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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, Economics of Global Health and Population.

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, 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; Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University; CUNY Graduate Center Labor and Human Resource Seminar; Williams College Economics Department Seminar.

“Dying to Be Equal? Understanding the Relative Decline in U.S. Female Life Expectancy Since 1980,” with Sandra Black (UCLA) and David Cutler (Harvard University), work in progress.

“Reassessing the Standard of Living in the Soviet Union: An Analysis Using Archival and Anthropometric Data,” August 2007. CEPR Discussion Paper 5525; IZA Discussion Paper 1958; WDI Discussion Paper 812. Presented at the CEPR/WDI Annual Conference on Transition Economics, the Williams Economics Dept. seminar, the Harvard Economic History Workshop, the William Davidson Institute Economic Development and Transition Seminar, the Davis Center Conference on Performance and Efficiency in the USSR, and the Harvard School of Public Health.

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

“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.

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

Williams College Economics Department Seminar, October 2007.

Williams College International Studies Colloquium, "Reassessing the Standard of Living in the Soviet Union," March 2007.

Williams College Faculty Lecture Series, "Russia's Demographic Crisis: Causes, Consequences and Questions," February 2007.

Harvard School of Public Health, Program on the Global Demography of Aging, January 2007.

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 Univ., 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, Wash., 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 Univ., 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), ASSA 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, 2007.

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 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 Develop. and Cultural Change
Economic Journal
Economic Systems
Economics of Planning
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 Economic History

Journal of Health Economics
Journal of Human Resources
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of Population Economics
Labour Economics
National Science Foundation
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Rivista di Politica Economica
Scandinavian Journal of Economics
Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics & Econometrics
World Bank Economic Review
World Development

COURSES TAUGHT

1996 - 1997 ACADEMIC YEAR

Economics 101 Introduction to Economics
Economics 205 Public Finance
Economics 365 Economic Reform in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union
Director of Research and Honors Program Coordinator (12 completed honors theses in 1996-1997)

1997 - 1998 ACADEMIC YEAR

Economics 205 Public Finance
Economics 209 Labor Economics
Economics 251 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (two sections, one mathematical)
Economics 365 Economic Reform in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union

1998 - 1999 ACADEMIC YEAR

Economics 101 Introduction to Economics (three sections)
Economics 209 Labor Economics
Economics 514 Public Finance for Developing Countries (for the Williams College
Master's program in development economics)

SPRING 2001

Winter Study Course Public Speaking
Economics 209 Labor Economics

2001 - 2002 ACADEMIC YEAR

Economics 209 Labor Economics
Winter Study Course Public Speaking
Economics 110 Introduction to Microeconomics (three sections)

2002 - 2003 ACADEMIC YEAR

Economics 205 Labor Economics
Economics 251 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
Economics 110 Introduction to Microeconomics (two sections)

2003 - 2004 ACADEMIC YEAR

Economics 209 Labor Economics
Winter Study Course Public Speaking
Economics 110 Introduction to Microeconomics

2006 - 2007 ACADEMIC YEAR

Economics 251	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
Economics 205	Public Economics
Economics 110	Introduction to Microeconomics

2007 - 2008 ACADEMIC YEAR

Economics 110	Introduction to Microeconomics (two sections)
Winter Study Course	Public Speaking
Economics 209	Labor Economics
Economics 469	Economics of Global Health and Population

SERVICE TO THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

Honors thesis advising:

- Year-long honors thesis on poverty in Russia, Fall 1996 - Spring 1997
- Honors thesis on economic reform in Russia, Fall 1996 - WSP 1997
- Honors thesis on mortality in Russia, Fall 1998 - WSP 1999
- Year-long honors thesis on foreign direct investment and wage inequality, Fall 2006 - Spring 2007

Independent study advisor:

- Readings in Health Economics (two students), Spring 1999
- Higher Education in Germany, Spring 2003
- Personnel Economics, Fall 2003

Winter study project advisor, four students (Winter 1999):

- Teaching introductory economics at Drury High School, North Adams
- Study of the introduction of the Euro in Germany (two students)
- Government role in worker compensation plans

Student Activities Coordinator, Economics Department, Fall 1997 - Spring 1998

- Organized dinners for current and prospective majors, as well as several events for prospective women majors.

Econ 101/110 Coordinator, Fall 1998, Fall 2001

- Coordinated and oversaw department discussion of Econ 101/110 core curriculum, resulting in a standardized curriculum for use by all 101/110 instructors.

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Economics Department, Fall 2002 - Fall 2003.

Hiring Committee, 1998 - 1999; 2001 - 2002; 2006 - 2007.

Teaching Assistants Coordinator, Spring 2001, Fall 2001, Fall 2007 - Spring 2008.

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

Committee on Academic Standing, Fall 2006 - Spring 2007.

Organizer, panel on “Economic Life and Transition to the Market,” Oakley Center Symposium on “A Leap to Freedom? Russia Since the Fall of Communism,” October 2003.

Committee on Athletics, Fall 2002 - Spring 2003.

Watson Fellowship Selection Committee, Fall 1998.

Russian and Post-Soviet Studies Account Committee, Fall 1997 - Spring 1998.

Guest lecturer on the Russian mortality crisis, RUSS 209, “Terrible Ivans, Great Catherines and New Russians: 1000 Years of Russian Culture,” (J. Cassidy), November 1998.