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Current/Past Positions:

Professor, Department of Economics, Boston College, 1995-present

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Boston College, 1987-1995

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Washington University, 1981-1987

National Fellow, Hoover Institute, Stanford University, 1984-1985

Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 1980-1981

Education:

Ph.D. Economics, Brown University, 1980

Thesis title: *The Effects of Career Interruptions on the Earnings of Women:
A Longitudinal Study*

B.S. Economics, Boston College, 1975

Research Interests:

Economics of the Family, Evolutionary Economics, Economic Development

Honors and Awards:

National Fellowship, Hoover Institute, 1984-85

National Science Foundation Grant, 1986-89

National Institutes of Health Grants, 1989-91, 1996-2000, 2003-08

Professional Activities:

Consultant, World Bank, 1986-2000

Social Sciences and Population Study Section, National Institutes of Health, 1997-2004

Columnist, EconLib website, 2001-2006

College of CSR Reviewers, Center for Scientific Review, NIH, 2010-present

Publications:

- “Paternal Provisioning Results from Ecological Change” (with Ingela Alger, Paul L. Hooper, Jonathan Stieglitz, and Hillard S. Kaplan), May 2020. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117 (20): 10746-10754.
- “Evolution of the Family: Theory and Implications for Economics” (with Ingela Alger), November 2019. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance*.
- “Inheritance, Bequests and Labor Supply,” 2014. *IZA World of Labor*, 69.
- “The Evolution of Altruistic Preferences: Mothers versus Fathers” (with Ingela Alger), 2013. *Review of Economics of the Household*, 11 (3): 421-446.
- “Motives for Care that Adult Children Provide to Parents: Evidence from ‘Point Blank’ Survey Questions” (with Beth Soldo), 2013. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 44 (4): 491-517.
- “Integrating Evolutionary and Social Science Approaches to the Family,” 2010. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 33 (1): 20-21.
- “Intergenerational Transfers,” 2009. In the *Encyclopedia of Life Course and Human Development*. M. E. Hughes, A. Pienta, and R. Crosnoe, eds. New York: Macmillan.
- “Extended Family and Kinship Networks: Economic Insights and Evolutionary Directions” (with Marcel Fafchamps), 2008. *Handbook of Development Economics: Volume 4*. T. P. Schultz and J. Strauss, eds. New York: Elsevier.
- “Intergenerational Caregiving and Exchange: Economic and Evolutionary Approaches,” 2008. In *Caring and Exchange Within and Across Generations*, A. Booth, A. C. Crouter, S. Bianchi, and J. A. Seltzer, eds. Washington, D.C.: Urban Institute Press: 81-125.
- “Biological Basics and Economics of the Family,” 2007. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 21 (2): 91-108.
- “On the Demand for Grandchildren: Tied Transfers and the Demonstration Effect” (with Oded Stark), 2005. *Journal of Public Economics*, 89 (9-10): 1665-1697. Reprinted in *Handbook on the Economics of Happiness*, 2007. L. Bruni and P. L. Porta, eds., Cheltenham, U.K.: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- “How Responsive are Private Transfers to Income? Evidence from a Laissez-Faire Economy” (with Bruce Hansen and Emmanuel Jimenez), 2004. *Journal of Public Economics*, 88 (9-10): 2193-2219.
- “Intergenerational Linkages in Consumption Behavior” (with Serena Ng and Andreas Waldkirch), 2004. *Journal of Human Resources*, 39 (2): 355-381.
- “Private Interhousehold Transfers in Vietnam in the Early and Late 1990s,” 2004. In *Economic Growth, Poverty and Household Welfare in Vietnam*, P. Glewwe, N.

Agrawal and D. Dollar, eds. Washington, DC: The World Bank.

