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Professional Positions

Distinguished Senior Lecturer in Economics, Brown University, 2018-Present
Senior Lecturer in Economics, Brown University, 2006-2018
Faculty Affiliate, Program in Judaic Studies, Brown University, 2013-Present
Faculty Associate, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, 1992-Present
Lecturer in Economics, Brown University, 2000-2006
Lecturer in Economics, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, 1999-2000
Assistant Professor of Economics, Brown University, 1992-2000

Professional Affiliations

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), 1993-2012
Visiting Faculty, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, 1995-1996, 2005, 2009-2010
Fellow, Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, 2006-Present
External Fellow, Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM), 2007-Present

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, 1993
B.A. Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL, 1986

Fields

Labor Economics, Economics of Immigration

Grants, Fellowships, and Honors

Equitable Learning Inquiry (ELI) Faculty Fellow, Sheridan Center, 2021-2022

Curriculum Development Grant, Brown University, 2020

Technology Undergraduate Teaching and Research Assistance (Tech UTRA) grant, Brown University, 2018

Access Ambassador Award, Student and Employee Accessibility Services (SEAS), Brown University, 2018

NBER National Bureau of Economic Research / Sloan Foundation, *Undergraduate Women in Economics*, Co-Principal Investigator with Anna Aizer, 2015-2017

Academic Technology Curricular Development Grant, Brown University, 2013

Teagle Foundation Grant, Sheridan Center, Brown University, 2012-2013

Curriculum Development Grant, Brown University, 2012

William G. McLoughlin Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Social Sciences, Brown University, 2008

Faculty Fellowship, Brown-Israel Exchange Program, 2005

Curricular Development Grants, Brown University, 2001 and 2004

Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel, *The Effect of Foreign Guest Workers on the Labor Market Outcomes of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip*, Co-Principal Investigator with Robert Sauer, 2000-2005

Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel, *The Impact of Mass Migration on the Israeli Labor Market*, Principal Investigator, 1996

Lady Davis Fellowship, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, 1995-1996

Undergraduate Teaching and Research Assistance (UTRA) grants, Brown University, 1993-1999 (except 1996) and 2004

MIT Program for the Study of the Israeli Economy, *Human Capital and Immigration*, Principal Investigator, 1988 and 1990

Jacob Javits Graduate Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, 1988-1992

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education,
Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier, France, 1986

Phi Beta Kappa; University of Illinois Bronze Tablet (top 3% of graduating class)

Publications

“The Economic Diversity of Immigration Across the United States” with David Jaeger, in *World Scientific Handbook of Global Migration*, edited by Robert Sauer, volume 1, chapter 3, pp. 45-70. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2024.

“The Effects of Foreign Guest Workers in Israel on the Labor Market Outcomes of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip” with Robert Sauer, in *World Scientific Handbook of Global Migration*, edited by Robert Sauer, volume 1, chapter 5, pp. 99-121. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2024.

“The Economic Impact of Knowledge Workers from India and China,” *Movement of Global Talent: The Impact of High Skill Labor Flows from India and China*, edited by Uday Tambar. Princeton: Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 2007, pp. 35-53.

Reprinted in *Emigration: Economic Implications*, edited by T.R. Shastri. Hyderabad: Icfai University Press, 2008.

“The Impact of Mass Migration on the Israeli Labor Market,” *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, November 2001, CXVI (4), pp. 1373-1408.

Reprinted in *Law and Economics of Immigration*, edited by Howard F. Chang. Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2015.

“You Can't Take It With You? Immigrant Assimilation and the Portability of Human Capital,” *Journal of Labor Economics*, April 2000, 18(2), pp. 221-251.

Reprinted in *Recent Developments in the Economics of International Migration*, edited by Barry Chiswick and Paul Miller. Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2012.

“Immigration and the Receiving Economy” with Jennifer Hunt, *The Handbook of International Migration: The American Experience*, edited by Charles Hirschman, Philip Kasinitz, and Josh DeWind. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 1999, pp. 343-359.

