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## EDUCATION

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**State University of New York at Binghamton**, Department of Economics  
Degree: PhD, Economics. Primary Fields: Labor Economics & Macroeconomics May 2008

Dissertation: "The Impact of Exogenous Shocks on Local Labor Markets"  
Committee Chair: Solomon W. Polachek  
Oral Defense: July 2007  
Recipient of Binghamton University's 2008 *Distinguished Dissertation Award*

**State University of New York at Binghamton**, Department of Economics  
Degree: MA, Applied Economics: focus in Econometrics May 2004

**Cornell University**, School of Industrial and Labor Relations  
Degree: BS, Industrial and Labor Relations: focus in Labor Economics May 2001

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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### Assistant Professor

**Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**, Edwardsville, IL Fall 2008-  
Courses: Advanced Microeconomic Theory (MA)  
Applied Microeconomics  
Econometrics  
Empirical Research Methods (MA)  
Managerial Economics (MBA)  
Microeconomic Theory  
Principles of Microeconomics

### Visiting / Adjunct Professor

**Union Graduate College, School of Management**, Schenectady, NY Summers: 2007-2008  
Course: Labor Relations (MBA)

**St. Louis University, Department of Economics**, St. Louis, MO Fall 2007-Summer 2008  
Courses: Economics for Managers (MBA)  
Intermediate Macroeconomics  
Intermediate Microeconomics  
Introduction to Business Statistics  
Principles of Economics

Supervision of Student Research:	Jason T. Jonovski, "Market Efficiency in the Credit Crunch"	Fall 2007
<b>Lecturer</b>		
	<b>Binghamton University, School of Management</b> , Binghamton, NY	Fall 2006
Course:	Managerial Economics (MBA)	
	<b>Binghamton University, Education Opportunity Program</b>	July 2005-August 2006
Course:	Pre-Calculus	
	<b>Binghamton University, Department of Economics</b> , Binghamton, NY	August 2003-July 2007
Courses:	Statistical Methods Microeconomic Theory Principles of Microeconomics Poverty and Discrimination Practicum in College Teaching	
<b>Teaching Assistant</b>		
	<b>Binghamton University, Department of Economics</b> , Binghamton, NY	August 2002-May 2003
Courses:	Principles of Macroeconomics Poverty and Discrimination Statistical Methods	
	<b>Cornell University, Department of Mathematics</b> , Ithaca, NY	January 2000-May 2001
Courses:	Introductory Calculus Vector Algebra	
<b>Research Assistant</b>		
	<b>Cornell Fracture Group</b> , Ithaca, NY	Sept. 1998-May 1999
Tasks:	Web research and design for <a href="http://www.simsience.org">http://www.simsience.org</a> Developed three national educational platforms for primary/secondary schools	

## **PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS<sup>1</sup>**

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"Corruption Perceptions in Emerging and Developing Economies: Evidence from a Pooled Cross-Section" (with K. Peyton), *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*, forthcoming. Impact Factor: 0.607.

"Married Women in the Workforce." In M. Paludi and B. Coates, editors, *Women as Transformational Leaders: From Grassroots to Global Interests*, Praeger: forthcoming.

"Modeling Fast Food's Impact on Female Labor Force Participation," *Hawaii International Conference on Business 2010 Conference Proceedings*, May 2010, 222-232.

"How Disasters Affect Local Labor Markets: The Effects of Hurricanes in Florida," (with S. W. Polachek),

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<sup>1</sup> All impact factors noted in this section are RePeC simple impact factors.

*Journal of Human Resources*, 41(1), Winter 2009, 251-276. (Reprinted in "Hurricanes and the Labor Market." In G. Borjas, *Labor Economics*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., McGraw-Hill Irwin: New York, 2010, 185-188.) Impact Factor: 8.287.

"How Hurricanes Affect Wages and Employment in Local Labor Markets," (with S. W. Polachek), *American Economic Review*, 98(2), May 2008, 49-53. (Reprinted in "Hurricanes and Local Labor Markets." In C. McConnell, et al. *Contemporary Labor Economics*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed., McGraw-Hill Irwin: New York, 2010, 177.) Impact Factor: 15.533.

"Lives Lost Due to Dam Failure," in SimScience.org's *Cracking Dams*, part of *Integration of Information Age Networking and Parallel Supercomputer Simulations into University General Science and K-12 Curricula*. NSF Grant No. 9523481. May 1999, <http://www.simsience.org/cracks/index.html>.

"The Impact of a Personal Property Tax on Automobile Consumption," under review at *Regional Science and Urban Economics*. Impact Factor: 3.088.

