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### Research and Teaching Interests

*Primary Fields:* Health Economics, Economics of Education, Child and Adolescent Health Policy

### Education

Ph.D. in Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006

M.S., Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2003

B.S., Economics and Public Administration, University of Tennessee-Knoxville,  
*Summa Cum Laude*, 2000

### Professional Experience

Assistant Professor of Public Health, Yale University, 2006-Present

**Dissertation:** Essays on College Enrollment: Integrating Approaches from Economics, Sociology, and Health Sciences

**Advisors:** Andrew Reschovsky, Barbara Wolfe, and John Mullahy

### Honors and Awards

AERA Research Fellowship in Education and Adolescent Health, 2008-2009

Dorothy S. Thomas Award for outstanding graduate student paper, 2005  
Population Association of America

Collins Scholarship for graduate research on autism, 2005  
Autism Society of America

Institute for Research on Poverty Graduate Fellow, UW-Madison, Fall 2004-Spring 2006

### Active Grants

National Institute on Aging (2008-2009) (PI: Sindelar/Co-I: Fletcher)

Stress, Neurodevelopment and Emergence of Addictive Behaviors in Adolescence

RWJ Foundation Healthy Eating Program (2008-2009) (PI: Fletcher)

Effects of Taxes and Vending Machine Bans on Obesity

National Institute on Aging (2006-present) (PI: Jody Sindelar)

Examine the determinants of healthy aging over the life-span

Institute for Research on Poverty-USDA Grant (PI: Fletcher) (2007-2009)

Assessing the Effect of Housing Costs on Food Security

National Institute of Health (PI: Jody Sindelar) (2007-present)

Stress and Patterns of Addiction in a National Population of Adults

### Completed Grants

American Educational Research Association Grant (PI: Fletcher) (2007-2008)

Examining the Effects of Full Inclusion on the *Classmates* of Children with Special Needs

Wisconsin Longitudinal Study Pilot Grant (Co-PI: Fletcher/Frisvold) (2007-2008)

Assessing the Causal Effects of Education on Preventive Health Care Choices

University of Kentucky Regional Small Grants Program (PI: Fletcher) (2007-2008)

The Importance of Establishing a 'Critical Mass' of Support for Disadvantaged Students for Their College Success: Lessons from Texas

Russell Sage Small Grant in Behavioral Economics (2006-2008) (PI: Fletcher)

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- Examine importance of identification with school on college enrollment  
Smith Richardson Foundation (2006-2008) (Project Director: Fletcher)
- Examine importance of identification with school on college enrollment  
National Institute of Mental Health Pre-Doctoral Training Grant (2002-2006) (PI: Mullahy)
- Developed research projects in health and mental health economics  
THEOP Small Grants Research Competition (2005-2006) (PI: Fletcher)
- Examine effects of Texas Top 10% Plan on college enrollment

### **Publications**

- “Is Identification with School the Key Component in the ‘Black Box’ of Education Outcomes? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment.” Conditionally Accepted at *Economics of Education Review*
- “Childhood Mistreatment and Adolescent and Young Adult Depression.” Accepted at *Social Science and Medicine*
- “All in the Family: Mental Health Spillover Effects Between Working Spouses.” Accepted at *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*
- “The Effects of Inclusion on Classmates of Students with Disabilities: The Case of Serious Emotional Problems.” Accepted at *Education Finance and Policy*
- “The Impact of Occupation on Self-Rated Health: Cross-sectional and Longitudinal Evidence from the Health and Retirement Survey.” (with Ralitz Gueorguieva, Jody Sindelar, Tracy Falba, Bill Gallo, Patricia Keenan, and Ran Wu). Accepted at *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*
- “Education and Labor Market Consequences of Teenage Childbearing: Evidence Using the Timing of Pregnancy Outcomes and Community Fixed Effects” (with Barbara Wolfe) Accepted at *Journal of Human Resources*
- “Detecting Implausible Social Network Effects in Acne, Height, and Headaches: Longitudinal Analysis.” (with Ethan Cohen-Cole) *British Medical Journal*, 2008, 337: a2533
- “Adolescent Depression: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Educational Attainment.” *Health Economics*, 2008, 17: 1215-1235
- “Is Obesity Contagious? Social Networks vs. Environmental Factors in the Obesity Epidemic.” (with Ethan Cohen-Cole) *Journal of Health Economics* 2008, 27 (5): 1382-1387
- “What Factors Influence the Structure of the State Income Tax?” (with Matthew Murray) *Public Finance Review* 2008, 36: 475-496
- “Child Mental Health and Human Capital Accumulation: The Case of ADHD Revisited.” (with Barbara Wolfe) *Journal of Health Economics* 2008, 27 (3): 794-800
- “Social Multipliers in Sexual Initiation Decisions among U.S. High School Students.” *Demography*, May 2007 Vol 44 (2): 373-388
- “Competition Over the Tax Base in the State Sales Tax.” (with Matthew Murray) *Public Finance Review*, May 2006 Vol 34 (3), pp. 258-281
- “Social Interactions in Adolescent Television Viewing.” *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*, April 2006 Vol 160, pp. 383-386
- “Is There A ‘Singles Tax’? The Relative Income Tax Treatment of Single Households.” (with James Alm and Leslie Whittington) *Public Budgeting and Finance*. Summer 2002

