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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics, University of Virginia, January 2004.
Dissertation: *A Structural Equilibrium Model of the Market for Higher Education: Assessing the Impact of Eliminating Affirmative Action*
Committee: Steven N. Stern, William R. Johnson, Sarah E. Turner, Leora Friedberg
- M.A. Economics, University of Virginia, August 1998.
Economics, Miami University of Ohio, August 1995.
- B.B.A. Economics, James Madison University, June 1994.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010 – Present Associate Professor, California State University, Sacramento
- 2003 – 2010 Assistant Professor, California State University, Sacramento
Courses: Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Labor Economics, Economic Research Methods, Economics of Education
- 2005 – 2006 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Virginia
Courses: Labor Economics, Economics of Education
- 1997 – 2001 Head Teaching Assistant/Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia
Courses: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
- 1995 – 1997 Research Assistant, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve
Division of Research & Statistics, Macroeconomic Analysis Section

RESEARCH

Jessica S. Howell. 2010. "Assessing the Impact of Eliminating Affirmative Action," *Journal of Labor Economics*, 28(1): 113-166.

Ivora Hinton, Jessica S. Howell, Elizabeth Merwin, Steven Stern, Sarah Turner, Ishan Williams and Melvin Wilson. 2010. "The Educational Pipeline for Health Care Professionals: Understanding the Source of Racial Differences," *The Journal of Human Resources*, 45(1): 116-158.

Jessica S. Howell. Forthcoming. "What Influences Students' Need for Remediation in College? Evidence from California," *The Journal of Higher Education*.

Jessica S. Howell, Michal Kurlaender and Eric Grodsky. Forthcoming. "Postsecondary Preparation and Remediation: Examining the Effect of the Early Assessment Program at California State University," *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.

Michal Kurlaender, Jake Jackson, Eric Grodsky and Jessica S. Howell. "What's Luck Got To Do With It? College Course Registration and Time to Degree," working paper.

Edward Lascher and Jessica S. Howell. "Student Retention at Sacramento State: Using Data Analysis to Challenge Misconceptions," working paper.

Robert Crandell and Jessica S. Howell. "An Analysis of Teacher Choices: Transfers, Attrition, and Retirement," working paper.

Jessica S. Howell and Kristin Van Gaasbeck. "Measuring the Effect of Class Size and Supplemental Instruction on Students' Success in Introductory Macroeconomics," working paper.

Jessica S. Howell and Michelle Sheran. "Homeschooling in the United States: Revelation or Revolution?" working paper.

Eric Grodsky, Jessica S. Howell and Michal Kurlaender. "College Readiness to Degree Completion: Remedial Placement and Patterns of College Persistence," work in progress.

COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND AWARDS

“Ready or Not? California’s Early Assessment Program and the Transition to College.” U.S. Department of Education, Institution of Education Sciences. With Michal Kurlaender (University of California, Davis) and Eric Grodsky (University of Minnesota). \$1,800,000 (2010 – 2013).

Transforming Course Design, Principles of Microeconomics, California State University Chancellor’s Office. Three units of assigned time (2009).

“The Effects of Institutional Practices on Postsecondary Trajectories – Matriculation, Persistence and Time to Degree.” U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences. With Michal Kurlaender (University of California, Davis), Eric Grodsky (University of Minnesota) and Catherine Horn (University of Houston). \$470,808 (2007 – 2009).

“College Readiness to Degree Completion: Remedial Placement and Patterns of College Persistence.” Association for Institutional Research. With Michal Kurlaender (University of California, Davis) and Catherine Horn (University of Houston). \$30,000 (2007 – 2008).

“An Evaluation of the Early Assessment Program and its Effect on Students’ Postsecondary Application, Enrollment, and Academic Preparation at California State University.” Research and Creative Activities Grant, California State University, Sacramento. \$12,500 (2007).

“Home Schooling in the United States: Revelation or Revolution?” Scholarly Activity Research Grant, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies (SSIS), California State University, Sacramento. \$2,500 (2005).

