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EDUCATION

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, Ph.D. Department of Economics, 2006
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, MA Department of Economics, 2004
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, BS Economics, 2002

EXPERIENCE

Senior Economist, RAND Corporation, Arlington VA, (October 2015-present)

Lead researcher on key issues related to suitability screening, terrorist networks and financing and work related to sexual and intimate partner violence in the United States and internationally.

Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy (October 2014 – October 2015)

Provide policy guidance and departmental coordination on key policy issues for the Deputy Secretary including budget preparation and appeals for fiscal year 2016 budget, nuclear security issues, financing for renewable energy innovation, and implementation of Department of Defense-Department of Energy coordination on energy security issues. Serve as the primary manager for all substantive issues to be reviewed and approved by the Deputy Secretary including emergency preparedness and response, cyber security, credit and loan program review, nuclear policy, and clean energy manufacturing and finance, and science/research investment. Serve as primary manager for personnel and budget issues in the Office of the Deputy Secretary and as needed for the Department of Energy.

Director of Defense Personnel and Readiness, National Security Council, The White House (September 2013-October 2014)

Provide policy guidance and interagency coordination on defense policy issues related to personnel policy and military readiness. Key issues include prevention of and response to sexual assault in the military, child abuse and child care for military families, family violence response and protection for military families, access to benefits for undocumented individuals enlisting in the military, expanding mental health care for military service members and their families, processes to improve base security in response to shootings at Washington Navy Yard and Fort Hood. Provide coordination and input into defense budget issues related to the fiscal year 2015 budget and Quadrennial Defense Review.

Policy Advisor and Chief of Staff, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Defense Pentagon (July 2012-September 2013)

Provide policy advice, speech writing, and support to the Assistant Secretary on a wide range of Special Operations and Counterterrorism issues. Provided support on policy issues including Enduring Presence planning for Afghanistan, al Qa'ida strategy papers, and additional special projects at the request of the Assistant Secretary and Secretary of Defense.

Economist, RAND Corporation, Arlington VA, (October 2011-July 2012)

Led and conducted research on estimating the cost of violence in Iraq, the effectiveness of Afghan Local Police, and developed the concept and operational plan for a research center to identify and publicize promising practices related to sexual assault in the United States.

Academic Research Team Director, Counterinsurgency Advisory and Assistance Team (CAAT), Kabul Afghanistan (March 2010 – October 2010)

Oversaw research efforts for Commander of International Forces in Afghanistan including: coordinated data collection, facilitated coordination with civilian agencies, program evaluation design and project management, development of measures of effectiveness, and cost-effectiveness of counterinsurgency. Topics researched included the effectiveness of policy training programs, the impact of efforts to engage Afghan females, and the rate of recidivism for captured and detained Afghans. Work was briefed to Command ISAF, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and regional commanders and general officers across theater.

Primary Investigator on Violence Against Women Program Evaluation, International Rescue Committee, Makamba, Burundi (Fall 2006 – Summer 2009)

Women's Empowerment in Post-Conflict Settings: Conducted research in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cote D'Ivoire, and South Africa on economic programs reduce intimate partner violence and improve women's decision making authority. Primary responsibilities included project design, budget management, survey oversight, analysis of results, and report preparation. This project was later supported by a Gates Foundation grant on Successes in Africa.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, London School of Economics, London, England (October 2008-October 2011)

Conducted research on the effect of development programs in reducing violence in fragile and conflict affected settings. Research related to Iraq and Afghanistan was published in academic journals and lay press. Taught courses to masters and PhD students on labor economics and econometrics.

Primary Investigator: National Census of Domestic Violence Services, National Network to End Domestic Violence, (Fall 2005-December 2006)

Developed, designed, and implemented procedures to measure and evaluate demand and usage of federally funded Domestic Violence Services. Served on the Committee on Measures and Assessment, Family Violence Prevention and Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholar, Harvard University (August 2006-August 2008)

Conducted research on the economic costs and benefits of programs to reduce violence against women. During this period served on Committee on Measures and Assessment, Family Violence Prevention and Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

Policy Analyst, New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Trenton, NJ (Fall 2003-Fall 2004)

Researched and wrote policy positions for New Jersey's state agency overseeing all sexual assault services. Provided linkage between first/emergency response teams and policy teams to identify areas for policy action.

