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**Professional Experience**

Chief, Division of Economic and Labor Research, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 2006-present.

Research Economist, Division of Foreign Economic Research, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 1992-2006; 2003 recipient of the *Secretary of Labor's Distinguished Career Service Award*.

Professorial Lecturer in Economics, Georgetown University, August 1995-May 1996.

Teaching Assistant, Georgetown University, 1988-1992.

Economist, U.S. General Accounting Office, 1990.

**Education**

**Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.**

Ph.D., Economics, December 1992

M.A., Economics, August 1990

Fellowships

Georgetown University Fellow, 1988-1992

John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics, 1990-1991

Dissertation: "**Three Essays in Labor Economics**"

Principal Advisor: Susan Vroman

Defended with Distinction, October 1, 1992

**University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**

B.A., Economics, Cum Laude with distinction in the major, May 1985

B.S. Economics, International Business, Cum Laude, May 1985

## **Publications**

- “Adult Returns to Schooling and Children’s School Enrollment, Theory and Evidence from South Africa,” (with Sarah Donovan), *Research in Labor Economics*, 31, 2010, pp. 291-319.
- “A Theory of Exploitative Child Labor,” (with Carol Ann Rogers) *Oxford Economic Papers*, 60(1), January 2008, pp. 20-41.
- “Slave Redemption When it Takes Time to Redeem Slaves,” (with Carol Ann Rogers) in *The Ethics and Economics of Slave Redemption*, Anthony Appiah and Martin Bunzl (eds), 2007, (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press).
- “Does Child Labor Decrease when Parental Incomes Rise?” (with Carol Ann Rogers), *Journal of Political Economy*, 112(4), August 2004, pp. 939-946.
- “The Economics of Child Labor: Comment,” (with Carol Ann Rogers) *American Economic Review*, 89(5), December 1999, pp. 1382-1385.
- “An Essay on Economic Efficiency and Core Labor Standards,” *The World Economy*, 20(1), January 1997, pp. 73-86.
- “Minimum Wages in an Equilibrium Search Model with Diminishing Returns to Labor in Production,” *Journal of Labor Economics*, 14(2), April 1996, pp. 340-355.
- “Is Job Stability Declining in the U.S. Economy? Reply to Diebold, Neumark and Polsky,” (with Howard Wial) *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 49(2), January 1996, pp. 352-355.
- “Is Job Stability Declining in the U.S. Economy?” (with Howard Wial) *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 48(2), January 1995, pp. 293-304.
- “Labor Standards in the Context of a Global Economy,” (with Gregory K. Schoepfle) *Monthly Labor Review*, 117(9), September 1994, pp. 52-58.

## **Research Papers**

- “A Model of Informal Sector Labor Markets,” (with Carol Ann Rogers), December 2004. Available from: <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/programs/otla/ferstatx.htm>.
- “Inequality, Productivity and Child Labor: Theory and Evidence,” (with Carol Ann Rogers), December 2001. Available from: <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/programs/otla/ferstatx.htm>.
- “Individual Tastes, Wage/Benefit Packages, and Union Membership: A Theoretical Model,” Working Paper 92-02, Georgetown University, March 1992.

## **Contributions to United States Government Publications**

*Report on the U.S. Employment Impact of the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement* (supervising editor) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2011. *Labor Rights, Employment Impact, and Laws Governing Exploitative Child Labor* reports are available from:  
<http://www.dol.gov/ilab/media/reports/usfta/main.htm>.

*Report on the U.S. Employment Impact of the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement* (supervising editor) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2011.

*Report on the U.S. Employment Impact of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement* (supervising editor) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2011.

*Trade and Employment Effects of the Andean Trade Preference Act: Fourteenth through Eighteenth Annual Reports submitted to Congress* (supervising editor) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2008-2011. This report series is available from:  
<http://www.dol.gov/ilab/media/reports/otla/atpamain.htm>

*U.S. Department of Labor's 2009 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor* (co-supervising editor) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2010. Available from:  
<http://www.dol.gov/ilab/media/reports/iclp/main.htm>.

