University of Chicago, Booth School of Business

2009–present: Associate Professor of Economics

2005–2009: Assistant Professor of Economics

Previous Positions

University of California, San Diego

2003–2005: Assistant Professor of Economics and Hellman Faculty Fellow.

2004–2005: Visiting Fellow, Center for US/Mexican Studies.

Education/Training

University of Chicago, Population Research Center

2002–2003: NICHD Postdoctoral fellow.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ph.D., Economics, June 2002.

Dissertation: “Three Empirical Essays on Investment in Physical and Human Capital.”

S.B., Economics, 1995.

Fields of Interest

Economic History, Development, International Macroeconomics, Labor Economics

Publications

“Health, Human Capital, and Development.” *Annual Review of Economics*, forthcoming, 2010.

“Malaria in the Americas: A Retrospective Analysis of Childhood Exposure.” *American Economic Journal: Applied*, forthcoming, 2010.

“Maturity Mismatch and Financial Crises: Evidence from Emerging Market Corporations.” *Journal of Development Economics*, forthcoming, 2010, with Kevin Cowan.

“Age at Arrival, English Proficiency, and Social Assimilation Among U.S. Immigrants,” *American Economic Journal: Applied*, forthcoming, with Aimee Chin.

“Economic Effects of Childhood Exposure to Tropical Disease”, *American Economic Review, Paper and Proceedings*, May 2009.

“When Does Improving Health Raise GDP? Comments on Ashraf, Lester, and Weil”, *NBER Macroeconomics Annual*, 2009.

“Chronic Disease Burden and the Interaction of Education, Fertility and Growth.” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, February 2009, 91:1, with Fabian Lange.

“Deworming and Development: Asking the Right Questions, Asking the Questions Right” *PLOS/NTD*, January 2009. (with Don Bundy, Michael Kremer, Matthew Jukes, and Edward Miguel)

“Corporate Dollar Debt and Devaluations: Much Ado About Nothing?” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, November 2008, 90(4):612–626, with Kevin Cowan.

“What Holds Back the Second Generation? The Intergenerational Transmission of Language Human Capital Among Immigrants.” *Journal of Human Resources*, 43 (Spring 2008), pp267-298, with Aimee Chin. (lead article)

“Disease and Development: Evidence from Hookworm Eradication in the American South.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, February 2007, 122:1. (Reprinted in “Health and Growth”, 2009, Michael Spence and Maureen Lewis, eds.)

“Language Skills and Earnings: Evidence from Childhood Immigrants.” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, with Aimee Chin, May 2004, 86(2):481-496.

“Descalce de plazos y crisis financiera: evidencias en las empresas de América Latina.” *Perspectivas: Análisis de temas críticos para el desarrollo sostenible*, December 2003, 1(2):9–28.

“Disease and Development: Evidence from the American South.” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, April–May 2003 1(2-3):376–386.

“New Data on Worker Flows During Business Cycles.” *New England Economic Review*, with Ann Ferris and Jeffrey Fuhrer, July/August 1999.

“Shifts in the Beveridge Curve, Job Matching, and Labor Market Dynamics.” *New England Economic Review*, with Jeffrey Fuhrer, September/October 1997.

Working Papers

“The Effects of English Proficiency among Childhood Immigrants: Are Hispanics Different?” August 2008, with Mevlude Akbulut and Aimee Chin.

“Thick-Market Effects and Churning in the Labor Market: Evidence from U.S. Cities.” Stigler Center working paper 213. December 2006, with Jeff Lin.

“On the Market Discipline of Informationally-Opaque Firms: Evidence from Bank Borrowers in the Federal Funds Market.” FDIC Center for Financial Research Working Paper No. 2006-09. September 2006, With Adam Ashcraft.

“Mishmash on Mismatch? Balance-Sheet Effects and Emerging-Markets Crises.” Chicago Booth Research Paper No. 09-19, May 2009, with Kevin Cowan.

