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## CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Economics Department, Dartmouth College  
*Vice Chair* (July 2023 – present)  
*Professor* (July 2019 – present)  
*Associate Professor* (July 2012 – June 2019)  
*Assistant Professor* (July 2006 – June 2012)

National Bureau of Economic Research  
*Research Associate* (October 2013 – present)  
*Faculty Research Fellow* (May 2011 – September 2013)

Center for Research and Analysis of Migration, University College London  
*External Research Fellow* (2007 – present)

CESifo *Fellow* (Sept 2022 – present)

## PAST APPOINTMENTS

Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia  
*Economist* (August 2003 - June 2006)

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco  
*Visiting Scholar* (July 2007 – June 2009)

## EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Co-Editor, *Journal of Human Resources*, 2021-present  
Associate Editor, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 2019-present  
Russell Sage Foundation Advisory Committee, 2017-present  
Board of Editors, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2016-2023  
Board of Editors, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2013-2020

## EDUCATION

UC Berkeley, Ph.D., Economics (May 2003)  
*Fields of Specialization*: Labor economics, econometrics

Williams College, BA with Honors, Economics (June 1995)  
*Magna Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

“Opening the Door: Immigrant Legalization and Family Reunification in the United States.” (with Elizabeth Cascio). Forthcoming, *Journal of Labor Economics*, October 2025.

“Legal Activism, State Policy, and Racial Inequality in Teacher Salaries and Educational Attainment in the Mid-Century American South.” (with Elizabeth Cascio), *Journal of Labor Economics* 42 (S1): April 2024, pp. S95-S131.

“Distributing the Green (Cards): Permanent Residency and Income Taxes After the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.” (with Elizabeth Cascio). *Journal of Public Economics* 172: April 2019 pp. 135-150.

“People and Machines: A Look at The Evolving Relationship Between Capital and Skill In Manufacturing 1850-1940 Using Immigration Shocks” (with Jeanne LaFortune and Jose Tessada) *Review of Economics and Statistics* 101(1): March 2019, pp. 30-43.

“Immigration Restrictions as Active Labor Market Policy: Evidence from the Mexican *Bracero* Exclusion” (with Michael A. Clemens and Hannah M. Postel). *American Economic Review* 108(6): June 2018.

“Immigration and the Economy of Cities and Regions” (with Giovanni Peri), in Gilles Duranton, J. Vernon Henderson and William C. Strange, eds, *Handbook of Regional and Urban Economics*, Volume 5, 2015.

“Do Male-Female Wage Differentials Reflect Differences in the Return to Skill? Cross-City Evidence From 1980-2000” (with Paul Beaudry). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 6(2): April 2014, pp. 178-194.

“Immigrant-Native Substitutability and The Role of Language” in *Immigration, Poverty, and Socioeconomic Inequality*, David Card and Steven Raphael, eds. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2013, pp 60-97.

“Immigration and Production Technology,” *Annual Review of Economics* 5, August 2013.

“Cracks in the Melting Pot: Immigration, School Choice, and Segregation” (with Elizabeth Cascio). *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 4(3): August 2012, pp. 91-117.

“Immigration, Skill Mix, and Capital-Skill Complementarity.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 126 (2): May 2011, pp. 1029-1069.

“Should the PC be Considered a Technological Revolution? Evidence from US Metropolitan Areas” (with Paul Beaudry and Mark Doms). *Journal of Political Economy* 118(5): October 2010, pp. 988-1036.

“Paying For Progress: Conditional Grants and the Desegregation of Southern Schools.” (with Elizabeth Cascio, Nora Gordon, and Sarah Reber). *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 125(1): February 2010, pp. 445-482.

“Local Labor Force Education, New Business Characteristics, and Firm Performance.” (with Mark Doms and Alicia Robb). *Journal of Urban Economics* 67(1): January 2010, pp. 61-67.

“From *Brown* to Busing.” (with Elizabeth Cascio, Nora Gordon, and Sarah Reber) *Journal of Urban Economics* 64(2): September 2008, pp. 296-325.

“The Diffusion of Mexican Immigrants During the 1990s: Explanations and Impacts.” (with David Card) in George J. Borjas, Ed., *Mexican Immigration to the United States*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007, pp. 193-227.

“The Impact of Immigration on American Workers and Businesses.” *Choices* 22(1): 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2007, pp. 1-7.

“Schooling and the Armed Forces Qualifying Test: Evidence from School Entry Laws.” (with Elizabeth Cascio). *Journal of Human Resources* 41(2): Spring 2006, pp. 294-318.

“Physical Capital and Capital Service Costs in US Colleges and Universities: 1993.” (with Gordon Winston) *Eastern Economic Journal* 23(2): Spring 1997, pp. 165-89.

#### **WORKING PAPERS**

“How Good Are Proxies for Legal Status? Evidence from the Legalization of Two Million Mexicans.” (with Elizabeth Cascio and Chengguo Zhang). NBER Working Paper #32632, revised September 2024.

“Powering Up Productivity: The Effects of Electrification on U.S. Manufacturing.” (with Martin Fiszbein, Jeanne Lafortune, and Jose Tessada), Revise & Resubmit, *Journal of Economic History*, September 2024.