- “Private Transfers within the Family: Mothers, Fathers, Sons and Daughters,” 2003. In *Death and Dollars: The Role of Gifts and Bequests in America*, A. Munnell and A. Sunden, eds. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press: 168-209.
- “Risk Sharing and Private Transfers: What About Urban Households?” (with Emmanuel Jimenez), 1998. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 46 (3): 621-37.
- “Motives for Private Transfers Over the Life-Cycle: An Analytical Framework and Evidence for Peru” (with Zekeriya Eser and Emmanuel Jimenez), 1998. *Journal of Development Economics*, 55 (1): 57-80.
- “Private Transfers in Vietnam” (with James Fetzer and Emmanuel Jimenez), 1998. In *Household Welfare and Vietnam’s Transition*, D. Dollar, P. Glewwe, and J. Litvack, eds. Washington, DC: The World Bank: 179-200.
- “Family Safety nets and Economic Transition: A Study of Worker Households in Poland” (with Emmanuel Jimenez and Wlodek Okrasa), 1997. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 43 (2): 191-209.
- “Family Safety Nets During Economic Transition: A Study of Inter-household Transfers in Russia” (with Zekeriya Eser and Emmanuel Jimenez), 1997. In *Poverty in Russia: Public Policy and Private Responses*, J. Klugman, ed. Washington, DC: The World Bank: 211-248.
- “Discussion of Davies’ ‘Explaining Intergenerational Transfers’,” 1996. In *Household and Family Economics*, P. Menchik, ed. Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers: 83-90.
- “The Connection Between Public Transfers and Private Interfamily Transfers” (with George Jakubson), 1995. *Journal of Public Economics*, 57 (1): 129-167.
- “Erratum” (with Mark Rank), 1995. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 77 (3): 569.
- “Private Transfers and the Effectiveness of Public Income Redistribution in the Philippines” (with Emmanuel Jimenez), 1995. In *Public Spending and the Poor: Theory and Evidence*, D. van de Walle and K. Nead, eds. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press: 321-346.
- “The Effects of Borrowing Constraints on Consumer Liabilities” (with Tullio Jappelli), 1993. *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, 25 (2): 199-213.
- “Female Labor Force Participation and Earnings in Venezuela” (with George Psacharopoulos), 1992. In *Women’s Employment and Pay in Latin America*, G. Psacharopoulos and Z. Tzannatos, eds. The World Bank: Washington DC.
- “Inter-Vivos Transfers and Intergenerational Exchange” (with Mark Rank), 1992. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 74 (2): 305-314. To be reprinted in *The Economics*

of the Distribution of Wealth, J. B. Davies, ed., Cheltenham, U.K.: Edward Elgar Publishing, Ltd.

- “Social Security and Private Transfers in Developing Countries: The Case of Peru” (with Emmanuel Jimenez), 1992. *World Bank Economic Review*, 6 (1): 155-169.
- “Selectivity Bias in Assessing Educational Outcomes,” 1992. *International Encyclopedia of Education*, T. Husen and T. N. Postlethwaite, eds. Oxford: Pergamon Press.
- “The Relative Effectiveness of Private and Public Schools: Evidence from Two Developing Countries” (with Emmanuel Jimenez), 1990. *Journal of Development Economics*, 34 (1-2): 99-121. Reprinted in *Market Approaches to Education: Vouchers and School Choice*, E. Cohn, ed. Oxford: Pergamon Press, 1997.
- “Credit Rationing and Private Transfers: Evidence from Survey Data” (with Tullio Jappelli), 1990. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 72 (3): 445-454.
- “Social Objectives Through Private Transfers: A Review” (with Emmanuel Jimenez), 1990. *World Bank Research Observer*, 5 (2): 205-218.
- “Intergenerational Transfers and Liquidity Constraints,” 1990. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 105 (1): 187-217.
- “Male-Female Wage Discrimination in Nineteenth-Century France” (with John Nye), 1989. *Journal of Economic History* 49 (4): 903-920.
- “Motives for Private Income Transfers,” 1987. *Journal of Political Economy* 95 (3): 508-546.
- “Warm Feelings and Cold Calculations: Economic Theories of Private Transfers” (with Robert Defina), 1986. *Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Business Review*, (March/April): 15-22.
- “Interfamily Transfers and Income Redistribution” (with Fredric Raines), 1985. In *Horizontal Equity, Uncertainty and Economic Well-Being*, M. David and T. Smeeding, eds. Chicago: University of Chicago Press: 393-421.
- “Panel Estimates of the Effects of Career Interruptions on the Earnings of Women,” 1984. *Economic Inquiry*, 22 (3): 386-403.
- “Inequality in the Lifetime Earnings of Women,” 1982. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 64 (3): 501-504.
- “The Decline in Personal Saving,” 1981. *Federal Reserve Bank of New York Quarterly Review*, 6 (1): 25-32.
- “Workers Ineligible for Retirement Benefits” (with Lucy Mallan), 1978. *Social Security Bulletin* 41 (12): 3-11.