“The Impact of Immigrants on Host Country Wages, Employment and Growth” with Jennifer Hunt, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Spring 1995, 9(2), pp. 23-44.

Reprinted in:

Law and Economics of Immigration, edited by Howard F. Chang. Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2015.

Globalization and Labour Markets, edited by David Greenaway and Douglas Nelson. Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2001, vol. 2, pp. 374-95.

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the New Immigration: The New Immigrant in American Society, edited by Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, Carola Suárez-Orozco, and Desiree Qin-Hilliard. London: Routledge, 2001.

Working Papers

The Impact of Birthright Israel in Comparative Perspective: Evidence from the Pew Survey of U.S. Jews, with Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz, 2015.

Recent Trends in the Earnings of New Immigrants to the United States, with George Borjas, NBER National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper 15406, 2009.

Does University Students' Choice of Field of Study Respond to High-Skilled Immigration? Brown University Economics Department Working Paper 99-7, 1998.

The Labor Market Assimilation of Immigrants in the United States: The Role of Age at Arrival, MIT Ph.D. dissertation, 1993.

Media Interviews and Citations

“Get Ready for Higher Food Prices,” *The Atlantic*, November 15, 2024

“Morning Wave,” E-FM Busan South Korean Radio, January 20, 2016

“Time for Principled Conservative Candidates to Speak Up,” *Wall Street Journal*, September 24, 2015

“Reality Check,” Austrian Public Radio FM4, October 1, 2007

“Salsa Statt Ketchup,” *Der Standard*, September 25, 2007

“Few Convicted of Hiring Illegals,” *Providence Journal*, August 5, 2007

“Illegal Immigration’s Impact on U.S. Workforce Examined,” *Voice of America*, May 6, 2007

“Beachonomics: Calculating Paradise,” *Washington Post*, April 21, 2007

“The Immigration Equation,” *New York Times* magazine cover story, July 9, 2006

Invited Presentations

2019: One Day University

2018: Brandeis University Conference (Panelist), One Day University (2 lectures)

2017: One Day University (6 lectures)

2016: One Day University (2 lectures)

2015: Association for Jewish Studies Meetings, Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry Meetings, One Day University

2014: Wellesley College, One Day University

2013: One Day University (2 lectures)

2012: Stanford University Conference

2010: University College London

2009: Ben Gurion University

2008: American Economic Association Meetings (Discussant), Tel Aviv University, Hebrew University, Brown PSTC, One Day University (5)

2007: MIT Center for Immigration Studies, Society of Labor Economists, One Day University (10), Conference Keynote Speaker at U.S. Embassy in Vienna

2006: Princeton University Conference, NBER Labor Studies Summer Institute, American Economic Association Meetings (Discussant), Rice University and University of Houston, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Conference, One Day University

2005: NBER Conference (Discussant)

2004: Population Association of America Meetings

2000: University of Maryland, European University Institute, Tel Aviv University, Ben Gurion University, Israeli Economic Association Meetings

- 1999: American Economic Association Meetings, University of Rochester, Society of Labor Economists Meetings (Discussant), Pennsylvania State University, Bar Ilan University
- 1998: Harvard/MIT Development Seminar, NBER Conference (Discussant), Boston University, Tel Aviv University Conference
- 1997: MIT, Harvard University, Princeton University, NBER Labor Studies Summer Institute, Society of Labor Economists Meetings (Discussant), Population Association of America Economic Demography Group, Brown-NYU-Penn-Yale Applied Microeconomics Conference, Hebrew University, Rutgers University, Boston College
- 1996: Yale University, Social Science Research Council Conference, Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Bank of Israel Research Department, Jerome Levy Economics Institute, Brown Economics, Brown PSTC
- 1995: Wesleyan University, Israeli Economic Association Meetings, Brown PSTC
- 1994: American Economic Association Meetings (Discussant), Hebrew University Conference, Brown Economic Demography Symposium (Discussant), Brown-NYU-Penn-Yale Applied Microeconomics Conference (Discussant)
- 1993: Yale University, University of Pennsylvania, American Economic Association Meetings (Discussant), Brown Economics, Brown PSTC
- 1992: Hebrew University Summer Workshop
- 1991: MIT, Princeton University, UCLA, Brown Economics

Service

Public Service:

Congressional Testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, at a hearing entitled, “The U.S. Economy, U.S. Workers, and Immigration Reform,” May 3, 2007.

