

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, Hanover, NH

Full Professor, 2020-present
Chair 2025-present
Vice Chair, 2014-2023
Associate Professor (with tenure), 2010-2020
Associate Professor (without tenure), 2008-2010
Assistant Professor, 2001-2008

RECENT DARTMOUTH SERVICE

Council on Institutional Priorities, 2021-present, chair 2022-present
Committee on Organization and Policy 2024-present, co-chair 2025-present
Football Team Faculty Advisor 2021-present
Committee on the Faculty, 2017-2023, chair 2019-2021, co-chair 2021-2022
Search Committee for Art and Sciences CFOO, 2022
Council on Benefits, 2018-2022
Retirement Plan Governance Committee, 2020-2022
Search Committee for Dartmouth Senior Associate Athletic Director, 2020
Advisory Committee on Investor Responsibility, chair, 2017-2019
Task Force on Enrollment Expansion 2017-2018
Search Committee for the Dean of the College 2015

EDUCATION

BROWN UNIVERSITY, Providence RI, 1996-2001.

Ph.D. in Economics, May 2001.

Dissertation – “PRODUCTIVITY, TECHNOLOGICAL SPILLOVERS,
AND ECONOMIC GROWTH”

Advisors – David Weil, Oded Galor, Peter Howitt.

M.A. in Economics, May 1998.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Stanford CA, 1986-1990.

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, June 1990.

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Economic Growth, Demographics, Macroeconomics, Trade.

COURSES TAUGHT

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Advanced Macroeconomics

PUBLISHED AND ACCEPTED PAPERS

“BENEFIT-COST ANALYSIS OF INCREASED TRADE: AN ORDER-OF-MAGNITUDE ESTIMATE OF THE BENEFIT-COST-RATIO” with Tyazhelnikov, Aleman-Castilla, and Wong.
Journal of Benefit-Cost Analysis, July 2023.

“DISTANCE, TRADE, AND INCOME – THE 1967 TO 1975 CLOSING OF THE SUEZ CANAL AS A NATURAL EXPERIMENT,”
Journal of Development Economics, November 2021.

“DEMOGRAPHICS AND PRODUCTIVITY IN ASIA,” in *Demographics and Innovation in the Asia-Pacific* eds K. Eggleston, J. Park, and G. Shin, Brookings Institution Press, May 2021.

“GEOGRAPHIC DISPERSION OF ECONOMIC SHOCKS: EVIDENCE FROM THE FRACKING REVOLUTION: REPLY,” with Erin Mansur and Bruce Sacerdote.
American Economic Review, June 2020, 110(6).

“TRADE AND INCOME – EXPLOITING TIME SERIES IN GEOGRAPHY,”
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, October 2019, lead article.

“UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH IN THE DARTMOUTH ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT,”
Journal of Economic Education, Fall 2017, 48(4).

“GEOGRAPHIC DISPERSION OF ECONOMIC SHOCKS: EVIDENCE FROM THE FRACKING REVOLUTION,” with Erin Mansur and Bruce Sacerdote,
American Economic Review, April 2017, 107(4).

“THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF MICRONUTRIENT DEFICIENCY – EVIDENCE FROM SALT IODIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES,” with David Weil and Dimitra Politi,
Journal of the European Economic Association, April 2017, 15(2).

“ON THE LONG-RUN EFFECTS OF COLONIAL LEGACIES. EVIDENCE FROM SMALL ISLANDS” with Bruce Sacerdote, book chapter, *The Long Economic and Political Shadow of History, Volume 1*, CEPR Press, Stelios Michalopoulos & Elias Papaioannou eds, January v2017.

“HOW MUCH WOULD US STYLE FISCAL INTEGRATION BUFFER EUROPEAN UNEMPLOYMENT AND INCOME SHOCKS?,” with Bruce Sacerdote,
American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings, May 2013.

“GLOBAL SAVINGS AND GLOBAL INVESTMENT – THE TRANSMISSION OF IDENTIFIED FISCAL SHOCKS,” with Jay Shambaugh
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, May 2012, 4(2).