"The Case for Human Development: A Cross-Country Analysis of Corruption Perceptions," (with K. Peyton), MPRA working paper 31385: <http://mpra.ub.uni-muenchen.de/31385/>

"How Rational Are Consumers? An Examination of Automobile Sales in Greater Saint Louis," SIUE working paper 11-504: [http://www.siue.edu/business/econfin/pdf/Car\\_Tax.pdf](http://www.siue.edu/business/econfin/pdf/Car_Tax.pdf).

"Measuring the Impact of Development on Corruption Perceptions: A Comparative Study of Developed and Developing Countries," (with K. Peyton), SIUE working paper 11-503: [http://www.siue.edu/business/econfin/pdf/Belassen-Peyton\\_CP\\_Comparison.pdf](http://www.siue.edu/business/econfin/pdf/Belassen-Peyton_CP_Comparison.pdf).

"When Oceans Attack: Assessing the Impact of Hurricanes on Localized Taxable Sales" (with C. Dai), SIUE working paper 11-502: [http://www.siue.edu/business/econfin/pdf/Belassen\\_Dai\\_Hurricanes.pdf](http://www.siue.edu/business/econfin/pdf/Belassen_Dai_Hurricanes.pdf)

"McFreedom: How Women Can Have It Their Way; An Income-Leisure Choice Model," SIUE Working Paper 11-501: <http://www.siue.edu/business/econfin/pdf/McFreedom.pdf>.

"Fast Food Families: How Fast Food Has Changed Traditional Family Labor Divisions," work in progress.

"Does More Economic Freedom Equate to Better Living?," (with R. W. Hafer), work in progress.

"An Examination of Inflation Targeting Policies in Emerging Economies," work in progress (with K. Ayres and A. M. Kutan).

"Shifting Attitudes Towards Peace in Light of Economic Development," work in progress (with A. M. Kutan).

"An Improved Quantitative Measurement of Exogenous Shocks: The Generalized Difference-in-Difference Technique," work in progress.

"The Impact of AIDS on Female Labor Supply in the United States," work in progress (with A. Olbrecht).

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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### Presenter

*American Economic Association Annual Meetings*, Chicago, IL, January 2012, "Shifting Attitudes Towards Peace in Light of Economic Development."

*Annual Southern Economic Association Meetings*, Washington, DC, November 2011, "The Impact of a Personal Property Tax on Automobile Consumption."

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, School of Business Speaker Series, Edwardsville, IL, September 2011, "The Impact of a Personal Property Tax on Automobile Consumption."

*Midwestern Economics Association Annual Meetings*, Saint Louis, MO, March 2011, "Measuring the Impact of Development on Corruption Perceptions: A Comparative Study of Developed and Developing Countries."

*Eastern Economics Association Annual Meetings*, New York, NY, February 2011, "Measuring the Impact of Development on Corruption Perceptions: A Comparative Study of Developed and Developing Countries."

*Hawaii International Conference on Business*, Honolulu, HI, May 2010, "Modeling Fast Food's Impact on Female Labor Force Participation."

Southern Illinois University, Department of Economics, Carbondale, IL, April 2010, "When Oceans Attack: Using a Generalized Difference-in-Difference Technique to Assess the Impact of Hurricanes on Localized Taxable Sales."

University of Missouri-Saint Louis, College of Business Administration Seminar Series, Saint Louis, MO, March 2010, "The Case for Human Development: A Cross-Country Analysis of Corruption Perceptions."

*Eastern Economics Association Annual Meetings*, Philadelphia, PA, February 2010, "McFreedom: How Women Can Have It Their Way; An Income-Leisure Choice Model."

University of Missouri-Saint Louis, College of Business Administration Seminar Series, Saint Louis, MO, November 2009, "An Examination of US Female Labor Force Participation."

*American Economic Association Annual Meetings*, New Orleans, LA, January 2008, "The Effects of Hurricanes on Local Labor Markets."

*Annual Southern Economic Association Meetings*, New Orleans, LA, November 2007, "When Oceans Attack."

*Twelfth Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists*, Chicago, IL, May 2007, "How Disasters Affect Local Labor Markets."

*NY State Econometric Institute Seminar Series*, Albany, NY, April 2007, "How Disasters Affect Local Labor

Markets.”

Binghamton University, Economics Department Seminar, Binghamton, NY, October 2006, “How Disasters Affect Local Labor Markets.”

### **Collaborative Presentations**

*Society for Emerging Markets’ EuroConference 2010*, Milas, Turkey, July 2010, “The Case for Human Development: A Cross-Country Analysis of Corruption Perceptions,” presented by Kyle Peyton.

