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## Academic Positions

August 2007 – Assistant Professor of Economics, Colorado State University  
May – June 2010 Visiting Professor of Economics, Foreign Trade University, Hanoi, Vietnam

## Education

2007 Ph.D., Economics, Stanford University  
*Dissertation*: “Illegal and Legal Immigration and Domestic Public Policy”  
*Advisors*: Michael J. Boskin (primary), John B. Shoven, Aprajit Mahajan  
2004 M.A., Economics, Stanford University  
2001 B.A. Honors, Economics, The Johns Hopkins University  
*Minors*: Mathematical Science, Writing Seminars

## Research and Teaching Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Public Economics, Labor Economics, Economic Development

## Publications

### Refereed Articles

“Economies of Scale and Gender Discrimination in Transition: The Case of the Republic of Tajikistan,” *Applied Economics*, Volume 44, Issue 18 (June 2012): 2265-2281.

“Undocumented Immigration and the Business of Farm Labor Contracting in the U.S.,” *American Journal of Business*, Volume 27, Issue 1 (2012): 10-26.

“Maternal Benzene Exposure and Low Birth Weight Risk in the United States: A Natural Experiment in Gasoline Reformulation” (with Sammy Zahran, Stephan Weiler, and Howard W. Mielke), *Environmental Research*, Volume 112 (January 2012): 139-146.

“Immigration, Legal Status, and Public Aid Magnets: Evidence from the U.S. Census,” *National Tax Association Proceedings, 102nd Annual Conference on Taxation* (2011): 260-266.

“Poverty, Legal Status, and Pay Basis: The Case of U.S. Agriculture,” *Industrial Relations*, Volume 49, Issue 3 (July 2010): 429-456. (previous version: *Stanford Center for International Development Working Paper No. 377*)

“Legalization and Immigrants in U.S. Agriculture,” *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, Volume 10, Issue 1 (Topics), Article 7 (2010). (previous version: *Stanford Center for International Development Working Paper No. 348*)

“Locational Choices of the Legal and Illegal: The Case of Mexican Agricultural Workers in the U.S.,” *International Migration Review*, Volume 43, Number 4 (Winter 2009): 850-880. (previous version: *Stanford Center for International Development Working Paper No. 332*)

### Refereed Book Chapters

“Remittances and Undocumented Migration,” forthcoming *The Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2013

## Publications (continued)

“Economics of Migration” (with Steven J. Shulman) in *21st Century Economics: A Reference Handbook*, SAGE Publications, May 2010 (This book received an “Outstanding Reference Source” award from the American Library Association.)

### Edited Volume

*Policy Reform and Chinese Markets: Progress and Challenges* (with Belton M. Fleisher, Nicholas C. Hope, and Dennis Tao Yang), Edward Elgar Publishing, 2008

### Non-Refereed Book Chapter

“Introduction” in *Policy Reform and Chinese Markets: Progress and Challenges* (with Belton M. Fleisher, Nicholas C. Hope, and Dennis Tao Yang), Edward Elgar Publishing, 2008

### Pedagogical Publication

“Calculus Supplement to Accompany B. Douglas Bernheim and Michael D. Whinston *Microeconomics*,” *McGraw-Hill*, 2008

## Working Papers

“A Note on Environmental Disamenities and Age-Specific Migration Rates” (with Sammy Zahran, Stephan Weiler, and Andrew Prelog), revised and resubmitted to *Ecological Economics*

“Hispanics and the Great Recession: Differences in Unemployment Rate Duration by Ethnicity and Race 2003-2010” (with Harvey Cutler and Martin Shields), revise and resubmit for inclusion in *Hispanics in the U.S. Labor Market*, Information Age Press

“Poverty and the Binational Population: A Note on Poverty Measurement,” revise and resubmit *Migration Letters*

“Do Documented and Undocumented Immigrants Respond to Public Aid Differentials?: Evidence from U.S. Agricultural Labor,” (previous version: *Stanford Center for International Development Working Paper No. 331*), second revise and resubmit *Journal of Regional Science*

“The Effect of Continuing Education Participation on Agricultural Worker Outcomes,” under review

“The Effect of Natural Disasters on Local Nonprofit Activity” (with Sammy Zahran and Stephan Weiler), under review

“Victimization and Social Distance: Evidence from Los Angeles Administrative Law Enforcement Data and Neighborhood Characteristics” (with Gregory J. DeAngelo and Anne Morrison Piehl)

“Do Minimum Wage Laws Affect People Who Are Not Covered?: Evidence from Documented and Undocumented, Hourly and Piecerate Workers in U.S. Agriculture”

“The Effect of Educational Attainment on Intranational Migration in the Context of Development: The Case of Vietnam” (with Le Thanh Thuy and Robert Kling)

