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Current Positions:

Malcolm Wiener Professor of Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2006-present.
Director, Taubman Center for State and Local Government, 2015-present.
Director, Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston, 2015-present.
Founder and Director, Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab, 2011-present.
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2005-present.
Co-organizer, NBER Working Group on Social Security.
Associate Director, NBER Retirement Research Center and NBER Disability Research Center, 2011-2015.

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:

Bloomberg Philanthropies grant to fund Government Performance Lab work on results-driven contracting, 2015-2021.
John and Laura Arnold Foundation grants to fund Government Performance Lab 2013-2020.

Rockefeller Foundation grant to expand Social Impact Bond Technical Assistance Lab, 2012-2015.
 Dunham Fund grant to expand Social Impact Bond Technical Assistance Lab, 2013-2015.
 Smith Richardson Foundation grant for "Building an Evidence Base for Disability Insurance Reform" (with Jack Smalligan), 2012-2013.
 Rockefeller Foundation grant to establish a "Social Impact Bond Technical Assistance Lab," 2011-2013.
 National Institutes of Health (NIA), "Building Integrated Models of Retirement: Three Approaches," 2007-2012.
 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 *Discovering Successful Pathways in Children's Development: New Methods in the Study of Childhood and Family Life*, edited by Thomas S. Weisner (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.

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 *Making Work Pay: The Earned Income Tax Credit and Its Impact on American Families*, edited by Bruce D. Meyer and Douglas Holtz-Eakin (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.
12. "Would People Behave Differently If They Better Understood Social Security? Evidence from a Field Experiment" (with Erzo Luttmer), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 7(1), 2015.

Research on Social Security and Social Security Reform

13. "The Perception of Social Security Incentives for Labor Supply and Retirement: The Median Voter Knows

More than You'd Think" (with Erzo Luttmer), *Tax Policy and the Economy*, 26, 2012.

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

Research on Tax and Budget Policy

18. "Do Expiring Budgets Lead to Wasteful Year-End Spending? Evidence from Federal Procurement" (with Neale Mahoney), *American Economic Review*, 107(11), 2017.
19. "Social Security and National Saving in an Era of Budget Surpluses" (with Douglas Elmendorf), *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 2, 2000.
20. "The Middle Class Parent Penalty: Child Benefits in the U.S. Tax Code" (with David Ellwood), *Tax Policy and the Economy*, 15, 2001.
21. "Fiscal Policy and Social Security Policy During the 1990s" (with Douglas Elmendorf and David Wilcox), in *American Economic Policy in the 1990s*, edited by Jeffrey Frankel and Peter Orszag (Cambridge: MIT Press), 2002.
22. "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.
23. "Simple Humans, Complex Insurance, Subtle Subsidies" (with Richard Zeckhauser), in *Using Taxes to Reform Health Insurance: Pitfalls and Promises*, edited by Henry Aaron and Leonard Burman (Washington, Brookings Institution), 2008.
24. "The Deterioration in the U.S. Fiscal Outlook, 2001–2010," *Tax Policy and the Economy*, 27, 2013.
25. Forthcoming: "The Decline, Rebound, and Further Rise in SNAP Enrollment: Disentangling Business Cycle Fluctuations and Policy Changes" (with Peter Ganong), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.

Working Papers:

26. "How Fast Should the Social Security Eligibility Age Rise?" (with David Cutler, Seamus Smyth, and Mark Shepard).

27. "Earnings Responses to Increases in Payroll Taxes" (with Emmanuel Saez).
28. "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:

Social Impact Bonds: A Guide for State and Local Governments (with Alina Sellman), Harvard SIB Lab, June 2013.

Building on Recent Advances in Evidence-Based Policymaking, Brookings Hamilton Project and America Achieves, April 2013.

"An Evidence-Based Path to Disability Insurance Reform" (with Jack Smalligan) in *15 Ways to Rethink the Federal Budget*, Brookings Hamilton Project, February 2013.

"Social Impact Bonds: Lessons Learned So Far" (with SIB Lab team) in *Community Development Investment Review*, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, February 2013.

"The Baby Boom Bump" (with Kenneth Baer), *New York Times*, December 6, 2012.

"The End of Health Insurance Companies" (with Ezekiel Emanuel), *New York Times Opinionator*, January 30, 2012.

"Cut Medicare, Help Patients" (with Ezekiel Emanuel), *New York Times*, August 22, 2011.

Social Impact Bonds: A Promising New Financing Model to Accelerate Social Innovation and Improve Government Performance, Center for American Progress, February 2011.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Teaching:

Public Economics (PhD field course), Harvard Economics Department. 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011.

Economic Analysis of Public Policy (public finance), Harvard Kennedy School. 1997, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

Government Turnarounds, Harvard Kennedy School. 2017.

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, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

New Members of Congress Program (presentations on Social Security and Medicare and economic outlook). 2000, 2002, 2012.

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