Refugee Mentor, Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island, 2016-2022

Treasurer/Trustee, Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island, 2008-2016, 2019-Present

Professional Service:

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Career Concerns, American Economic Association, 2018

Liaison, American Economic Association, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession, 2015-Present

Board of Experts, NBER National Bureau of Economic Research / Sloan Foundation Panel, *Undergraduate Women in Economics (UWE)*, 2014-2017

Hoover Institution Working Group on Immigration Reform, 2014-2015

Co-Director, Stanford University School of Education CASJE Project, 2012-13

Conferences:

Stanford University School of Education CASJE Conference Co-Organizer, 2012

Brandeis University Taglit Conference Session Chair, 2012

Society of Labor Economists Meetings Session Chair, 2006 and 2007

American Economic Association Meetings Session Chair, 2006

Referee:

American Economic Journal– Applied Economics, American Economic Review, Berkeley Electronic Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy, Demography, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, International Migration Review, Israel Science Foundation, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Labour Economics, National Science Foundation, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Russell Sage Foundation, Smith Richardson Foundation, United States - Israel Binational Science Foundation

Associations:

American Economic Association

Association for Jewish Studies

Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry

Population Association of America

Society of Labor Economists

University Service:

Visiting Professor of Israel Studies Search Committee, Program in Judaic Studies (twice), 2024

Distinguished Senior Lecturer in Economics Promotion Committee, 2024

Senior Lecturer Promotion Evaluator for the Institute at Brown for Environment and Society (IBES), 2024

Lecturer in Economics Search Committee, 2024

Faculty Advisor and Panelist, Bridge Scholars Program, 2023-2024

Faculty Panelist, Catalyst pre-orientation program for diversity in STEM, 2023

Member, STEM TEAM (Team Enhanced Advising and Mentoring), 2023-Present

Associate Jewish Chaplain Search Committee, 2022

Hillel Faculty IRL lecture, *Beyond Supply and Demand*, 2022

Hillel Faculty Committee, 2021-Present

Faculty Panelist, New Scientist Catalyst and Mosaic+ pre-orientation programs, 2021

Faculty Mentor, Department of Education, 2020-2022

Economics Faculty Review, Reappointment, and Promotion Evaluator, 2020-Present

Anchor Institute Facilitator, 2020

Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Economics Concentration, 2019-2021

Faculty Search Committee for Lecturers in Macroeconomics, 2019-2020

Ad-Hoc Committee to propose a Business-Economics concentration track, 2019-2020

Staff Development Day panelist, *Fifty Years of Research at Brown*, 2019

Chaplain's Supper lecture, *The Economics of Organized Religion*, 2019

Problem-Solving Planning Committee, Brown Learning Collaborative, 2017-2018

Inclusion Task Force Advisor, Brown Hillel, 2017-2018

Hicks Prize Debate Competition Judge, 2017, 2024

Commencement Speakers Committee, 2016-2019

Senior Lecturer Reappointment Evaluator, Departments of Applied Math and Computer Science, 2016

Economics Department Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Trainer, 2015-Present
Faculty Mentor, Departments of Education and Sociology, 2015-2019
PSTC Graduate Student Workshop, *Communicating with Non-Academic Audiences*, 2009
Swearer Center lecture, *The Economics of Immigration*, 2008
Sheridan Center lecture, *Developing a Reflective Teaching Practice*, 2008
Women in Science & Engineering lecture, *The Growing Gap Between Rich and Poor*, 2008
Sheridan Center lecture, *Promoting Interactive Learning in Large Courses*, 2008
Sheridan Center Alternate Faculty Liaison, 2005-2006
Visiting Scholar Search Committee, PSTC/Mellon Foundation Grant, 2002
Points on the Compass lecture, *Immigration to the United States*, 1997 and 1998
Faculty Search Committee Adjunct, 1997-1998
Department Affirmative Action Representative, 1994-1995
Bernard I. Fain Lecture in Economics Organizer, 1994
Economic Demography Symposium Co-Organizer, 1994
Urban Labor Markets Lecture Series Co-Organizer, 1993-1994
Women in Economics and Business at Brown (WEBB) Faculty Advisor, 1992-1995
United Way Representative, 1992-1994

