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EMPLOYMENT

Industrial Relations Section, Department of Economics, Princeton University
Visiting Assistant Professor and Visiting Associate Research Scholar, 2011-2012

Business and Public Policy Department, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania,
Assistant Professor, July 2004 – Present (On leave 2010-2012)

Chief Economist, US Department of Labor, September 2010-September 2011

Other Affiliations:

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research	2008 – Present
Board of Directors, American Law and Economics Association	2010 – Present
Advisor, Brookings Papers on Economic Activity, Brookings Institution,	2011 – Present
Editorial Board, International Journal of Happiness and Development	2011-Present
Research Associate Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania	2006 – Present
Research Fellow, CESifo (Munich),	2007 – Present
Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco	2005 – 2009
Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia	2005

Past Employment:

Senior Consumer Research Advisor, Forrester Research	2001 – 2004
Teaching Fellow, Harvard University	1997 – 2001
Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Board of Governors	1993 – 1995

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics	Harvard University, Department of Economics, June 2001 Dissertation Title “Empirical Essays on Women and Families” Advisors: Lawrence Katz, Claudia Goldin, Caroline Hoxby
M.A. in Economics	Harvard University, Department of Economics, June 1999
B.A. in Economics and Math	Wellesley College, June 1993

GRANTS AND AWARDS

John T. Dunlop Outstanding Scholar Award, awarded by the Labor and Employment Relations Association, 2010, for outstanding contributions in the field of labor economics.

Sloan Work-Family Career Development Grant, 2009-2011, \$45,000

Wharton Global Initiatives Research Program, 2010-2011, \$9,700

PARC/Boettner/NICHD Pilot Project Award, 2008-2009, \$28,190

Zicklin Center for Business Ethics Research, 2008-2009, \$4,000

Wharton Sports Business Initiative, 2007-2009 \$9,000

Rodney L. White Center for Financial Research, 2006-2007 \$5,000

Mack Center for Technological Research, 2005-2008, \$18,400

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1995-1999

PUBLICATIONS

Published Journal Articles

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers “Bargaining in the Shadow of the Law: Divorce Laws and Family Distress,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, February 2006, 121, (1): 267-288.

Stevenson, Betsey “The Impact of Divorce Laws on Marriage-Specific Capital,” *Journal of Labor Economics*, January 2007, 25, (1): 75-94.

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers “Marriage and Divorce: Changes and Their Driving Forces,” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Spring 2007, 21, (2): 27-52.

Stevenson, Betsey “Title IX and the Evolution of High School Sports,” *Contemporary Economic Policy*, October 2007, 25, (4): 486-505. [Lead Article]

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers “Economic Growth and Happiness: Reassessing the Easterlin Paradox,” *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Spring 2008: 1-87. [Lead Article]

Stevenson, Betsey “Divorce-Law and Women’s Labor Supply,” *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, December 2008, 5 (4): 853-873.

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers “Happiness Inequality in the United States,” *Journal of Legal Studies*, June 2008, 37 (S2): S33-S79.

Republished in *Law and Happiness*, Eric A. Posner and Cass R. Sunstein (eds). March 2010 University of Chicago Press

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers “The Paradox of Declining Female Happiness,” *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, August 2009, 1 (2): 190-225.

Stevenson, Betsey “Beyond the Classroom: Using Title IX to Measure the Return to High School Sports,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, May 2010, 92 (2): 284-301.

Alexander, Trent, Michael Davern, and Betsey Stevenson “The Polls—Review: Inaccurate Age and Sex Data in the Census Pums Files: Evidence and Implications” *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Fall 2010, 74 (3): 551-569.

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers, “Trust in Public Institutions over the Business Cycle”, *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, May 2011, 101 (3): 281-287.

Other Articles and Book Chapters

Stevenson, Betsey “The Evolution of the American Family: An Economic Interpretation,” *American Journal of Family Law*, 22(3) Fall 2008.

Stevenson, Betsey “The Internet and Job Search,” in David Autor (ed.), *Labor Market Intermediation* University of Chicago Press, 2009.

