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**Education**

Brown University  
Ph.D. in Economics 2008 (expected)  
A.M. in Economics 2004  
A.B. in Public Policy (Honors) and History, *Magna Cum Laude* 2000

**Research and Teaching Fields**

Primary Fields: Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics  
Secondary Fields: Economics of Crime, Economics of Education, Economics of Aging

**Working Papers**

Does Work Release Work? (Job Market Paper)  
Returns to Educational Credentials for Low-Skilled Workers: A Labor Market Audit Study (with John Tyler)  
Factories Behind Bars: Prison Industry Participation in Florida (in progress)  
Old Teachers, Old Ideas, and the Effect of Population Aging on Economic Growth (with David Weil, in progress)

**Teaching Experience**

Instructor, Math Refresher for Graduate Program in Urban Education Policy 2007  
Instructor, Introductory Statistics for Education Research and Policy Analysis 2004, 2005  
Teaching Assistant for Professor Anna Aizer, Health Economics 2005, 2006  
Teaching Assistant for Professor John Tyler, Evaluating Social Programs 2000

**Research Experience**

Research Assistant, Professor John Tyler 2004-2006  
Research Associate, The Urban Institute, Washington, DC 2002-2003  
Research Assistant, The Urban Institute, Washington, DC 2000-2002

**Fellowships and Honors**

Brown University Summer Dissertation Fellowship 2007  
NBER Nonprofit Dissertation Fellowship 2006-2007  
*Phi Beta Kappa* 2000  
Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award 1999

**Conference Presentations**

“Correctional Education and Vocational Training Programs in the Age of Mass Incarceration.”  
Strategies for Improving Economic Mobility of Workers, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 2007. (with John Tyler)

“The Role of Privatized Prison Industries in Post-Release Labor Market Integration.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 2007.

“Social Security Reform and Its Effects on the Supplemental Security Income Program.” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2003. (with Melissa Favreault and Karen E. Smith)

“The Distributional Consequences of Removing the Retirement Earnings Test before the Normal Retirement Age: Results from a Microsimulation Analysis.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 2003. (with Melissa Favreault and Caroline Ratcliffe)

“Adding Historical Earnings to the SIPP.” Joint Statistical Meetings, Atlanta, GA, 2001. (with Karen E. Smith and Fritz Scheuren)

**References**

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