Advising

Transfer Credit Advisor, 2015-2019
First-Year Advisor, 1997-1998, 2001-2019, 2021-Present
Sophomore Advisor, 1996-2019, 2023-Present
Concentration Advisor (Co-Head 2012-13), 1993-2014, 2019-Present

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees:

Ari Kuncoro 1994, Deon Filmer 1996, Signe-Mary McKernan 1996, Rekha Menon 1996, Robert Reville 1996, Carole Roan 1996, Eric Slade 1997, Thomas Vander Veen 1997, Randy Becker 1998, David Iaia (ABD) 1993, William Bassett 1999, Angela Fertig 2001, Almudena Sevilla-Sanz 2004, Delia Furtado 2005, Irina Paley 2005, Heinrich Hock 2005, Yusuf Soner Baskaya 2007, Ying Pan 2008, Andre Switala 2010

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor:

Petra Hennefarth 1995, Paul Werner 1998, Ai Ping Wendy Tan 1999, Pavani Reddy 2001, Neesa Amamoo 2003, Calvin Tsz-Kit Ho 2003, Luke Albright 2004, Adam Gerchen 2004, Nicolaas Van Der Meer 2006, Tyler Prince 2009, Michaela Cohen 2009, Innessa Colaiacovo 2012, Tan Yanquiang 2013, Amy Tarczynski 2019

Teaching

1992-2009:

Principles of Economics	ECON 0110
Intermediate Macroeconomics	ECON 1210
Labor Economics	ECON 1310
Population Economics	ECON 1430
Introduction to Econometrics	ECON 1620
Graduate Labor Economics	ECON 2320

2010-2024:

0110	Principles of Economics	2010-2011 Fall	411
0110	Principles of Economics	2010-2011 Spring	290
0110	Principles of Economics	2011-2012 Fall	499
0110	Principles of Economics	2011-2012 Spring	258
0110	Principles of Economics	2012-2013 Fall	394
0110	Principles of Economics*	2012-2013 Spring	271

1629	Applied Research Methods for Economists	2012-2013 Spring	19
0110	Principles of Economics	2013-2014 Fall	393
0110	Principles of Economics*	2013-2014 Spring	340
1629	Applied Research Methods for Economists	2013-2014 Spring	29
0110	Principles of Economics	2014-2015 Fall	354
0110	Principles of Economics	2015-2016 Fall	428
1970	Independent Research	2015-2016 Fall	1
0110	Principles of Economics	2015-2016 Spring	306
1970	Independent Research	2015-2016 Spring	1
0110	Principles of Economics	2016-2017 Fall	412
0110	Principles of Economics	2016-2017 Spring	339
0110	Principles of Economics	2017-2018 Fall	360
0110	Principles of Economics	2017-2018 Spring	312
0110	Principles of Economics	2018-2019 Fall	445
0110	Principles of Economics	2018-2019 Spring	321
0110	Principles of Economics	2019-2020 Fall	411
0110	Principles of Economics	2019-2020 Spring	295
0110	Principles of Economics	2020-2021 Fall	253
0110	Principles of Economics	2020-2021 Spring	443
0110	Principles of Economics	2021 Summer	126
0110	Principles of Economics	2021-2022 Fall	503
0110	Principles of Economics	2021-2022 Spring	212

1970	Independent Research	2021-2022 Spring	2
0110	Principles of Economics	2023-2024 Fall	424
0110	Principles of Economics	2023-2024 Spring	278
0110	Principles of Economics	2024-2025 Fall	466

* co-taught

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