Isen, Adam and Betsey Stevenson “Women’s Education and Family Behaviour: Trends in Marriage, Divorce and Fertility,” in John Shoven (ed.), *Demography and the Economy*, University of Chicago Press, 2010.

Sacks, Dan and Betsey Stevenson “‘The Rug Rat Race’: Comments and Discussion” *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Spring 2010

Sacks, Daniel, Betsey Stevenson, and Justin Wolfers “Subjective Well-Being, Income, Economic Development and Growth” *Development Challenges in a Post-Crisis World*, World Bank, Washington D.C., 2010.

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers, “Trends in Marital Stability,” in Lloyd Cohen and Joshua D. Wright (eds), *Research Handbook in the Law and Economics of the Family*, (Edward Elgar Press), 2011.

Working Papers

Sacks, Daniel, Justin Wolfers, and Betsey Stevenson “Growth in Subjective Well-being and Income over Time”

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers, “Subjective and Objective Indicators of Racial Progress” revise and resubmit, *Journal of Legal Studies*

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers, “Inequality and Subjective Well-Being”

Betsey Stevenson “The Impact of the Internet on Worker Flows”

Policy Papers and Editorials

“The Case for Obama’s Jobs Program” *Reuters*, September 9, 2011

“The Unemployment “Skills” Myth” *NPR Marketplace Commentary*, September 2, 2011

“Parents are Unhappy. But Why? And Should We Care?” *Cato Unbound*, May 2011

“Aspirations, Not Income,” *New York Times “Room for Debate”*, December 23, 2010

“Divorce and Domestic Violence,” *New York Times “Room for Debate”*, June 15, 2010

“Divorce in the Golden Years,” *New York Times “Room for Debate”*, June 4, 2010

“Having Kids Makes You Unhappy Right?,” *NPR Marketplace Commentary*, May 6, 2010

“Different Incentives to Marry,” *New York Times “Room for Debate”*, February 21, 2010

“Who’s Getting Married? Education and Marriage Today and in the Past,” *Council on Contemporary Families*, January 26, 2010 (with Adam Isen)

“Divorce Couples Aren’t the Half of It,” *NPR Marketplace Commentary*, December 24, 2009

“Economists Don’t Believe in Soul Mates,” *NPR Marketplace Commentary*, August 27, 2009

“Inherent Bias Must Be Acknowledged,” *NPR Marketplace Commentary*, July 17, 2009

“Separate Spheres vs. Shared Lives,” *New York Times “Room for Debate”*, July 5, 2009

“Unlucky in Labor, Unlucky in Love,” *New York Times “Room for Debate”*, April 8, 2009

“How Should We Think About the Taxpayer Consequences of Divorce?” *Council on Contemporary Families*, April 15, 2008

“Marriage and the Market”, *Cato Unbound*, January 2008 (with Justin Wolfers)

“Divorce and Children: What Do We Know?”, joint with Justin Wolfers *Cato Unbound*, January 2008 (with Justin Wolfers)

“(De-)Regulating the Family”, *Cato Unbound*, January 2008 (with Justin Wolfers)

"Divorced from Reality" *New York Times*, September 29, 2007 (with Justin Wolfers)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS & ACADEMIC SEMINARS

2011 Discussant and Presenter, American Economic Association Annual Conference—Denver; 9th Circuit Judicial Conference—San Diego; University of Texas School of Law; Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Symposium on U.S. Wage Dynamics; School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University; Dartmouth; Cornell; University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration; University of Maryland; The Rady School of Management, UCSD; Discussant, Brookings Panel of Economic Activity; Discussant, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Presenter, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies—Chicago; USC Price School of Public Policy; USC Gould School of Law; Bureau of Labor Statistics

2010 American Bar Foundation; University of Michigan Law School; American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference—Princeton; Carleton University; Discussant—Brookings Panel on Economic Activity; NBER Summer Institute—Law and Economics; The National Academies Institute of Medicine; Northwestern Law School; Discussant, American Economic Association Annual Conference—Atlanta; Zicklin Center for Business Ethics Research Seminar; Annual Behavioral Economics Conference—Cornell; Chicago Law School, “The Law and Economics of Race” conference; Western Economic Association Annual Conference—Portland; Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research; Sloan Foundation-Focus on Workplace Flexibility.