### **Other Publications (non-refereed)**

- “Demographics, Competition, and State Tax Progressivity.” (with Matthew Murray) *Proceedings of the National Tax Association’s 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Taxation* (Forthcoming)
- “Demographics, Competition, and State Tax Progressivity.” (with Matthew Murray) *State Tax Notes*, April 2007, Vol 44 (3): 177-183
- “The Forgotten ‘Singles Tax’? The Treatment of Individuals in the Income Tax.” (with James Alm and Leslie Whittington) *Proceedings of the National Tax Association’s 93rd Annual Conference on Taxation*

### **Under Review**

- “Long Term Consequences of Childhood ADHD on Criminal Activities” (with Barbara Wolfe) Revise and Resubmit to *Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics* January 2009

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- “The Effect of Classmate Characteristics on Individual Outcomes: Evidence from the Add Health.” (with Robert Bifulco and Stephen Ross) December 2008
- “Social Interactions and College Enrollment Decisions: An IV/FE approach.” December 2008
- “The Impact of First Occupation on Health at Older Ages.” (with Jody Sindelar, Patricia Keenan, William Gallo, and Tracy Falba) December 2008
- “Peer Networks and College Success: Lessons from Texas.” (with Marta Tienda) *RR Sociology of Education*, December 2008
- “Assessing the Effect of Increasing Housing Costs on Food Insecurity” (with Susan Busch and Tatiana Andreyeva) December 2008
- “Social Interactions and Smoking Decisions: An IV/FE approach.” *RR Health Economics* December 2008
- “Can Soft Drink Taxes Reduce Population Weight?” (with David Frisvold and Nathan Tefft) December 2008
- “Effects of Inclusion of Classmates with Emotional Problems on Test Scores in Early Elementary School.” November 2008
- “Cumulative Effects of Occupational Characteristics on Health.” (with Jody Sindelar and Shintaro Yamaguichi) November 2008
- “Effects of Teenage Fatherhood on Early Outcomes.” (with Barbara Wolfe) November 2008
- “Social Interactions and College Enrollment: Evidence from NELS.” October 2008
- “Peer Influences on College Choices: New Evidence from Texas.” October 2008
- “Identity and College Enrollment.” October 2008
- “Early Occupation and Health: An IV Approach.” (with Jody Sindelar) September 2008
- “Long Term Effects of First Occupation on Health: Evidence from Siblings” August 2008
- “Higher Education and Health Investments” (with David Frisvold) August 2008
- “Beauty vs. Brains: Early Labor Market Outcomes of High School Graduates” July 2008
- “Using the ‘Genetic Lottery’ within Families to Examine the Causal Effect of Health on Academic Achievement.” (With Steven Lehrer) February 2008
- “Accounting for Racial Disparities in Children’s Overweight Status at 2-Years-Old.” January 2008

### **Working Papers**

- “High School Course Content and College Choices.” January 2009
- “Adolescent Depression and Educational Attainment: Evidence from Sibling Fixed Effects.”  
Revise and Resubmit *Health Economic* October 2008
- “The Medium Term Educational Effects of Low Birth Weight.” December 2008
- “Does Head Start Participation Influence Parents’ Behavior?” (with David Frisvold and Heather Royer) November 2008
- “Peer Influences on Alcohol Consumption.” November 2008
- “The Long Run Health Returns to College Quality?” (with David Frisvold) October 2008
- “The Effects of Tobacco Cessation on Weight: CARDIA Evidence Using Workplace Smoking Bans.” September 2008
- “The Effects of Adolescent Health on Early Educational Outcomes: Evidence using Genetic Markers (with Steven Lehrer) August 2008
- “Race and Ethnic Differences in College Achievement: Does High School Attended Matter?” (with Marta Tienda) August 2008
- “The ‘Bluest Eye’ and Pathways to Success: Eurocentric Standards of Beauty and Young Adult Employment and Schooling.” (with Arthur Goldsmith, Darrick Hamilton, and William Darity) October 2008

