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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor Columbia University, Department of Economics (July 2003 – present)
Researcher (IPA), Division of Economic Research, Social Security Administration (July-September 2006)

CURRENT RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, (December 2003 – present)
Research Associate, Institute for Social and Economic Policy Research (ISERP),
Columbia University, (November 2004 – present)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Economics, University of California Berkeley (May 2003)
M.A. Economics University of Bonn, Germany, Summa cum laude (August 1997)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Economics of Aging, Personnel Economics, Macroeconomics

PUBLICATIONS:

“In the Right Place at the Wrong Time: The Role of Firms and Luck in Young Workers’ Careers”
(Joint with Stefan Bender, American Economic Review, December 2006, Vol. 96, No. 5)

WORKING PAPERS: *(Abstract & Papers Available at www.columbia.edu/~vw2112)*

“Mortality, Mass Layoffs, and Career Outcomes: An Analysis using Administrative Data”
(joint with Dan Sullivan, FRB of Chicago Working Paper No. 2006-21)

“The Short- and Long-Term Career Effects of Graduating in a Recession: Hysteresis and Heterogeneity in the Market for College Graduates,” *(joint with Phil Oreopoulos and Andrew Heisz, NBER WP No. 12159)*

“Entry-Cohort Effects at the Firm Level: Testing for Permanent vs. Transitory Effects using Evidence from Job Changers” *(Joint with Stefan Bender, forthcoming, CAFE Conference Volume, NBER)*

“Using Matched Employee Data to Examine Labor Market Dynamics and the Quality of DWS and CPS Data in California, 1991-99” *(Joint with Andrew Hildreth and Elizabeth Weber-Handwerker)*

“The End of Mandatory Retirement in the US: Effects on Retirement and Implicit Contracts”
(Center for Labor Economics Working Paper No. 49, University of California Berkeley, 2002)

“Compulsory Schooling and Labour Market Institutions in Germany”
(joint with Steve Pischke, Revise and Resubmit, Review of Economics and Statistics, NBER WP No. 11414)

“Following Germany's Lead: Using International Monetary Linkages to Identify the

Effect of Monetary Policy on the Economy”

(Joint with Julian di Giovanni and Justin McCrary, IMF Working Paper WWP/05/86)

WORK IN PROGRESS: *(Abstract Available at www.columbia.edu/~vw2112)*

“The Recent Increase in Social Security Disability Rolls and the Change in Economic Status of Applicants, New Entrants, and Denied Workers: An Analysis using Longitudinal Administrative Records,”

(Joint with Jae Song and Joyce Manchester, Presented at APPAM 2006 Madison, WI)

“Mass-Layoff, Disability Insurance, and Early Retirement from 1980 to 2005: An Analysis using Administrative Social Security Data,” *(Joint with Jae Song and Joyce Manchester)*

“Does a Four-Fold Early Unemployment Rate Make a Difference? Wage Growth and Job Mobility in Germany, France, and the United States” *(Joint with Paola Giuliano)*

“Career Transitions and Firm Quality of Early Job Losers” *(Joint with Katja Görlitz and Stefan Bender)*

