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Current Positions:

Malcolm Wiener Professor of Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2006-present.
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2005-present.
Co-organizer, NBER Working Group on Social Security.
Associate Director, NBER Retirement Research Center.

Previous Positions:

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget, 2010.
Executive Associate Director and Chief Economist, Office of Management and Budget, 2009.
Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, White House National Economic Council, 1998-1999.
Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 1996-2001.
Associate Professor of Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2001-2005.
Professor of Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2005-2006.
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1996-2005.
Harvard Kennedy School Area Chair for Social Policy, 2005-2007.
Director, Harvard University Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, 2005-2007.

Education:

Ph.D., Economics, 1996 Harvard University
B.A. *magna cum laude*, distinction in Economics and Political Science, 1989 Yale University

Honors and Fellowships:

Elected to National Academy of Social Insurance, 2002.
NBER Center for Aging, Demography Research Fellow, 2001-2002.
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1995-1996.
Tinker Foundation Fellowship for research in Mexico, summer 1992.
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1991-1994.
Yale University, Ronald Meltzer Economics Award for the outstanding senior essay in major, 1989.

Research Grants:

National Institutes of Health (NIA), "Building Integrated Models of Retirement: Three Approaches," 2007-2010.
NBER-SSA Retirement Research Center grant for "The Taxation of Social Security Benefits as an Approach to Means Testing," 2007-2008.
NBER-SSA Retirement Research Center grant for "The Perception Of Social Security Incentives For Labor Supply And Retirement" (with Erzo Luttmer), 2007-2008.
NBER-SSA Retirement Research Center grant for "Labor Supply Responses to the Social Security Tax-Benefit Link" (with Erzo Luttmer), 2006-2007.

NBER-SSA Retirement Research Center grant for “How Should Changes in Population Health Affect Retirement Ages?”(with David Cutler), 2006-2007.

NBER-SSA Retirement Research Center grant for “Could Social Security Eliminate Poverty Among the Elderly?”, 2005-2006.

NBER-SSA Retirement Research Center grant for “Earnings Responses to Raising the Social Security Taxable Maximum?” (with Emmanuel Saez), 2004-2005.

NBER-SSA Retirement Research Center grant for “How Fast Should the Social Security Retirement Age Rise?” (with David Cutler), 2003-2004.

National Institutes of Health (NIA) First Award for “Protecting the Poor While Reforming Social Security,” 1999-2004.

Russell Sage Foundation Grant for “Reforming Tax and Transfer Programs in Order to Assist Low-skilled Workers,” 1997-2000.

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development grant for “Effects of High-Poverty Neighborhoods on Youth.” (with Lawrence Katz and Jeffrey Kling), 2001-2004.

Russell Sage Foundation grant for “Effects of High-Poverty Neighborhoods on Youth” (with Lawrence Katz and Jeffrey Kling), 2000-2006.

Smith Richardson Foundation grant for “Effects of High-Poverty Neighborhoods on Youth” (with Lawrence Katz and Jeffrey Kling), 2000-2003.

William T. Grant Foundation grant for “Effects of High-Poverty Neighborhoods on Youth” (with Lawrence Katz and Jeffrey Kling), 2001-2004.

MacArthur Foundation grant for “Moving to Opportunity and Family Well-being” (with Lawrence Katz, Jeffrey Kling, Jeanne Brooks-Gunn, and Greg Duncan), 2001-2002.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant for “Moving to Opportunity and Family Well-being” (with Lawrence Katz, Jeffrey Kling, Jeanne Brooks-Gunn, and Greg Duncan), 2001-2002.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant for “Expanding Moving to Opportunity Research” (with Lawrence Katz and Jeffrey Kling), 2000-2006.

US Department of Housing and Urban Development grant, 1995-2000, for “Moving to Opportunity in Boston.” (with Lawrence Katz and Jeffrey Kling).

NBER-NIA Center for Aging and Health Research grant for “Health Outcomes in MTO” (with Lawrence Katz and Jeffrey Kling), 1997-1998.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

Research on Housing Policy and Neighborhood Effects

1. “Moving to Opportunity in Boston: Early Outcomes of a Housing Mobility Program” (with Lawrence Katz and Jeffrey Kling). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, May 2001.
2. “Boston Site Findings: The Early Impacts of Moving to Opportunity” (with Lawrence Katz and Jeffrey Kling). In *Choosing a Better Life? Evaluating the Moving to Opportunity Social Experiment*. Edited by John M. Goering and Judith D. Feins (Washington: Urban Institute Press), 2003.
3. “Bullets Don’t Got No Name: Consequences of Fear in the Ghetto” (with Lawrence Katz and Jeffrey Kling). In Thomas S. Weisner, editor, *Discovering Successful Pathways in Children’s Development: New Methods in the Study of Childhood and Family Life*. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press), 2004.
4. “Experimental Analysis of Neighborhood Effects” (with Jeffrey Kling and Lawrence Katz). *Econometrica*, January 2007.

5. "What Can We Learn About Neighborhood Effects from the Moving to Opportunity Experiment?" (with Jens Ludwig, Jeffrey Kling, Greg Duncan, Larry Katz, Ronald Kessler, and Lisa Sanbonmatsu), *American Journal of Sociology* 114 (July 2008), 144-88.

Research on Executive Compensation

5. "Are CEOs Really Paid Like Bureaucrats?" (with Brian Hall), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, August 1998.
6. "Taxation and Executive Compensation" (with Brian Hall), *Tax Policy and the Economy*, 14, 2000.

