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EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
Ph.D., Economics, November 1996. Fields: labor economics, public economics.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK
M.I.A., School of International and Public Affairs, May 1991.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK, MAINE
B.A. in Economics and Russian, May 1985. Graduated *summa cum laude* with High Honors in Economics. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Fall 1983.

CURRENT POSITION

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, WILLIAMS COLLEGE, WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
Assistant Professor, 1996 - 2001; Associate Professor, July 2002 - present. Courses taught: Introduction to Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Labor Economics, Public Economics, Public Economics for Developing Countries, Economic Reform in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union.

OTHER POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

RADCLIFFE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Radcliffe Institute Fellow, 2005 - 2006 academic year.

ASSOCIATION FOR COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC STUDIES
Executive Committee, January 2005 - present.

DAVIS CENTER FOR RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Davis Center Associate, September 2004 - present.

EDITORIAL BOARD, *JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE ECONOMICS*
January 2003 - January 2006.

CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH, LONDON
Research Affiliate, January 2002 - present.

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF LABOR (IZA), BONN
Research Fellow, May 2000 - present.

THE WILLIAM DAVIDSON INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BUSINESS SCHOOL
Davidson Institute Research Fellow, 1999 - present.

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MA
Visiting Scholar, September 1999 - December 2000.

PUBLICATIONS

“Autopsy on an Empire: Understanding Mortality in Russia and the Former Soviet Union,” (with David M. Cutler, Harvard University), *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 19, no. 1 (Winter 2005), 107 - 130.

“Importing Equality? The Impact of Globalization on Gender Discrimination,” (with Sandra E. Black, UCLA), *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, Vol. 57, no. 4 (July 2004), 540 - 559.

“Five Years After: The Impact of Mass Privatization on Wages in Russia, 1993 - 1998,” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol. 30, no. 1 (March 2002), 160 - 190.

“Inequality and Mortality During Russia’s Economic Transition,” in Richard B. Freeman, editor, *Inequality Around the World* (London: Palgrave, in association with the International Economic Association, 2002), 162 - 187.

“Economic Reform and Mortality in the Former Soviet Union: A Study of the Suicide Epidemic in the 1990s,” *European Economic Review*, Vol. 45 no. 4-6 (May 2001), 995-1006.

“Women in Transition: Changes in Gender Wage Differentials in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union,” *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, Vol. 54 no. 1 (October 2000), 138 - 162.

“Winners and Losers in Russia’s Economic Transition,” *American Economic Review*, Vol. 88 no. 5 (December 1998), 1094 - 1116.

“Market Reform and Mortality in Transition Economies,” *World Development*, Vol. 26 no. 11 (November 1998), 2013 - 2027.

“The Role of Social Capital in the Russian Mortality Crisis,” (with Ichiro Kawachi and Bruce P. Kennedy, Harvard School of Public Health), *World Development*, Vol. 26 no. 11 (November 1998), 2029 - 2043.

The Labor Market and Policy Reform in Ukraine: An Overview, Centre for Cooperation with the Economies in Transition, OECD, Paris, 1995.

UNPUBLISHED PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

“Uncounted Costs of World War II: The Effect of Changing Sex Ratios on Marriage and Fertility of Russian Women.” Presented at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, November 2005; Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, March 2006; CUNY Graduate Center Labor and Human Resource Seminar, May 2006.

“Fertility in Transition: Understanding Fertility Decline in Russia in the 1990s”, working paper, September 2006.

“Reassessing the Standard of Living in the Soviet Union: An Analysis Using Archival and Anthropometric Data,” January 2006. CEPR Discussion Paper 5525; IZA Discussion Paper 1958; WDI Discussion Paper 812. Presented at the CEPR/WDI Annual International Conference on Transition Economics, the Williams College Economics Department seminar, the Harvard Economic History Workshop, the William Davidson Institute Economic Development and Transition Seminar, and the Davis Center Conference on Performance and Efficiency in the USSR.

“Death and the Market,” (with Elena Varavikova, Russian Ministry of Health), August 2006. Presented at the Dartmouth Micro Seminar, the Rutgers Econometrics and Empirical Micro Workshop, the Harvard Labor Seminar, and the Berkeley Transition Economics Seminar.

“The Economic Effects of the 1918 Influenza Epidemic,” (with Mark Siegler, California State University, Sacramento), CEPR Discussion Paper 3791, November 2003. Presented at the NBER Summer Institute, July 2002.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Radcliffe Institute Fellow, 2005 - 2006 academic year.

National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, 2004 National Research Competition Fellowship, for support of “Red Mother, Red Worker: The Changing Lives of Russian Women Over the Twentieth Century,” January 2005 - June 2006.

William Davidson Institute 2003 Research Competition (postdoctoral research fellowship), January 1 - December 31, 2004, for support of “Autopsy on an Empire: Understanding Mortality in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.”