“Online Readings in Labor Economics with Anonymous Feedback.” SSIS Information Technology Pedagogy Award, California State University, Sacramento. \$3,500 (2004).

“Home Schooling in the United States: Revelation or Revolution?” Probationary Faculty Development Grant, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies (SSIS), California State University, Sacramento. \$500 + 3 units of assigned time (2004).

COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND AWARDS, continued

Travel Grant, Research and Sponsored Projects, California State University, Sacramento. \$350 (2003, 2004).

“The Elimination of Affirmative Action in Higher Education: Restricting Access or Engendering Equality?” Dissertation Fellowship, American Educational Research Association. \$15,000 (2002).

“The Elimination of Affirmative Action in Higher Education: Restricting Access or Engendering Equality?” Dissertation Fellowship, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Virginia. \$15,000 (2001).

“College Search and Choice by Students When Postsecondary Institutions are Reputation Maximizers.” Predoctoral Fellowship, Bankard Fund for Political Economy (2001).

“A Three Stage Model of College Choice: Examining the Impact of Banning Affirmative Action Policies on the College Applications, Admissions, & Enrollment Decisions.” Academic Enhancement Research Fellowship, University of Virginia (2000).

Seven Society Fellowship for Excellent Teaching, University of Virginia, (Semi-finalist 1999, Finalist 2000, 2002).

All-University Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award in Social Sciences, Commerce, and Education, University of Virginia (1999).

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia, Department of Economics (1999).

Charles S. Davis Award, Excellence in Graduate Study, Miami University (1995).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- REVIEWER** *National Science Foundation, American Educational Research Association, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Human Resources, Economic Inquiry, Southern Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Contemporary Economic Policy, Urban Education*
- AFFILIATIONS** *American Economic Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Southern Economic Association, Western Economic Association, American Educational Research Association, Association for Institutional Research*

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2010 UT-Dallas Texas Schools Project Seminar Series, Dallas TX, scheduled Dec 2010
 Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference, Boston MA,
 scheduled November 2010
 Western Economic Association Conference, Portland OR, July 2010
 CSUS SSIS Brownbag Seminar Series, Sacramento CA, April 2010
- 2009 California State University Chancellor's Office, Long Beach CA, September 2009
 California Community Colleges EAP Implementation Advisory Committee,
 Sacramento CA, September 2009
 Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, Quarterly Meeting,
 Sacramento CA, September 2009
 Institute of Education Sciences Research Conference, Washington DC, June 2009
 Stanford University Institute for Research on Education Policy & Practice, Palo
 Alto CA, April 2009
 American Educational Research Association, San Diego CA, April 2009
 Allied Social Science Association Conference, San Francisco CA, January 2009
- 2008 Western Economic Association Conference, Honolulu HI, July 2008
 Dale Tillery Summer Institute for Community College Leadership, Berkeley CA,
 August 2008
 CSUS SSIS Brownbag Seminar Series, Sacramento CA, April 2008
- 2007 *Insight*, Capital Public Radio, August 2007
 Western Economic Association Conference, Seattle WA, July 2007

- 2006 Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington DC, November 2006
Allied Social Science Association Conference, Boston MA, January 2006
- 2005 Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference, Washington DC, November 2005
Western Economic Association Conference, San Francisco CA, July 2005
Stanford University School of Education, Palo Alto CA, May 2005
Conference on Education, Diversity, and Public Policy in California (UC Davis Program on Economy, Justice and Society), Davis CA, May 2005
- 2004 Southern Economic Association Conference, New Orleans LA, November 2004
American Educational Research Association Doctoral Awardee Conference, Washington DC, October 2004
CSUS SSIS Brownbag Seminar Series, Sacramento CA, September 2004
Western Economic Association Conference, Vancouver BC, June 2004
University of the Pacific Economics Colloquium, Stockton CA, April 2004
Allied Social Science Association Conference, San Diego CA, January 2004
- 2003 Southern Economic Association Conference, San Antonio TX, November 2003
Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference, Washington DC, November 2003
American Educational Research Association Doctoral Awardee Conference, Washington DC, October 2003