“THE US PRODUCTIVITY SLOWDOWN, THE BABY BOOM, AND MANAGEMENT QUALITY,” *Journal of Population Economics*, January 2011.

“COLONIALISM AND MODERN INCOME – ISLANDS AS NATURAL EXPERIMENTS,”
with Bruce Sacerdote,
Review of Economics and Statistics, May 2009, 91(2), 245-262.

“CONVERGENCE BY PARTS,”
The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, July 2008, 8(1) (Contributions), Article 19.

“WILL THE STORK RETURN TO EUROPE? – UNDERSTANDING FERTILITY WITHIN
DEVELOPED NATIONS,” with Bruce Sacerdote and Ariel Stern,
Journal of Economic Perspectives, Summer 2008, 22(3): 3-22.

“AGGREGATE EVIDENCE ON THE LINK BETWEEN AGE STRUCTURE AND PRODUCTIVITY,”
Population and Development Review, March 2008, vol 34 (supp): 78-99.

“REAPPRAISING THE LEGACY OF COLONIALISM : THE VALUE OF AN ISLAND SAMPLE.
A REPLY TO BERTRAM,” with Bruce Sacerdote,
Islands Studies Journal, November 2007, 2(2).

“DID THE RUST BELT BECOME SHINY?: A STUDY OF CITIES AND COUNTIES THAT
LOST STEEL AND AUTO JOBS IN THE 1980S,” with Bruce Sacerdote and Ariel Stern,
Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs 2007, 41-89.

“THE MARGINAL PRODUCT OF CAPITAL,” with Francesco Caselli,
Quarterly Journal of Economics, May 2007, CXXII(2): 535-568.

“DEMOGRAPHICS AND PRODUCTIVITY,”
Review of Economics and Statistics, February 2007, 89(1): 100-109.

WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

“AGGREGATING FETAL ORIGINS,” , working paper.

“OPENNESS AND TRADE REVISITED,” with Doug Irwin, working paper.

OTHER FINISHED PAPERS

“DID THE STIMULUS STIMULATE? REAL TIME ESTIMATES OF THE EFFECTS OF THE AMERICAN
RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT,” with Bruce Sacerdote, NBER working paper 16759.

“A CONTRIBUTION TO THE EMPIRICS OF TOTAL FACTOR PRODUCTIVITY,”
with Shekhar Aiyar, manuscript.

“TECHNOLOGICAL LEADERSHIP AND ENDOGENOUS GROWTH,”
with Susanto Basu and David N. Weil, manuscript.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“FRACKING AND LOCAL POLLUTION.”

“THE OPENING OF THE PANAMA CANAL AS A NATURAL EXPERIMENT IN TRADE.”

“PREDICTING POPULATION - A MARKOV CHAIN APPROACH”

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMICS RESEARCH, Cambridge, MA

Faculty Research Fellow, 2009-2015

JOURNAL OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

Associate Editor, 2010-present

OTHER EXPERIENCE

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, DEPT. OF ECONOMICS, Cambridge, MA

Visiting Associate Professor, 2010-2011

BROWN UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, PROVIDENCE RI

Instructor, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Fall 1999.

Research Assistant to Professor David N. Weil, Summer 1997.

Teaching Assistant, Advanced Macroeconomics (graduate core), 1998-1999.

Teaching Assistant, Principles of Economics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, 1997-1999.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MILWAUKEE, MILWAUKEE WI

Instructor, Mechanical Engineering Experimentation, 1995-1996.

Mechanical Engineering Lab Manager, 1994-1996.

REFEREE

American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, International Economic Review, Journal of Monetary Economics, Review of Economics & Statistics, Economic Journal, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Journal: Applied, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Human Resources, World Development, Economic Inquiry, BE Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Economic Education, Population and Development Review, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Review of Development Economics, Current Anthropology, Economic Change and Restructuring, European Economic Review, Journal of Comparative Economics.