### In Preparation

“Assimilation of Foreign-Born Workers in the United States: The Case of Welfare Participation after PRWORA” (with Seik Kim and Daeyong Lee)

“The Impacts of the 2008/2009 Recession on Immigrant Workers: Evidence from the U.S. Agricultural Labor Market” (with Maoyong Fan)

“The Effect of Health Care Take-up on Social Participation and Leisure among the Middle-Aged and Elderly in Taiwan” (with Chun-Wei Lin)

## Extension/Outreach Reports

“The Effect of Continuing Education Participation on Agricultural Worker Outcomes,” United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Occasional Paper Series No ETAOP 2011-14, 2011

“Economic Implications of Labor and Immigration Policy: The Case of Greeley’s Swift Plant” (with Dawn Thilmany McFadden and Jessica Hernandez), April 2009 Agricultural Labor Report No. 2, Colorado State University, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics – Extension

“Agricultural Labor in Colorado: Has Recent Immigration and Labor Policy Resulted from Colorado’s Employment Trends?” (with Dawn Thilmany McFadden and Jessica Hernandez), April 2009 Agricultural Labor Report No. 1, Colorado State University, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics – Extension

“Poverty Research Flash 2009-02: Poverty, Legal Status, and Pay Basis in U.S. Agriculture,” West Coast Poverty Center, University of Washington, 2009

“Farm Labor Expenditures, Wages and Worker Numbers for Colorado” (with Dawn Thilmany and Jessica Hernandez), contribution to Future of Agriculture Study, Colorado State University, 2008

“The Economic Contribution of Colorado’s Green Industry” (with Dawn Thilmany, Jessica Hernandez, and Phil Watson), Green Industries of Colorado (GreenCO), 2008

## Other Research Experience

- 2005 – 2007 Research Assistant to Dr. Nicholas C. Hope, Stanford Center for International Development
- 2004 Research Assistant to Professor Roger Noll, Stanford Center for International Development
- 2002 Research Assistant to Professor Gavin Wright, Stanford University
- 2000 Governor’s Intern, Maryland State Department of Business and Economic Development

## Grants (Principal Investigator)

- 2009 “The Effect of Continuing Education Participation on Agricultural Worker Outcomes,” U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration and HeiTech Services, Research Paper Program, \$7,500
- 2009 “Do Minimum Wage Laws Affect People Who Are Not Covered?,” W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, \$5,000
- 2008 “Poverty, Legal Status, and Pay Basis in U.S. Agriculture,” West Coast Poverty Center, University of Washington, \$15,000

## Honors and Awards

- 2011 – 2012 Professional Development Program Award, Colorado State University, College of Liberal Arts
- 2011 Nominated for Outstanding Service Award, Colorado State University, College of Liberal Arts
- 2011 Nominated for Madison’s Who’s Who Among Executives and Professionals, Academic Directory
- 2010 – 2011 Professional Development Program Award, Colorado State University, College of Liberal Arts
- 2009 – 2010 Professional Development Program Award, Colorado State University, College of Liberal Arts
- 2009 Selected to participate in CSWEP CeMENT Regional Workshop, San Antonio, TX
- 2008 – 2009 Professional Development Program Award, Colorado State University, College of Liberal Arts
- 2009 Listing in Cambridge Who’s Who among Executives, Professionals and Entrepreneurs
- 2007 – 2008 Professional Development Program Award, Colorado State University, College of Liberal Arts
- 2005 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (Economic Policy Analysis), Stanford University
- 2001 – 2003 First and Second Year Economics Department Fellowships, Stanford University
- 2001 Max Hochschild Economics Award, The Johns Hopkins University
- 2001 Omicron Delta Kappa, beta chapter, The Johns Hopkins University
- 2000 Governor’s Citation for public service, State of Maryland
- 1999 – 2001 Dr. W. Luther Norem Scholarships, The Johns Hopkins University
- 1997 – 1998 Beneficial Hodson Scholarship and Honors, The Johns Hopkins University

## Teaching Experience

### At Colorado State University:

Intermediate Microeconomics  
Economics of Public Finance  
Introduction to Econometrics  
Public Economics I (graduate)  
Economics of Public Expenditures (Ph.D.)  
Microeconomic Theory II (Ph.D.)