*Third IZA Migrant Ethnicity Meeting*, Washington, DC, March 2007, “How Disasters Affect Local Labor Markets,” Keynote Speech presented by Solomon W. Polachek.

### **Discussant**

*Annual Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings*, Washington, DC, November 2011, “Locked in the House: Do Underwater Mortgages Reduce Labor Market Mobility?”

*Midwestern Economics Association Annual Meetings*, Saint Louis, MO, March 2011, “Skill Uncertainty, Skill Accumulation, and Occupational Choice.”

*Eastern Economics Association Annual Meetings*, New York, NY, February 2011, “White Men Can’t Run: An Empirical Investigation of the Impact of Skin Tone Shade on Running Backs in the National Football League.”

*Eastern Economics Association Annual Meetings*, Philadelphia, PA, February 2010, “Using Panel Methods to Model Hierarchical Segregation.”

### **Session Chair**

*Eastern Economics Association Annual Meetings*, New York, NY, February 2011, “The Economy of Development and Openness.”

*Hawaii International Conference on Business*, Honolulu, HI, May 2010, “Economics.”

*Eastern Economics Association Annual Meetings*, Philadelphia, PA, February 2010, “Local Labor Markets.”

## **MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS**

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Metro Networks, St. Louis, MO, September 24, 2007, “Analysis of UAW v. GM”

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATIONS**

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### **Referee**

Referee for <i>Journal of Urban Economics</i>	2011-
Program Committee / Referee for <i>EEA Annual Meetings</i>	2009-
Referee for <i>Economics Bulletin</i>	2009-

### **Reviewer**

Reviewer for Aplia	2011
Reviewer for Perloff and Brander, 5 <sup>th</sup> edition, <i>Managerial Economics</i>	2010
Reviewer for Bernheim and Whinston, 1 <sup>st</sup> edition, <i>Microeconomics</i>	2007
Reviewer for Hubbard and O'Brien, 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition, <i>Principles of Economics</i>	2007
Reviewer for Stiglitz and Walsh, 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition, <i>Principles of Microeconomics</i>	2005
Reviewer for Bernanke and Frank, 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition, <i>Principles of Economics</i>	2004

### Development / Advising

Faculty Advisor for <i>Beta Gamma Sigma</i> Honor Society	2011-
Developer/Leader of SIUE Young Faculty Speaker Series	2011-
Developer/Leader of SIUE SAS Econometric Boot Camp	2010-
Mentor for BU Economics Dept. undergraduate teaching assistants	2004-2007
Treasurer for the Economics Graduate Student Organization	2004-2007
Economics Department representative to the Binghamton University GSO	2002-2003
Economic Editor, <i>On The Offensive</i> , Cornell University student paper	2000-2001

### Affiliations

<i>Midwestern Economic Association</i> member	2010-
<i>Eastern Economic Association</i> member	2009-
<i>Southern Economic Association</i> member	2007-
<i>American Economic Association</i> member	2006-
<i>Society of Labor Economics</i> member	2007-2009
<i>Association of Business Communications</i> member	2008-2009
<i>Academy of Management</i> member	2007-2008

### GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND HONORS

### DATE AWARDED

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<i>Faculty Development Fund Award</i> (travel)	January 2012
<i>Faculty Development Fund Award</i> (travel)	November 2011
<i>Graduate School Travel Award</i>	January 2011
<i>Faculty Institute for Research, Scholarship, and Technology Award</i>	September 2010
<i>Faculty Development Fund Award</i> (data)	April 2010
<i>Faculty Development Fund Award</i> (travel)	March 2010
<i>Graduate School Travel Award</i>	March 2010
<i>Graduate School Travel Award</i>	January 2010
<i>Economics and Finance Department Travel Award</i>	December 2009
<i>Seed Grant for Transitional and Exploratory Projects for 2009-2010</i>	April 2009
<i>Faculty Development Fund Award</i> (travel)	April 2009
<i>Distinguished Dissertation Award</i>	May 2008
<i>Education Opportunity Program Faculty Recognition award</i>	May 2007
<i>Dissertation Year Fellowship award</i>	Spring 2007
<i>University-wide Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Teaching</i>	April 2006
<i>Binghamton University Fellowship Award</i>	Spring 2006
<i>Graduate Scholars Fellowship awards</i>	2002-2006
<i>Binghamton University Research Foundation awards</i>	2002-2006

## **SKILLS / LANGUAGES**

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Statistical/Mathematical Software: SAS, STATA, SPSS, EViews, Mathematica

Programming Languages: BASIC, C++, DM, and Perl

Native Tongue: English

Conversational language skills in Hebrew

Basic language skills in Spanish, Amharic, and Arabic