International Research and Exchanges Board, 2001 John J. and Nancy Lee Roberts Fellowship, to support a collaborative research project involving two Russian researchers and work in the Soviet archives. Project title: *Living Standards and Health in Postwar Russia: Investigating Precursors to the Russian Mortality Crisis of the 1990s*. Grant period: July 2001 - February 2003.

World Health Organization, Commission on Macroeconomics and Health, grant for study of mortality in Russia (with Elena Varavikova, Russian Ministry of Health), 2001.

German Marshall Fund Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1999 - 2000 academic year.

Ford Foundation, travel grant to support research on Russian unemployment (with Tatyana Maleva, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Moscow Office), 1997.

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 1994.

Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellowship, Harvard University, 1991 - 1992.

PRESENTATIONS

Organizer and presenter, session on “Causes and Consequences of Gender Imbalances in Asia and Russia,” ASSA Meetings, Chicago, January 2007.

CUNY Graduate Center in Labor and Human Resource Seminar, City University of New York, May 2006.

Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Comparative Economics Seminar, Harvard University, March 2006

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, November 2005

Symposium on Russian and Eurasian Studies and the Social Sciences, Harvard University, May 2005

Conference on Health and Demography in the Former Soviet Union, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, April 2005

Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Comparative Economics Seminar, Harvard University, February 2004

Economic Development and Transition Seminar, William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan, December 2003

Conference on Performance and Efficiency in the USSR: New Measurements and the Bergson Legacy, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, November 2003

Harvard Economic History Workshop, October 2003

Williams College Economics Department Seminar, September 2003

CEPR/WDI Annual International Conference on Transition Economics, Budapest, July 2003

Second Inequality and Pro-Poor Growth Spring Conference, World Bank, Washington, D.C., June 2003

NBER Summer Institute (Development of the American Economy), Cambridge, MA, July 2002

CEPR/WDI Annual International Conference on Transition Economics, Riga, Latvia, June 2002

Berkeley Transition Economics Seminar, March 2002

World Bank Development Research Group Seminar, March 2002

Harvard Labor Economics Seminar, December 2001

Rutgers Econometrics and Empirical Microeconomics Workshop, November 2001

Dartmouth Economics Department Micro Seminar, November 2001

Williams College Economics Department Seminar, October 2001

WDI/CEPR International Conference on Transition Economics, Portoroz, Slovenia, June 2001

DFID Workshop on Economic Crisis, Poverty and Health in Russia, Oxford University, March 2001

Federal Reserve Bank of New York Microeconomics Seminar, November 2000

Comparative Economics Seminar, Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University, September 2000

Session chair and paper presentation, invited session, Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, Bolzano, Italy, September 2000

WDI/IZA Conference on Labor Markets in Transition Economies, IZA, Bonn, May 2000

American Economic Association meetings, Boston, January 2000

Invited lecture, Twelfth World Congress of the International Economic Association, Buenos Aires, August 1999

Session organizer (with Sandra Black), American Economic Association meetings, New York, January 1999

Williams College Economics Department seminar, December 1998

Conference on the Mortality Crisis in Post-Soviet Societies, Harvard Institute for International Development, January 1998

American Economic Association meetings, Chicago, January 1998

Williams College Economics Department seminar, October 1997

Columbia University Applied Microeconomics seminar, March 1997

Williams College Economics Department seminar, October 1996

Workshop on the Human Insecurity Crisis in Russia: Determinants and Policy Response, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University, April 1996

Conference on Gender and Macroeconomics, Harvard Institute for International Development, Harvard University, March 1996

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Selection Committee, Montias Prize 2006, awarded for the best paper published in the *Journal of Comparative Economics* between 2004 and 2005.

Selection Committee, William Davidson Institute 2006 Research Competition.

Fulbright Scholar National Selection Committee, Eurasia Region, Institute of International Education, New York, 2002, 2003, 2005.

Research proposal evaluator, CERGE-EI/Global Development Network Global Research Competition, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006.

Professional Development Fellowship Selection Committee, Institute of International Education, New York, 2001, 2002, 2003.

Invited member, The Russia Initiative (Social Cohesion Task Force), a multidisciplinary task force organized by the Carnegie Corporation to assess Russia's political, economic and social challenges and offer policy directions for the United States and Russia. Report published in *Russia Initiative: Reports of the Four Task Forces*, Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2000.

Invited speaker, National Intelligence Council conference on "Russian Health Trends and Their Implications," October 21, 1999. Remarks included in the National Intelligence Council Seminar Series Report *Russia's Physical and Social Infrastructure: Implications for Future Development* (December 2000).

Guest lecturer, HSB 250, "Inequality and Health," Harvard School of Public Health, January 1997.

REFEREE

American Economic Review, Comparative Economic Studies, Economic Development and Cultural Change, The Economic Journal, Economic Systems, The Economics of Planning, The Economics of Transition, European Economic Review, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Labour Economics, National Science Foundation (outside reviewer), The Quarterly Journal of Economics, Rivista di Politica Economica, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics & Econometrics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development