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Principal Project Officer, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics Restricted Data License, 2004 – Present
Course Management Technology Reviewer, John Wiley & Sons Publishers, 2009
Textbook Reviewer, *Labor Economics* by George Borjas, McGraw-Hill / Irwin Publishers, 2009
Textbook Reviewer, *Modern Labor Economics: Theory and Public Policy* by Ronald Ehrenberg and Robert Smith, Addison Wesley Publishers, 2009
Book Reviewer, *Financial Decisions Across the Lifespan: Problems, Programs, and Prospects* edited by Doug Lamdin, Springer Publishers, 2009
CeMENT Mentoring Workshop, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP), American Economic Association, 2004

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Member, Fall 2003 – Present; Chair, Spring 2004 – Spring 2005, Fall 2007 – Present
University Committee on Information Technology Accessibility, Spring 2007
General Education / Graduation Requirements Policies Committee, Fall 2007 – Present
Academic Standards Committee, Fall 2007 – Present
Provost's Discussion Group on General Education and Graduation Requirements, Fall 2009
Futures Initiative Focus Group, Spring 2009
General Education Representative for Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Review Panel, Spring 2009
Pedagogy Enhancement Grant Reviewer, 2006 – 2007
Research and Creative Activity Awards Reviewer, 2004 – 2005
Student Fees Advisory Committee, Fall 2003 – Spring 2005
McNair Scholar's Program, Faculty Mentor, 2004 – 2005
Lambda Chi Fraternity, Faculty Advisor, 2003 – 2004

COLLEGE SERVICE

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies Brownbag Seminar Series, Coordinator, Fall 2006 – Spring 2009
Commencement Faculty Marshal, Spring 2004, Spring 2005, and Spring 2009
College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies Spring Colloquium, Presenter, Spring 2004

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Economics Executive Committee, Member, Fall 2009 – Present
Economics Assessment Committee, Chair, Spring 2008 – Present; Member Spring 2008 – Present
Tenure Track Faculty Hiring Committee, Member, 2008 – 2009
Undergraduate Economics Major Advising, Advisor, Fall 2007 – Spring 2009; Summer New Student and Transfer Orientation Sessions, Summer 2008
Economics Curriculum Committee, Chair, Fall 2007 – Spring 2009; Member, Fall 2003 – Spring 2009
Visiting Faculty Hiring Committee, Member, 2007 – 2008
Student Economics Association, Presenter, Spring 2007 and Fall 2008
Economics Human Subjects Committee, Member, Fall 2004 – Spring 2008

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ABC News10 Interview, "Sacramento city contracts scrutinized over Arizona boycott," by Jonathan Mumm, June 16, 2010
- California Community Colleges Early Assessment Program Implementation Advisory Committee, Member, Fall 2009 – Present
- Unemployment among Teens and Young Adults, Kristine Guerra, *State Hornet*, November 2009
- Shalom School, Sacramento CA, Education Consultant, Spring 2009 – Present
- Transforming Course Design Project for Introductory Microeconomics in the CSU, CSU Chancellor's Office, Design Team Member, Spring 2009
- The Vasconcellos Project Community Policy Forum on Higher Education, California State Student Association and CSUS Associated Students Inc., Participant, November 2008
- CSU Early Assessment Program Advisory Committee, Member, Fall 2007 – Present
- River Park Neighborhood Association, Member, 2008 – Present
- River Park Mother's Club, Member, 2008 – Present
- ABC7 Nightly News Interview, "Group says housing crisis will improve," by Nannette Miranda, January 3, 2008
- Capital Public Radio, *Insight*, "Home-school Winners," August 15, 2007
- Mercatus Center, George Mason University, "Market-Oriented Approaches to Education Reform," Education Course for Congressional Staffers, Washington DC, April 2006
- KFBK Morning News Radio Interview, Economic Implications of President Bush's State of the Union Speech, January 26, 2004
- Northern California Economics Challenge, CSUS Center for Economic Education, Volunteer, Spring 2004 and Spring 2005
- Sacramento Economics Roundtable, Participant, 2003 – 2005