Research in Progress

A Long-Term Followup of Land Lotteries on the American Frontier (with Joe Ferrie)
Portage, City Formation, and Increasing Returns in U.S. History (with Jeff Lin)
Climate and Historical U.S. Farm Productivity: Relation to the Changing Disease Environment
(with Sok Chul Hong)
Comparing the Long-Term Impacts of *falciparum* versus *vivax* Malaria in Colombia
The Role of Corporate Leverage in Sudden Stops (with Kevin Cowan)
Spillovers and Aggregate Effects of Health Capital
Disease Interactions and Poverty Traps
Accounting for the 1998 Sudden Stop in Colombia: A Firm-Level Approach
Long-Term Impacts of *La Violencia* in Colombia

Presentations

2010, Scheduled: ASSA($\times 2$), Houston, Chicago (Demography).
2009: ASSA, Dartmouth, Harvard.
2008: ASSA($\times 2$), Chicago (CPE, CHPPP, WAE), UIC, Duke, IMF, NBER Macro Annual, Syracuse, UVa, UCSD, UC-Berkeley, Stanford, RAND, UCLA, NBER Summer Institute (DAE), Michigan.
2007: UCL/LSE, Essex, Bristol, Chicago (CPE), UIC, NBER (Cohort Studies), Harvard (CID), Northwestern, Wisconsin, World Bank (Spence Commission), Berkeley (Haas), Brown.
2006: Chicago (Center for Population Economics), NBER (Cohort Studies), Princeton, MIT, Stanford (SITE conference $\times 2$), NBER (EFG), Chicago (GSB, Harris), LACEA, Harvard (School of Public Health).
2005: UCLA, Southern California applied micro conference, UC-Berkeley, Universidad de los Andes, Yale, Stanford GSB (conference on health and development), San Francisco Fed (conference on Pacific Basin), UC-Irvine (SSRC Summer Institute on International Migration), Chicago (Demography), NBER EFG meeting, NBER Annual Research Conference, Columbia.
2004: Econometric Society Meetings, USC, UCSD (Center for Comparative Immigration Studies), Maryland, IMF's Annual Research Conference, Brown, UCSD (Center for US/Mexican Studies).
2003: Harvard, Chicago GSB, Northwestern, Princeton, UC-Berkeley, Yale, Boston University, UC-San Diego (Economics dept $\times 2$, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies), USC, Chicago (Applications), the LAEBA Panel at the 2003 LACEA Meetings,
2002: MIT (Macro, Labor/PF, Sloan Org/Institutions), Chicago (Demography $\times 2$, Applications), NBER Summer Institute (Children's Economics), 2002 EEA Meetings, Illinois State, Darden Conference on emerging markets, International Monetary Fund, Boston Fed, Corporación Andina de Fomento, Universidad de los Andes.

Honors, Fellowships, and Awards

Chicago GSB, Inaugural Richard N. Rosett Faculty Fellowship, 2006–2007
UCSD, Hellman Faculty Fellowship, 2003–2005
National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, Postdoctoral Fellowship. 2002–2003
National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship. 1998–2001
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, President's Award for Outstanding Service. 1997

Research Grants

NIA, “Early Indicators of Later Work Levels, Disease and Death,” 2009–2014. P01 AG010120-14A2 (PI: Robert Fogel). Role: Senior Investigator.

NICHHD, “The Effects of English-Language Skills on the Children of Immigrants”, 2006–08. R03-HD051562 (PI: Aimee Chin). Role: Co-investigator.

Linguistic Minority Research Institute, “The Effects of English-Language Skills on the Children of Immigrants”, 2005. (Awarded as grant #05-05CY-011G-SD.)

FDIC Center for Financial Research, “Liquidity Supply and Financial Factors: Evidence from the Interbank Market,” 2004.

Pacific Rim Research Program (Univ. of California), “Geography versus Institutions in the Provision of Public Health: Evidence from Malaria Eradication in Pacific-Rim Countries”, 2003.

Committee on Research (UCSD), “Long-term Economic Benefits of Tropical-Disease Eradication”, 2003.

Corporación Andina de Fomento, “Maturity Mismatch in Latin America”, 2002.

Professional Service and Affiliations

Referee for American Economic Journal: Applied, American Economic Journal: Public Policy, American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Berkeley Electronic Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economic Modelling, Economic Record, Economics Letters, Education Finance & Policy, Health Economics, IMF Staff Papers, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Applied Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic History, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of International Migration and Integration, Journal of International Money and Finance, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organizations, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the Japanese and International Economies, Labour Economics, The Lancet, National Science Foundation, Oxford Economic Papers, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Financial Studies, Social Problems, Southern Economic Journal, World Development.

Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UCSD
2003–2005: Academic Advisory Committee.

Department of Economics, UCSD
2003–2005: Recruiting Committee.

Member of AEA, LACEA, NBER (Cohort Studies, LS, and DAE), BREAD, CReAM.

References available upon request.

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