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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Queens College, City University of New York, New York, NY. Assistant Professor. Fall 2007.
- Pace University, New York, NY. Assistant Professor. Fall 2005 to Spring 2007.
- Hunter College, New York, NY. Visiting Assistant Professor. Fall 2004 to Summer 2005.
- Welfare, Children and Families: A Three City Study. Research Assistant for Dr. Robert Moffitt, Baltimore, MD. Fall 1999 to Fall 2002.

EDUCATION

- The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, Ph.D. Economics, Spring 2004
- The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, M.A. Economics, May 2000
- Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, B.A. May 1993. Horace White Prize for Excellence in Economics Major, May 1993.

DISSERTATION

- “A Stackelberg Model of Child Support and Welfare” under the supervision of Dr. Robert Moffitt and Dr. Matthew Shum

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Labor Economics
- Applied Microeconomics
- Economic Demography
- Child Support

RESEARCH PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

- “A Stackelberg Model of Child Support and Welfare”, *International Economic Review*, May 2008.
- “Testing New Ways to Increase the Economic Well-Being of Single-Parent Families: The Effects of Child Support Policies for Welfare Participants” joint with Maria Cancian and Daniel Meyer, Institute for Research on Poverty Working Paper.
- “Mothers’ Transitions from Welfare to Work and the Well-Being of Preschoolers and Adolescents”, by P. Lindsay Chase Lansdale, Robert Moffitt, Brenda

- Lohman, Andrew Cherlin, Rebekah Levine Coley, Laura Pittman, Jennifer Roff, Elizabeth Votruba-Drzal. *Science*, 299, 2003.
- “The Characteristics of Families Remaining on Welfare”, by Robert Moffitt, Andrew Cherlin, Linda Burton, Mark King, Jennifer Roff, February 2002, Welfare, Children and Families: A Three City Study, Working Paper 02-02.
 - “The Diversity of Welfare Leavers”, by Robert Moffitt and Jennifer Roff, October 2000, Welfare, Children and Families: A Three City Study, Working Paper 00-01.

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- European Society for Population Economics, June 2008.
- Society of Labor Economists Meetings, May 2008.
- Columbia University, Fragile Families Working Group, November 2007.
- Society of Labor Economists Meetings, May 2007.
- Census Research Data Center Annual Conference, Baruch College, discussant, 2006.
- New York University, C.V .Starr Center for Applied Economics, 2006.
- The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2006.
- European Society for Population Economics Conference, 2003.

ONGOING RESEARCH

- “Welfare, Child Support, and Strategic Behavior: Do High Orders and Low Disregards Discourage Child Support Awards?” This paper develops a theoretical model of the effects of high tax rates of child support to women on welfare and high child support orders among low-income fathers on parental cooperation with child support. Preliminary results from CPS micro-data indicate that high child support award levels and high tax rates (low child support disregards) are associated with fewer formal child support orders in favor of more under-the-table payments, or no child support. Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Human Resources*.
- “A Model of Child Support Policy and Labor Supply in the Underground Economy Among Low-Income Fathers”, with Julieta Lugo-Gil. This paper develops and estimates a model of the child support and labor supply decisions in the formal and underground sectors for low-income fathers who have never married the mother of their child, as well as the paternity establishment decisions of the mothers.
- “Modeling Parents’ Cooperation with Child Support”, with Irv Garfinkel and Lenna Nepomnyaschy. This paper models the effects of child support enforcement and paternal preferences on aggregate levels of child support, as well as on formal and informal child support.