### **Teaching Experience**

- Instructor*, Microeconomics for Health Care Professionals, Yale University, Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2009
- Graduate Instructor*, Principles of Micro/Macroeconomics, UT-Knoxville, Summer 2001
- Teaching Assistant*, Principles of Microeconomics, UW-Madison, Spring 2002 and Fall 2001
- Teaching Assistant*, Principles of Micro and Macroeconomics, UT-Knoxville, Spring 2001
- Tutor*, Principles of Microeconomics, UW-Madison, Spring 2003, Fall 2002

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### **Workshop Participation**

- Fragile Families Summer Workshop, Columbia University, July 2008
- Biodemography Summer Short Course, University of Colorado, June 2007  
Emphasis: Biodemography methods (3 days)
- Short Course in Clinical Research, University of Wisconsin, June 2006  
Emphasis: Health Research
- NCES ECLS-K Training Seminar, Washington DC, May 2006  
Emphasis: ECLS-K data use (3 days)
- THEOP Summer Workshop, Princeton University, July 2005  
Emphasis: Restricted THEOP data use (5 days)
- GIS and Population Science Workshop, Penn State University, June 2005  
Emphasis: ArcGIS, GeoDa, and Spatial Analysis (12 days)
- AERA Institute on Statistical Analysis for Education Policy, Montreal, April 2005  
Emphasis: Matching Estimation and Add Health Data (3 days)

### **Presentations (\* co-author presented)**

- 2009: American Economic Association Annual Meeting\*, UIC (scheduled), Rudd Center (scheduled), AERA (scheduled), CUNY/Columbia Health Seminar (scheduled), Population Association of America (2 presentations scheduled), Yale Sociology Department (scheduled), Bates College (scheduled)
- 2008: American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Annual Health Economics Conference\*, American Education Research Association, American Education Finance Association, Yale Sociology Department, IRP-Ridge Conference (UW-Madison), Society of Labor Economists, University of Kentucky Poverty Conference, American Society of Health Economics, NBER Summer Institute Health Economics Group, Add Health Users Conference, WLS Workshop (UW-Madison), THEOP Research Seminar (Princeton), NIMH Mental Health Conference, Yale Economics Department Labor Lunch, Georgia State University, Emory University, Southern Economic Association (2 presentations, 2 discussants), University of Maryland-Baltimore County
- 2007: American Economic Association Annual Meeting, American Education Finance Association, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2 papers), Society of Labor Economists (presenter/discussant), ECLS-B Early Results Conference, NBER Summer Institute Health Economics Working Group\*, Institute for Research on Poverty (Wisconsin)\*, University of Connecticut (Public Policy), Southeastern Health Economics Study Group (UNC), East Carolina University, University of Tennessee, APPAM (organizer/presenter)

### **Popular Press**

- Science News: "The Happiness Virus."  
12/12/2008 (By Julie Rehmeyer)
- Freakonomics "Is Happiness Contagious?"  
12/09/2008 (By Justin Wolfers)
- New York Times: "Strangers May Cheer You Up, Study Says."  
12/05/2008 (By Pam Belluck)
- Washington Post: "Happiness Can Spread Among People Like a Contagion, Study Indicates."  
12/05/2008 (by Rob Stein)
- ScienceNow: "Is Happiness Contagious?"  
12/05/2008 (By Jennifer Couzin)

### **Other Information**

- Membership: American Economic Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Population Association of America, American Educational Research Association, American Society of Health Economists, Society of

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Labor Economists, American Education Finance Association, Southern Economic Association

Referee Service: Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Education Finance and Policy, Journal of Health Economics, New England Journal of Medicine, Economics of Education Review, Health Economics, Economics of Human Biology, Demography, Sociology of Education, Social Science and Medicine, Empirical Economics, Maternal and Child Health Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Ontario Mental Health Foundation, AERA Annual Meeting Reviewer

Service: Advisor for MPH Students  
Thesis Advisor for Economics Undergraduates

Jean Kim (2008)  
Xinchen Wang (2009)

Dissertation Advisor  
Atheendar Venkataramani (Reader) (Expected 2009)

Conference Session Organizer:  
Frontiers in Mental Health Economics and Policy, APPAM 2007  
Can Genes and Hormones Explain Variability in Economic Outcomes, Southern Economic Association 2008  
Peers, Health, and Education, Southern Economic Association 2008  
Genes and Economics, American Economic Association 2009

## References

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