2009 Yale Law School; University of Virginia Law School; University of Chicago Law School; University of Houston/Rice University; University of Miami School of Business; American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference—San Diego; Discussant—NBER Law and Economics Summer Institute; Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference—Boston; Joint Statistical Meetings—Washington, D.C.; Columbia Law School; Gallup Well-being Conference; Australian National University Happiness Conference—Canberra; Ursinus College; Presenter and discussant, American Economic Association Annual Conference—San Francisco.

2008 Yale; Berkeley; University of Delaware; Washington University in St. Louis; San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank; Well-being Conference Keynote Address—Cassino, Italy; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies; University of Oslo; Institute for International Economic Studies—Stockholm University; Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN)—Stockholm; Institute for Social Research—Stockholm University; Economics of the Family conference—Stockholm; Brigham Young University; 2008 World Congress on National Accounts and Economic Performance Measures (lunchtime speaker); American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference; Brookings Panel on Economic Activity; NBER Demography Conference; Northwestern Law School; American Economic Association Annual Conference—New Orleans; National Bureau of Economic Research Law and Economics Spring meeting.

2007 Dartmouth; University of Pittsburgh; Kellogg; Cornell; SUNY Binghamton; Clemson; CESifo / Munich University; University of Pennsylvania Criminology; NBER Labor Market Intermediation conference; American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference; Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference; Discussant, NBER Law and Economics Spring Meetings; Discussant, American Economic Association Annual Conference; Discussant, NBER Law and Economics Summer Institute; UT Dallas; University of Maryland, Baltimore County; NBER Demography conference; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies—UC San Diego; International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies.

2006 Vanderbilt Law School; University of Connecticut; Discussant, American Economic Association Annual Conference—Boston; Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; Discussant, Princeton Conference on Inequality; Presenter and discussant, American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference—UC Berkeley; Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference—Cambridge; Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference; NBER Law and Economics Summer Institute; Econometric Society Annual Conference; Conference of the European Economic Association; Canadian Law and Economics Association Annual Conference; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies; Center for Economic and Policy Research's Conference on the Economics of Education and Education Policy in Europe.

2005 Universidad Carlos III; Rutgers; National Bureau of Economic Research Labor Studies Summer Institute; Australian Conference of Economists; Congress of the European Economic Association; IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Annual Conference; Presenter and discussant, Applied Micro Conference Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco; Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference; American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference; Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco; American Economic Association Annual Conference.

2004 Stockholm University; European Summer Symposium in Labor Economics; Presenter and discussant, Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference; The Harris School, University of Chicago; John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard; The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Emory University; The New School; College of William and Mary; Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

TEACHING

Governmental and Legal Environment of Business, Wharton MBA Core (2007-2010)

Studying interactions between business, government and lobby groups.

Produced new set of course materials (with Justin Wolfers).

Public Economics, Wharton MBA and Undergraduate (2007-2009)

Course explores the role of the public sector in the economy and the impact of public policy on behavior.

Business in the Global Political Environment, Wharton Undergraduate (2005-2006)

Studying the interactions between business, government, and lobby groups. Topics include regulation, antitrust, liability, and intellectual property laws.

Economics of the Family, Harvard Sophomore Tutorial (1999-2001)

Designed and taught new course covering marriage, divorce, domestic violence, and bargaining models.

Introductory Micro and Macro Economics, Harvard Undergraduate (1997-1999)

REFEREE

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Applied Economics, Berkley Electronic Press, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, European Economic Review, International Review of Law and Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and

Organization, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, , Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, National Science Foundation, National Tax Association Dissertation Award, New England Journal of Medicine, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Social Science Quarterly, Southern Economics Journal.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Co-organizer, Wharton Applied Economics Seminar (2004-2010)
Penn Summit on Global Issues in Women's Health (April 2005)
Executive Board, Women in the Social Sciences, Harvard University (2000-2001).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Economic Association, American Law & Economics Association, National Tax Association, Society of Labor Economists, Council on Contemporary Families

CITIZENSHIP

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