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2006	Steve H. Sandell Grant “Outsourcing, Deindustrialization, and Technological Change: The Effect of Changes in Labor Demand on Retirement Outcomes of Older Workers”
2006	German Science Foundation, Two Year Grant “Flexibility in Heterogeneous Labor markets: Within Firm Cohort Effects,” <i>(Joint with Stefan Bender and Thomas Bauer)</i>
2006	ISERP Seed Grant “Outsourcing, Deindustrialization, and Technological Change: The Effect of Changes in Labor Demand on Older Workers”
2005	Columbia University, Summer Research Grant
2005 -2008	National Science Foundation Grant “Search, Firms, and Human Capital Job Loss and the Shaping of Young Workers’ Careers” (sole PI)
2004	PER Seed Grant “Retirement, Death, and Job Loss in the United States”
2004	ISERP Seed Grant “School Choice, Peer-Group Effects, and the End of Desegregation” <i>(Joint with Atila Abdulkadiroglu)</i>
2004	Columbia University, Summer Research Grant
2004	PER Research Assistantship Grant <i>(joint with Atila Abdulkadiroglu)</i>
2004	Program for Economic Research (PER) Columbia University Research Assistantship Grant <i>(Joint with Wojciech Kopczuk)</i>
2002 - 2003	Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for Labor and Employment
2001 - 2002	Program in Applied Economics Fellowship, Social Science Research Council
2000 - 2001	Fellowship from Network of Inequality and Poverty in Further Perspective
2000 Spring	Continuing Student Fellowship, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley
1999 Spring	Eliot J. Swan Prize for Best Performance in the First-Year Curriculum, UC Berkeley
1997 - 1998	Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Visiting Scholar, Center for Health and Well Being, Princeton University	January-May 2007
Visiting Scholar, National Bureau of Economic Research	September-December 2006
Visiting Scholar, Center for Economic Performance, LSE	June 2006
Visiting Scholar, University of Michigan	November-December 2005
Visiting Scholar, German Social Security Administration	Bi-Annual Research Visits
Visiting Scholar, Institute for the Study of Labor, University of Bonn	July 2004, 2005
Visiting Student, Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University	August 2000-June 2001
Graduate Research Intern, European Central Bank	

Research on the role of service sector growth in European unemployment June-August 1999
Research Intern, Ente 'Luigi Einaudi,' Bank of Italy
Research on the role of age discrimination labor force attachment July-August 2001

POLICY RESEARCH

“The Role of Service and Manufacturing Sectors in Cross Country Growth”
(European Central Bank Working Paper No. 50, 2001)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Economics, Columbia University
Graduate Labor Economics (Spring 2004, 2005, 2006)
Undergraduate Econometrics (Spring 2004, 2005, 2006)
Department of Economics, LUISS Rome
Applied Microeconomics (Short Course, Spring 2005)
Department of Economics, UC Berkeley
Graduate Introduction to Econometrics, Professor Jim Powell (Spring 1999)
Department of Economics, University of Bonn
Introduction to Macroeconomics, Professor Axel Weber (1994-1995)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Presentations 2007 (*prospective*)

Johns Hopkins University, Harvard University, UC Berkeley Labor Lunch, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, Columbia University Social Work, University of Warwick, Oxford University, University College London Epidemiology, Prague, Milan Catholic University, New York Federal Reserve, Princeton University, University of Texas Houston/Rice, Texas A&M, SUNY Albany, University of Connecticut

2006

NBER Summer Institute, University of Florida, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Minnesota, Columbia University, London School of Economics, Humboldt University, Paris I/Sorbonne, INSEE/Crest, Bocconi/IGIER, MILLS Workshop, University College London, Pompeu Fabra, Dartmouth, CAED 2006 Chicago, CAFE 2006 Nurnberg, APPAM 2006 Madison, Boston University, University of Toronto, Dartmouth, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Tufts, IZA Workshop

2005

NBER Summer Institute, CEPR Education Meeting Uppsala, Wharton Business School Careers Conference, University of California Berkeley, Cornell, University of Maryland, University of British Columbia, University of Michigan, Stanford University, University of California Los Angeles, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Università Tor Vergata, Bank of Italy

2004

SOLE 2004, ESSLE 2004, CEPR/ECB Labor Market Meeting 2004, University of California Santa Cruz, Symposium at Institute of Employment Research (IAB), Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

2003

Harvard University, University of Chicago, University of Rochester, University of California Berkeley, Columbia University, Yale School of Management, University of

California San Diego, London School of Economics, University College London, University of Oxford, IZA, University of Washington, McMaster University, University of Montreal

Affiliations American Economic Association, European Economic Association, Econometric Society, Royal Economic Society, European Association of Labour Economists, Society of Labor Economists

Referee American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Industrial Labor Relations Review, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Business and Economics Statistics, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Labour Economics, Labour, German Economic Review

LANGUAGES:

German (native), Italian (native), French (fluent)

REFERENCES

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