### At Stanford University:

Economic Policy Analysis (Teaching Assistant to Roger Noll)  
Public Finance and Fiscal Policy (Teaching Assistant to Michael Boskin)  
Introduction to Statistical Methods (Teaching Assistant to Mark Tendall)  
Environmental Economics and Policy (Teaching Assistant to Lawrence H. Goulder)  
Course Assistant for Introduction to Econometrics, Imperfect Competition, Economics of Health

## Invited Seminars and Presentations

- 2012 Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA (upcoming); Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA (upcoming); Plymouth Congressional Church, Fort Collins, CO; Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA (presenter (2X) and discussant); Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2011 Western States Graduate Workshop in Economics, Colorado State University (session chair)
- 2010 Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA (presenter (2X), discussant, and session chair); Americas Center, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Hispanic Economic Issues Conference; North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Denver, CO (presenter and discussant); Colorado College; Colorado State University, Diversity Conference; Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor (virtual briefing); Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO; Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Portland, OR (presenter (2X) and discussant (2X)); Foreign Trade University, Hanoi Vietnam; Western Social Science Association Annual Conference, Reno, NV
- 2009 Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX (presenter (2X) and discussant (2X)); National Tax Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO (presenter and session moderator); U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration's Recovery and Reemployment Research Conference, Washington D.C.; Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada (presenter and discussant); Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council, Fort Collins, CO; Poudre River Public Library District, Fort Collins, CO; Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO (presenter and session chair); Department of Economics, Colorado State University
- 2008 Department of Economics, University of Nebraska; West Coast Poverty Center, University of Washington; Department of Economics, Colorado State University; Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI (presenter and discussant); Stanford Center for International Development; Western Social Science Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO; Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA
- 2007 Department of Economics, Colorado State University; Department of Economics, University of California, Riverside; San Francisco Immigrant Rights Summit, Immigrant Rights Commission, San Francisco, CA; Stanford Center for International Development, Conference on Migration and Human Development (session chair); Department of Economics, Towson University; Center for Economics, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, VA; CNA Corporation, Alexandria, VA; Department of Economics, California State University East Bay; Department of Economics, Colorado State University; Analysis Group, Denver, CO
- 2006 Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Department of Economics, Stanford University; Pacific Conference for Development Economics, Santa Clara University
- 2004 Department of Economics, Stanford University

## Department, College and University Service

- 2012 Judge, Agricultural & Resource Economics and Economics, Graduate Research Symposium
- 2008 – Microeconomic Theory Review Committee, Department of Economics

## Department, College and University Service (continued)

2008 – 2011	Public Finance Field Exam Committee, Department of Economics
2009 – 2011	Graduate Program Committee, Department of Economics
2011	Judge, Agricultural & Resource Economics and Economics, Graduate Research Symposium
2010	Judge, Agricultural & Resource Economics and Economics, Graduate Research Symposium
2009 – 2010	Faculty Representative, Fee for Technology Committee, College of Liberal Arts
2009 – 2010	Advisory Committee, Department of Economics
2009 – 2010	Seminar Coordinator, Department of Economics
2008 – 2010	John N. Stern Distinguished Professor Awards Selection Committee, College of Liberal Arts
2009	Judge, Agricultural & Resource Economics and Economics, Graduate Research Symposium
Nov – Dec 2009	Acting Graduate Coordinator, Department of Economics
2008 – 2009	Job Market Candidates Placement Assistance Committee, Department of Economics
2008 – 2009	Environmental Economics Search Committee, Department of Economics
2008 – 2009	Travel Support Committee, Department of Economics
2008	Service Evaluation Committee, Department of Economics
2007 – 2008	Environmental Economics Search Committee, Department of Economics
Dec 2007	Faculty Marshall, Commencement, College of Liberal Arts

## Popular Press Publications and Media Mentions

“Experts disagree over impact of illegal immigrants on the work force” (by Chris Collins of the *The Fresno Bee*) November 27, 2010 (article appeared in the *San Luis Obispo Tribune*).

“Fieldwork, Housework, Kitchen Work, Construction: Whose Jobs Are They?” (by Chris Collins of the *The Fresno Bee*) November 18, 2010 (article appeared in the *Sacramento Bee*).

“Taxpayers stuck paying the bill for illegal immigrants” (by Chris Collins of the *The Fresno Bee*) November 16, 2010 (article appeared in the *Sacramento Bee*).

“Change is too slow in coming,” *The Coloradoan*, June 17, 2008.

“Facts hold important place in debate,” *The Coloradoan*, September 28, 2007.

## Other Information

Citizenship: U.S.; Born: San Diego, CA

Current Affiliations: American Economic Association, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession, Western Economic Association International, Eastern Economic Association, American Society of Hispanic Economists

Past Affiliations: Southern Economic Association, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, Western Social Science Association, Association for Borderland Studies, National Tax Association, Southwestern Social Science Association

Referee: *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (3X), *Applied Economics* (2X), *International Migration Review* (2X), *Journal of Labor Research*, *Applied Financial Economics*, *The Social Science Journal*

Reviewer: McGraw-Hill, Pearson Economics, Worth

Expert Witness: immigration law and labor markets (several jurisdictions in Colorado)

Community Service: Treasurer, Richard’s Lake Owners’ Association

Languages: English (native), Portuguese and Spanish (basic)