*Colombia Labor Rights Report* (supervising editor) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2008. *Labor Rights, Employment Impact, and Laws Governing Exploitative Child Labor* reports are available from: <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/media/reports/usfta/main.htm>.

*United States Employment Impact Review of the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement* (supervising editor) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2008.

*Colombia Laws Governing Exploitative Child Labor Report* (supervising editor) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2008.

*Peru Labor Rights Report* (supervising editor) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2007.

*United States Employment Impact Review of the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement*

(supervising editor) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2007.

*Peru Laws Governing Exploitative Child Labor Report* (supervising editor) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2007.

*Improving Labor Market Opportunities and Security for Worker in Developing Countries* (technical reviewer and contributing discussant) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2003.

*Advancing the Campaign Against Child Labor (vol. II): Addressing the Worst Forms of Child Labor* (lead author) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2002.

*By the Sweat and Toil of Children (vol. VI): An Economic Consideration of Child Labor* (lead author) (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 2000.

*By the Sweat and Toil of Children (vol. IV): Consumer Labels and Child Labor* (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), 1997.

“Emerging Themes,” (with Gregory K. Schoepfle), in G.K. Schoepfle and K.A. Swinnerton (eds.), *International Labor Standards and Global Economic Integration: Proceedings of a Symposium* (Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs), July 1994, pp. 65-70.

### **Book Review**

International Labor Organization, *Key Indicators of the Labor Market* in *Monthly Labor Review*, 123(10), October 2000.

### **Conference and Seminar Presentations**

“Slave Redemption When it Takes Time to Redeem Slaves”

Annual Meetings of the Allied Social Science Association, January 2005.

“A Model of Informal Sector Labor Markets”

Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, October 2004.  
IZA/World Bank Conference: Employment and Development, May 2006.

“The Effect of Returns to Education on Children’s School Enrollment, Theory and Evidence from South Africa”

Conference of the Center for the Study of African Economics, Oxford University, March 2004.

Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, October 2004.

“Measurement Issues: Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining”

International Training Program, Bureau of Labor Statistics, on-going

“Discussion of Gary S. Fields, ‘International Labor Standards and Decent Work: Perspectives from the Developing World’”

Stanford Law School, International Labor Standards Conference, May 2002

“Policy Views on Child Labor”

Cornell University Institute of Public Affairs, May 2002

“A Theory of Exploitative Child Labor”

Annual Meetings of the Allied Social Science Associations, January 2001

“Inequality, Productivity and Child Labor”

Cornell University Economic Development Workshop, February 2000

"Minimum Wages in an Equilibrium Search Model with Diminishing Returns to Labor in Production"

Congressional Budget Office, August 1995.

International Conference on the Economics of Low Pay and the Effects of Minimum Wages, 1993, Arles, France.

Georgetown University Microeconomics Seminar, December 1, 1992.

"Is Job Stability Declining in the U.S. Economy?"

Social Security Administration, June 1996.

National Economists Club, April 1995.

American Economic Association Meetings, January 1995.

George Washington University Economics Seminar, March 1994.

Society of Government Economists Labor Workshop, September 1993.

American University Economics Seminar, September 1993.

### **Other Professional Activities**

Chair of Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Working Party on Employment, 2006-2011.

Head of United States Delegation to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Working Party on Employment, March 1994 to present.

Member of United States delegations to meetings of numerous international organizations including the International Labor Organization (ILO), OECD, G-20, G-8, World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

U.S. Representative to ILO Governing Body Committee on Employment and Social Policy.

Member of the American Economic Association and Society of Government Economists.

Referee for *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Policy Studies*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *Economic Journal*, *Research in Labor Economics*.

Reviewer for the National Science Foundation, World Bank Development Grant Facility.