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2001

Federal Reserve Board, “Convergence by Parts.”
Michigan State University, “Convergence by Parts”
Brown University, “Convergence by Parts”
Boston College, “Convergence by Parts”
NBER Summer Institute, “Convergence by Parts”

2002

Northeast Universities Development Conference, “Dead Weight Losses to Immobile Capital”
NBER EFG Research Meeting, October, “Demographics and Productivity”
University of Wisconsin - Madison, “Demographics and Productivity”

2003

Brown University, “Demographics and Productivity”

2004

Vienna Institute of Demography, “Demographics and Productivity”

2005

NBER Summer Institute Productivity, “The Marginal Product of Capital”

2006

AEA Annual Meeting, “The Marginal Product of Capital”
Clemson University, “Demographics and Productivity”
Western Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, “Demographics and Productivity”
NBER Summer Institute EFG, “Colonialism and Modern Outcomes”
Brookings-Wharton Urban Affairs Conference, “Did The Rust Belt Become Shiny?”
Brown University, “Colonialism and Modern Outcomes”

2007

Harvard Population Aging and Economic Growth Conference,
“Demographics, Management Quality, and the US Productivity Slowdown”
NBER Summer Institute - Small Growth Group, “Colonialism and Modern Outcomes”
Northeastern University, “Colonialism and Modern Outcomes”

2008

AEA Annual Meeting, “The Economic Effects of Micronutrient Deficiency:
Evidence from Salt Iodization in the United States”
International Monetary Fund, “Salt Iodization in the United States”
Northwestern University, “Salt Iodization in the United States”

2009

NBER EFG Program Meeting, February, “Trade and Income”
NBER Cohort Studies Program Meeting, March, “Salt Iodization in the United States”
Penn State University, “Trade and Income”
NBER Summer Institute EFG, “Distance, Trade, and Income – The 1967 to 1975 Closing of the
Suez Canal as a Natural Experiment”
NBER Summer Institute ITI, “Trade and Income”
AMID/BREAD/CEPR Conference, London, “Trade and Income”
Boston College, “Trade and Income”
The World Bank, “Trade and Income”
University of Houston, “Trade and Income”
The Ohio State University, “Trade and Income”
UCLA Anderson School, “Trade and Income”
Harvard/MIT Development Seminar, “Trade and Income”

2010

NBER EFG Small Growth Group, San Francisco, organizer

Williams College, February 2010, “Suez Canal”

Royal Economic Society Conference, March 2010, “Global Savings and Global Investment”

Conference on International Trade and Development – Laboratory for Aggregate Economics
and Finance, Santa Barbara, April 2010, “Suez Canal”

NBER TAPES Conference, Milan, June 2010, “Global Savings and Global Investment”

University of Wisconsin, September 2010, “Suez Canal”

MIT Labor, October 2010, “Suez Canal”

MIT International, October 2010, “Suez Canal”

Wellesley College, November 2010, “Suez Canal”

2011

Louisiana State University, January 2011, “Did the Stimulus Stimulate? Real Time
Estimates of the Effects of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act”

Harvard Economic History Seminar, April 2011, “Suez Canal”

2012

Northeast Universities Development Conference, Dartmouth College, session organizer

2013

AEA Annual Meeting, “How Much Would US Style Fiscal Integration Buffer European
Unemployment and Income Shocks?”

Vanderbilt University, “Salt Iodization”

2017

Panama Conference on the Expansion of the Canal, “The Economic Impact of the Opening of
the Panama Canal”

2019

Chinese University of Hong Kong, “Openness and Trade Revisited”

Stanford-Hallym Asia-Pacific Innovation Conference, Korea, “Demographic Change and
Productivity in East Asia”

New York University, November 2019, “Openness and Trade Revisited”

2020

OSHER Guest Lecture, “COVID and the Macroeconomy”

2021

Eastman Community Talk, “COVID and the Macroeconomy”

Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University, “Demographics and Productivity
in Asia”

2024

UT-Austin, “Aggregating Fetal Origins”

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