Research on the Earned Income Tax Credit

7. "Labor Supply Response to the Earned Income Tax Credit" (with Nada Eissa), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, May 1996. Reprinted in Alan Auerbach, editor, *Public Finance*, Worth Series in Outstanding Contributions, 2000.
8. "The Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Incentives and Income Distribution," *Tax Policy and the Economy*, 12, 1998.
9. "Who are the Ineligible Earned Income Tax Credit Recipients?" *National Tax Journal*, December 2000.
10. "The Optimal Design of the Earned Income Tax Credit," in Bruce D. Meyer and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, editors, *Making Work Pay: The Earned Income Tax Credit and Its Impact on American Families* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation Press), 2002.
11. "The EITC Abroad: Implications of the British WFTC for Pay-as-you-earn Administration of the EITC," (with Janet Holtzblatt), *Proceedings of the National Tax Association*, 1999.

Research on Social Security and Social Security Reform

12. "Labor Supply Responses to Marginal Social Security Benefits: Evidence from Discontinuities" (with Erzo Luttmer and David Seif), *Journal of Public Economics*, 93:1119-1284, December 2009.
13. "Redistribution in the Current U.S. Social Security System," in Martin Feldstein and Jeffrey B. Liebman, editors, *The Distributional Aspects of Social Security and Social Security Reform* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press), 2002.
14. "The Distributional Effects of an Investment-based Social Security System" (with Martin Feldstein), in Martin Feldstein and Jeffrey B. Liebman, editors, *The Distributional Aspects of Social Security and Social Security Reform* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press), 2002.
15. "Social Security" (with Martin Feldstein), in Alan J. Auerbach and Martin Feldstein, editors, *Handbook of Public Economics*, volume 4, (Amsterdam: Elsevier), 2002.

Research on Tax and Budget Policy

16. "Social Security and National Saving in an Era of Budget Surpluses" (with Douglas Elmendorf), *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 2000:2.
17. "The Middle Class Parent Penalty: Child Benefits in the U.S. Tax Code" (with David Ellwood), *Tax Policy and the Economy*, 15, 2001.
18. "Fiscal Policy and Social Security Policy During the 1990s" (with Douglas Elmendorf and David Wilcox), in Jeffrey Frankel and Peter Orszag, editors, *American Economic Policy in the 1990s*, (Cambridge: MIT Press), 2002.
19. "Saving Incentives for Low- and Middle-income Families: Evidence from a Field Experiment with H&R Block (with Esther Duflo, William Gale, Peter Orszag, and Emmanuel Saez). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, November 2006.
20. "Simple Humans, Complex Insurance, Subtle Subsidies," (with Richard Zeckhauser) in Henry Aaron and Leonard Burman, eds, *Using Taxes to Reform Health Insurance: Pitfalls and Promises* (Washington, Brookings Institution), 2008.

Working Papers:

21. "Would People Behave Differently If They Better Understood Social Security? Evidence from a Field Experiment" (with Erzo Luttmer).
22. "Do Expiring Budgets Lead to Wasteful Year-End Spending? Evidence from Federal Procurement" (with Neale Mahoney).
23. "The Perception of Social Security Incentives for Labor Supply and Retirement: The Median Voter Knows More than You'd Think" (with Erzo Luttmer).
24. "How Fast Should the Social Security Eligibility Age Rise?" (with David Cutler, Seamus Smyth, and Mark Shepard).
25. "Earnings Responses to Increases in Payroll Taxes" (with Emmanuel Saez).
26. "Schmeduling" (with Richard Zeckhauser).

Books Edited:

Distributional Aspects of Social Security and Social Security Reform (with Martin Feldstein). (Chicago: University of Chicago Press), 2002.

Social Security Policy in a Changing Environment (with David Wise and Jeffrey Brown).(Chicago: University of Chicago Press), 2009.

Other Writings:

Lessons About Tax-benefit Integration from the US Earned Income Tax Credit Experience. Joseph Rowntree Foundation. York, England. 1997.

“Blair Could Learn From US Tax Credit Scheme,” Letter to the Editor, *Financial Times*, June 23, 1997.

“Tax Credit Combines Best of Two Systems,” Op-ed, *Financial Times*, March 17, 1998.

“The EITC Compliance Problem,” *Poverty Research News*, Summer 1998, Joint Center for Poverty Research.

“The Earned Income Tax Credit.” Testimony provided to the Committee on Finance, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., March 7, 2001.

“Personal Accounts and Social Security,” Letter to the Editor, *Washington Post*, July 9, 2001.

“Is Social Security Unfair to the Poor?” Op-ed, *Washington Post*, July 29, 2001.

The Role of Annuities in a Reformed U.S. Social Security System. December 2002. AARP Public Policy Institute report 2002-17.

Moving to Opportunity: Interim Impacts Evaluation (with Larry Orr, Judith Feins, Robin Jacob, Erik Beecroft, Lisa Sanbonmatsu, Jeffrey Kling, and Lawrence Katz). Washington D.C.: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2003.

“Reforming Social Security: Not All Privatization Schemes Are Created Equal.” *Harvard Magazine*, March-April, 2005.

“Social Security Meets Race,” *Science*, September 23, 2005, p. 1965.

Teaching:

Public Economics (PhD field course), Harvard Economics Department, 2006, 2007, 2008.

Economic Analysis of Public Policy (public finance). Harvard Kennedy School. 1997, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008

Empirical Methods II (regression analysis and program evaluation). Harvard Kennedy School. 1997, 1998.

Tax and Budget Policy. Harvard Kennedy School. 2000.

Doctoral Research Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School. 2000, 2001.

American Economic Policy. Harvard Economics Department (undergraduate) and Harvard Kennedy School. 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008.

New Members of Congress Program (presentation on Social Security and Medicare). 2000, 2002.

Proseminar on Inequality and Social Policy (PhD students), Department of Sociology and Kennedy School, 2005, 2007, 2010.