Research Assistant, Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President, White House Washington DC, (Summer 2000)

Provided research support to member Dr. Katherine Shaw on domestic policy issues including health care reform, minimum wage programs, and technological innovation. First summer research assistant to write a report for weekly brief to the President of the United States.

RESEARCH

PRIMARY PUBLICATIONS

“Does the Certainty of Arrest Reduce Domestic Violence? Evidence from Mandatory and Recommended Arrest Laws” *Journal of Public Economics* 93 85-93 (2009)

“Measuring Intimate Partner Violence Service Usage Across America Using The National Census On Domestic Violence Services” (with L. Sabik) *Health Affairs* 28:w1052-1065 (2009)

"Who's the Fairest in the Land? Comparing Judge and Jury Decisions in Capital Cases" *Journal of Law and Economics* (August 2011)

Evaluation of the Caruth Police Institute at Dallas (with Rob Davis) *RAND Report*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2013. http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR312.

"Insurgent Compensation: Evidence from Iraq," (with Benjamin W. Bahney, Patrick B. Johnston, Danielle F. Jung, Jacob N. Shapiro, Howard J. Shatz) *American Economic Review*, 2013, 103(3):518-522, 2013

“The political economy of the disability insurance: theory and evidence of gubernatorial learning” (with Giovanni Mastrobuoni) *IZA Journal of Labor Policy* 2014, 3:16 doi:10.1186/2193-9004-3-16

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Comparing Economic and Social Interventions to Reduce Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence from Central and Southern Africa (with Guilia Ferrari) in *African Successes: Human Capital*, edited by Sebastian Edwards, Simon Johnson, and David N. Weil. University of Chicago Press (forthcoming)

“Does Arrest Deter Violence? Comparing Experimental and Nonexperimental Evidence on Arrest Laws” in *The Economics of Crime*; Di Tella, Edwards, and Schargrodsky (Eds.) University of Chicago Press, Chicago, IL 2010, Chapter 12, pp 421-453

BOOK

“Economics of Commercial Dispute Arbitration” with Orley Ashenfelter (as Editors) in the series *Economic Approaches to Law*, Elgar Publishing London UK, Summer 2009

WORKING PAPERS

“An Analysis of Attorney Performance in the Federal Indigent Defense System” NBER Working Paper 13187 (<http://www.nber.org/papers/w13187>)

Please see the July 14, 2007 *New York Times* article by Adam Liptak entitled “Public Defenders Get Better Marks When on Salary” that describes these findings for a lay audience Also articles in *National Journal* and *Congressional Quarterly*

“I would rather be hanged for a sheep than a lamb: The unintended consequences of California Three-Strikes laws” *NBER Working Paper* 13784 (<http://www.nber.org/papers/w13784>)

Please also see lay reports in *Slate*, *Hartford Advocate*, *Dallas Morning News*

“Is there an Emboldenment Effect? Evidence from the Insurgency in Iraq” (with Jonathan Monten) *NBER Working Paper* 13839 March 2008

Please see lay reports in *US News and World Reports*, *UPI*, *Fox News*

“The Effect of Civilian Casualties in Afghanistan and Iraq” (with Luke N. Condra, Joseph H. Felter, Jacob N. Shapiro) NBER Working Paper 16152 July 2010

“Building Peace: The effect of Development Assistance on the Labor Market for Insurgents” (with Jonathan Monten and Mathew Hansen) *mimeo*

INVITED LAY ARTICLES

“The Next War” *Foreign Policy* (with Douglas A. Ollivant)

http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/05/03/the_next_war

“Open debate will prompt reaction from insurgents” *The Times (London)* February 26, 2010

http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/industry_sectors/media/article7041398.ece

“The Protection Battered Spouses Don’t Need” *New York Times* August 7, 2007

http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/07/opinion/07iyengar.html?_r=1&oref=slogin