“The Intergenerational Effects of Permanent Legal Status.” (with Elizabeth Cascio and Paul Cornell), NBER Working Paper #32635, June 2024.

“The Effect of Low-Skill Immigration Restrictions on US Firms and Workers: Evidence from a Randomized Lottery” (with Michael Clemens), NBER Working Paper #30589, revised May 2024. Revise & Resubmit, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.

“Electricity and Directed Technological Change: Evidence from US Rural Electrification, 1910-1950.” (with Martin Fiszbein, Jeanne Lafortune, Josefa Lavandero, and Jose Tessada). March 2024.

“Changing returns to scale in manufacturing 1880-1930: The Rise of (Skilled) Labor?” (with Jeanne Lafortune, and Jose Tessada), NBER Working Paper #28633, April 2021.

#### **DORMANT WORKING PAPERS**

“Labor Supply and Personal Computer Adoption.” (with Mark Doms), June 2006.

“How did the Miami Labor Market Absorb the Mariel Immigrants?” *Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Working Paper* #04-03, January 2004.

“Local, Open Economies Within the US: How Do Industries Respond to Immigration?” *Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Working Paper #04-01*, December 2003.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

“Restricting the hiring of low-skill immigrants hurts firms and does not benefit native-born workers: Evidence from a US visa lottery” *VoxEU* 22 Nov 2022 (with Michael Clemens).

“How ‘Dreamers’ and green card lottery winners strengthen the US economy,” *The Conversation*, September 2017.

“Two Wrong and One Right Model of the Labor Market Impact of Immigration” *Cato Journal* 37(3), Fall 2017.

“The Impact of Immigration Barriers on Native Workers: Evidence from the US Exclusion of Mexican *Braceros*” on *VoxEU*, April 2017 (with Michael Clemens and Hannah Postel).

“The Rise of Personal Computers has Helped to Narrow the Wage Gap between Men and Women.” Article posted on LSE’s USAPP blog, July 2014 (with Paul Beaudry).

Review of *The Economics of Immigration: Theory and Policy* by Orn Bodvarsson and Hendrik Van den Berg. *Journal of Economic Literature* 48(4): December 2010.

Review of *Immigrants and Boomers* by Dowell Myers. *Journal of Regional Science* 49(2): May 2009.

“The Narrowing of the Male-Female Wage Gap.” Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco *Economic Letter*, June 29, 2007 (with Mark Doms).

Review of *Moving Up or Moving On: Who Advances in the Low-Wage Labor Market?* By Fredrik Andersson, Harry J. Holzer and Julia I. Lane. *Journal of Economic Literature* 44(2): June 2006.

“Is Technology Raising Demand for Skills, or Are Skills Raising Demand for Technology?” Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia *Business Review*, Second Quarter 2006.

Review of *Guarding the Golden Door: American Immigration Policy and Immigrants since 1882* by Roger Daniels. *Journal of Economic Literature* 43(4): December 2005.

Review of *Immigrants and the American Dream: Remaking the Middle Class* by William A. V. Clark. *Journal of Regional Science* 45(1): February 2005.

“How Do Local Labor Markets in the U.S. Adjust to Immigration?” Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia *Business Review*, First Quarter 2005.

## HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant
- 2021 Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant
- 2021 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*
- 2019 Russell Ladd Newcomb 1926 Fellowship
- 2018 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*
- 2018 Referee Prize, *Economic Journal*
- 2017 Gateway Course Redesign award for econometrics, Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning
- 2016 Senior Faculty Fellowship, Dartmouth College
- 2013 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*
- 2012 Elizabeth R. and Robert A. Jeffe 1972 Fellowship
- 2010 Junior faculty fellowship, Dartmouth College
- 2008 Kauffman Foundation Research Grant “Assessing the Role of the Local Labor Market in the Performance of New Businesses” (with Alicia Robb), \$20,000.
- 2006 Walter and Constance Burke Award
- 2005-2007 National Science Foundation Research Grant “Local Response to Federal Education Policy: Evidence from the Civil Rights Act and Title I” (with Elizabeth Cascio, Nora Gordon, and Sarah Reber), \$220,441.
- 2002 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley Economics
- 2002 Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2001 CCRDC Dissertation Fellowship
- 2001 Continuing Student Fellowship, UC Berkeley Economics
- 1997 National Science Foundation Honorable Mention
- 1995 Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Williams College

