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## CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- 2006-present: Assistant Professor of Higher Education, Syracuse University
- 2006-present: Assistant Professor of Economics by Courtesy Appointment, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2006-present: Senior Research Associate, Center for Policy Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2003-present: Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

## PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

- 2003-2006: Post-Doctoral Fellow, Princeton University
- 2002-2003: Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- 2000-2001: Visiting Scholar, Princeton University  
Department of Economics and Office of Population Research—  
conducted research for dissertation.
- 1999-2000: Research Assistant, Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley  
Research with Professor Paul Gertler—analyzed the affects of  
PROGRESA on health outcomes in Mexico.
- 1995-1996: Research Assistant, Medical Center, U.C. San Diego  
Research with Professor David Burns, MD—evaluated the effects of  
cigarette advertising on teenage smoking participation.

## EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley
  - Ph.D. in Economics, 2002
  - Fields: Labor Economics and Economic Demography
  - Advisor: Professor David E. Card
  - Dissertation: “Essays on the Heterogeneity of Immigrant Groups in the United States:  
Testable Implications Using Human Capital Theory”
- University of California, San Diego
  - B.A. in Economics, 1995

## RESEARCH AREAS

- Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Economic Demography

## **PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

“The Effects of Age at Arrival and Enclave Schools on the Academic Performance of Immigrant Children.”

*Economics of Education Review*, April 2006, 25(2): 121-132.

“College Selectivity and the Texas Top 10% Law: How Constrained Are the Options?”  
(with Marta Tienda & Sunny Niu).

*Economics of Education Review*, June 2006, 25(3): 259-272.

“Race-Ethnicity and Nativity Differences in Alcohol and Tobacco Use During Pregnancy.”  
(with Krista M. Perreira).

*American Journal of Public Health*, September 2006, 96(9): 1629-1636.

“Are Refugees Different from Economic Immigrants? Some Empirical Evidence on the Heterogeneity of Immigrant Groups in the United States.”

*Review of Economics and Statistics*, May 2004, 86(2): 465-480.

“College Attendance and the Texas Top 10 Percent Law: Permanent Contagion or Transitory Promise?” (with Marta Tienda & Sunny Niu).

*Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Policy Brief*, November 2003.

“Wage Effects on Immigrants from an Increase in the Minimum Wage Rate: An Analysis by Immigrant Industry Concentration.”

*Industrial Relations*, revise and resubmit.

“Early Life Migration and Late Life Health in Mexico.”

*Economic Development and Cultural Change*, revise and resubmit.

“College Quality and the Texas Top 10% Plan: Implications for Minority Students”

Princeton University, *mimeo*. Under review.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- 2001-2002: Graduate Opportunity Program Dissertation-Year Award, U.C. Berkeley
- 2000-2001: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Grant for Interdisciplinary Training in Demography, renewed
- 2000: Society of Woman Geographers Fellowship
- 1999-2000: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Grant for Interdisciplinary Training in Demography
- 1999-2000: Lloyd Ulman Graduate Student Fellowship in Labor Economics, awarded by the Institute of Industrial Relations (IIR), U.C. Berkeley
- 1997-1998: Graduate Opportunity Program (GOP) Fellowship, renewed
- 1996-1997: Graduate Opportunity Program (GOP) Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley

## GRANTS FUNDED

- 2007(summer): Summer Proposal Development Program, School of Education, Syracuse University. Amount awarded \$1,500.
- 2007(summer): Summer Project Assistantship Program, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. Amount awarded \$1,500.
- 2003-2007: *"Immigrants, Parenting, and Infant/Toddler Well-being."*  
Co-Investigator. (Krista M. Perreira, P.I.). Foundation for Child Development Program, Changing Faces of America's Children Young Scholars Program. Amount awarded \$150,000.
- 2004-2006: *"Immigrant Health and Socioeconomic Status in the U.S."*  
Principal Investigator. Ruth L. Kirschstein National Service Award Individual Fellowship. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). Amount awarded \$92,272.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Society of Labor Economists, Annual Meeting, May 2007
- American Education Finance Association, Annual Meeting, March 2007
- Teachers College Columbia University, February 2007
- Eastern Economic Association, Annual Meeting, February 2007
- State University of New York – Binghamton, February 2007
- American Economic Association, Annual Meeting, January 2007 (Paper Discussant)
- Syracuse University, September 2006
- Society of Labor Economists, Annual Meeting, May 2006 (Chaired Session)
- Syracuse University, March 2006
- Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), March 2006
- RAND Corporation, February 2006
- Federal Trade Commission, February 2006
- CNA Corporation, February 2006
- Baruch College – CUNY, February 2006
- Kansas State University, February 2006
- Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, January 2006
- Swarthmore College, January 2006
- MIT, Inter-University Committee on International Migration, "Economics of Forced Migration" Conference, December 2005
- Public Policy Analysis and Management, Annual Meeting, October 2004
- Society of Labor Economists, Annual Meeting, May 2004
- Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, April 2004
- Eastern Economic Association, Annual Meeting, February 2004
- Public Policy Analysis and Management, Annual Meeting, November 2003
- Harvard University, The Civil Rights Project, "Expanding Opportunity in Higher Education: California and the Nation" Policy Development Conference, October 2003
- European Society of Population Economics, Annual Meeting, June 2003
- Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, May 2003
- Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, Annual Meeting, March 2003
- Society of Labor Economists, Annual Meeting, May 2002
- Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, May 2002

Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, March 2001

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)**

COURSES TAUGHT

Syracuse University

Graduate: Statistical Thinking and Applications (EDU/EDP 647)

Fall 2006: Course Average 4.52 (*scale of 1 to 5*)

Spr 2007: Course Average 4.43 (*scale of 1 to 5*)

Economics of Higher Education (HED 800)

Fall 2006: Course Average 4.63 (*scale of 1 to 5*)

Princeton University

Graduate: Microeconomic Analysis

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2006-present: Committee on Policies and Standards

2006 (fall): Evaluation Committee, Joan N. Burstyn Award for Collaborative  
Research in Education

2007 (spring): University Fellowship Committee

2007 (spring): Research Committee, SOE Research & Creative Grant Competition

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2005: Panelist, Texas Higher Educational Opportunity Project (THEOP)  
Summer Workshop, Princeton University

REFEREE

*The Journal of Human Resources, International Migration Review, The Review of Economics and Statistics,  
Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education Review, Education Finance and Policy, Journal of Urban  
Economics, Southern Economic Journal*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association

Population Association of America

Society of Labor Economists

European Society of Population Economics

Eastern Economic Association

American Education Finance Association

**REFERENCES**

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

Languages: Bilingual Spanish-English

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