Work in progress:

- “Fatherhood Results from Ecological Change” (with Ingela Alger, Paul L. Hooper, Jonathan Stieglitz, and Hillard S. Kaplan). Revision resubmitted to *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
- “Intergenerational Transfers and the Great Recession” (with Megan Way). Revise and resubmit, *Review of Economics of the Household*.
- “Who Does the Baby Look Like? Relationship Quality, Perceived Resemblance, and Paternal Solicitude.”
- “The Evolutionary Biology and Economics of Sexual Preferences and Infidelity.”
- “Intergenerational Transfers and the Demonstration Effect” (with Oded Stark). Working paper no. 329, Boston College Department of Economics, June, 1994.

Grants and Awards:

- “Biological Basics and Intergenerational Transfers,” \$1.5 million, National Institutes of Health, 2003-2010.
- “Income from Household and Government Transfers,” part of a larger project, “Economic Growth and Household Welfare Policy Lessons from Vietnam,” funded by the World Bank, Spring, 2001.
- “A Study of Private Safety Nets in Developing Countries.” Research funded by the World Bank, Summer, 1997.
- “A Study of Private Safety Nets in Developing Countries.” Research funded by the World Bank, Summer, 1998. “The Demonstration Effect in Intergenerational Transfers.” National Institutes of Health, 1996-2000. (with Oded Stark).
- “Family Safety Nets and Economic Transition in Eastern Europe.” The National Council for Soviet and East European Research, 1995-96. (with Wlodek Okrasa).
- “Private Safety Nets and Poverty in Kyrgyzstan.” Research funded by the World Bank, Summer, 1994.
- “Private Transfers and Economic Transition: An Investigation of the Russian Longitudinal Monitoring Survey.” Research funded by the World Bank, Summer, 1994.
- “The Role and Magnitude of the Private Safety Net During Economic Transition: Private Inter-household Transfers in Vietnam.” Research funded by the World Bank, Summer, 1994.
- “Informal Networks and Economic Transition in the Eastern Bloc.” Research Grant, IRIS Research Program, University of Maryland, Summer, 1994, with Wlodek Okrasa.

- “Private Safety Nets and Poverty in Pakistan.” Research funded by the World Bank, with Zekeriya Eser, Summer, 1994.
- “Inter-Household Transfers in a Shortage Economy: The Case of Poland.” Research funded by the Research Committee of the World Bank, 1993, with Emmanuel Jimenez and Wlodek Okrasa.
- “Non-Market Transfers in Developing Countries.” Grant from Research Budget Support from the World Bank, 1991, with Emmanuel Jimenez and Oded Stark.
- “An Empirical Study of Intergenerational-Transfer Motives.” National Institutes of Health Grant, 1989-1991.
- “Intergenerational Transfer Behavior in Developing Countries.” World Bank Research Contract, 1989.
- “The Connection Between Public Transfers and Private Interfamily Transfers.” University of Wisconsin Institute for Research on Poverty Small Grants Program, 1986.
- “The Relative Effectiveness of Private and Public Schools: Evidence from Colombia and Tanzania.” World Bank Research Contract, 1986.
- Washington University Summer Grant, 1986.
- “A Study of Motives for Interfamily Transfers.” National Science Foundation Grant, 1986-1989.
- Washington University Summer Grant, 1982.
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, Employment and Training Administration and Social Science Research Council, 1979.

Conferences and Presentations:

- 2017 Toulouse Economics and Biology Workshop, The Evolution and Economics of the Family
- 2013 The World Bank, Toulouse School of Economics
- 2011 Population Association of America Meetings, Human Behavior and Evolution Society Annual Meetings, Gerontological Society of America Meetings, University of Chicago Population Research Center
- 2010 Human Behavior and Evolution Society Annual Meetings, Gerontological Society of America Meetings
- 2009 American Economic Association Meetings, Max Planck Institute, University of Illinois Champagne-Urbana
- 2008 University of Chicago Center for Cognitive and Social Neuroscience, Boston College Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Seminar Series, University of California Riverside, Gerontology Society of America Meetings, The World Bank

- 2007 University of Maryland, RAND Summer Institute, U. MassBoston, Carleton University, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Swarthmore College
- 2006 Population Association of America Meetings, Stonehill College, Penn State Symposium on Family Issues
- 2005 Grantee Workshop on Intergenerational Family Resource Allocation at the National Institutes of Health; Oregon State University; Northeastern University; University of Virginia; Handbook of Agricultural Economics Conference, Bellagio, Italy; Washington University in St. Louis; Department of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University; Evolving Family Project, Cornell University; Workshop on Intergenerational Relations and Support, Cornell University
- 2004 Health and Retirement Study Research Conference on Older Families, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2003 American Economic Association Meetings, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington, Population Association of America Meetings