## PRESS MENTIONS

- “Can America’s economy cope with mass deportations?” *Economist* (Jan 6, 2025)
- “Data shows migrants aren’t taking jobs from Black or Hispanic people, despite what Trump says” Associated Press, (Oct 12, 2024).
- “Immigration is surging, with big economic consequences.” *Economist* (April 30, 2024)
- “America Needs More Immigration to Defeat Inflation.” *Foreign Affairs* (Dec 19, 2022)
- “Could foreign workers unlock America's tight labor market?” NPR (Nov 4, 2022)
- “Another Study Concludes Immigration Critics Are Wrong.” *Forbes* (Oct 26, 2022)
- “How immigration actually helps native-born U.S. workers.” MarketWatch (Nov 3, 2018)
- “Immigration's Impact On U.S. Jobs” NPR’s Morning Edition, interview (October 24, 2018)
- “Companies Say Trump Is Hurting Business by Limiting Legal Immigration” *New York Times* (September 2, 2018).
- “Awarding green cards does little to boost government revenue, study finds.” MarketWatch (July 30, 2018).
- “The Danger from Low-Skill Immigrants: Not Having Them.” *New York Times* (August 9, 2017).
- “Stopping Immigration Will Lift Americans’ Wages. And Other Myths.” *Newsweek* (August 7, 2017).
- “Trump’s Anti-Immigration Policies Are Based on Flawed Data” *Newsweek* (August 5, 2017)
- “Where Stephen Miller Gets Immigration and American Jobs So Wrong.” *Newsweek* (August 4, 2017).
- “Trump wants to protect American jobs. His immigration bill would make us poorer.” *Vox* (August 3, 2017)

“Fewer Immigrants Mean More Jobs? Not So, Economists Say.” *New York Times* (August 3, 2017)

“The Great Mariel Boatlift Debate: Does Immigration Lower Wages?” *Wall Street Journal* (June 17, 2017).

“Why Deporting Undocumented Immigrants Could Slow U.S. Economy.” Associated Press (March 1, 2017).

“Does Trump Know What He Is Doing? Immigration Plan To Deport Mexicans Didn’t Work Out Last Time A US President Tried It.” *International Business Times* (February 22, 2017).

“Farms Used Less Labor When U.S. Got Rid of Guest Workers, Research Finds.” *Wall Street Journal* (February 9, 2017)

“Kicking Out Immigrants Doesn’t Raise Wages” *The Economist* (February 4, 2017)

“Immigration Roundup: Are Immigrants Taking Your Job?” *Bloomberg BNA* (Sept 6, 2016)

“The Costs of Immigration” *Washington Times* (August 18, 2005).

“Economic Focus: Displacement Activity.” *The Economist* (July 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2005).

“Low-Wage U.S. Jobs Get ‘Mexicanized,’ but There’s a Price” *Wall Street Journal* (May 2, 2005).

“Miami’s Economy 25 Years After Mariel a Picture of Contrasts” A.P. (April 10, 2005).

“El Exodo del Mariel Dio un Vuelco a Miami” *El Nuevo Herald* (April 3, 2005).

#### **RECENT KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS**

Barcelona School of Economics Summer Forum (Barcelona, Spain, June 2023). “The Effect of Low-Skill Immigration Restrictions on US Firms and Workers: Evidence from a Randomized Lottery”

Bank of Canada Workshop on Macroeconomic Implications of Migration (Ottawa, Canada, August 2022). “The Effect of Low-Skill Immigration Restrictions on US Firms and Workers: Evidence from a Randomized Lottery”

CESifo Summer Institute: The Role of Firms in Migration Research (Venice, Italy, June 2022). “Opening the Door to Low-Skill Immigration: Policy-Relevant Impact Estimates.”

#### **OTHER RECENT PRESENTATIONS**

Northwestern University (October 2024)

Congressional Budget Office (August 2024)

Society of Labor Economists annual meeting (May 2023)

University of Pittsburgh (March 2023)

Vanderbilt University (December 2022)

US Census Bureau/Center for Economic Studies (September 2021)

Leibniz Institute for Economic Research (June 2021)

Institute for Economic and Social Research, Jinan University (June 2021)

NBER Immigrants and the U.S. Economy conference (March 2021)

St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank/Washington University (February 2021)

Essex/Cambridge (November 2020)

NBER Summer Institute (July 2020)

American Economic Association meetings, San Diego, CA (January 2020)

Harvard University, Kennedy School (December 2019)

University of Virginia (December 2019)

Cornell University (September 2019)

Stanford University (September 2019)

National Bureau of Economic Research (July 2019)  
Aarhus University (June 2019)  
University of Southern Denmark (June 2019)  
Boston College (April 2019)  
NYU (October 2018)  
University of Copenhagen (June 2018)  
Uppsala University (May 2018)  
IIES (May 2018)  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (December 2017)  
Association of Public Policy and Management (November 2017)  
NBER Summer Institute (July 2017)  
Boston University (April 2017)  
Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (April 2017)  
University of Oslo (February 2017)  
Williams College (November 2016)  
University of Vermont (October 2016)  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (September 2016)  
Cato Institute (September 2016)

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Committee on Professional Climate, American Economic Association (2025-)

Referee for *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Insights*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *Berkeley Electronic Journals*, Austrian Science Foundation, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Eastern Economics Journal*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Journal*, *Economica*, *Economics Letters*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Empirical Economics*, *European Economic Review*, *Explorations in Economic History*, Falk Institute, Harvard University Press, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal of Economic Geography*, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Public Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, National Poverty Center, National Science Foundation, Public Policy Institute of California, Routledge, Russell Sage Foundation, Smith Richardson Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics & Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Spanish Economic Review*, University of Chicago Press, Wiley-Blackwell, *World Bank Economic Review*.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists