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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Public Policy (with tenure), Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy,
University of Michigan 2012 - Present

Other Current Affiliations:

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (Faculty Research Fellow 2008-2012)	2008 – Present
Board of Directors, American Law and Economics Association	2010 – Present
Editorial Board, American Law and Economics Review	2013 – Present
Advisor, Brookings Papers on Economic Activity, Brookings Institution	2011 – Present
Editorial Board, International Journal of Happiness and Development	2011 – Present
Research Fellow, CESifo (Munich)	2007 – Present

Past Employment and Affiliations:

Visiting Assistant Professor and Visiting Associate Research Scholar, Industrial Relations Section, Department of Economics, Princeton University	2011 – 2012
Chief Economist, US Department of Labor	2010 – 2011
Assistant Professor, Business and Public Policy Department, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (on leave 2010-2012)	2004 – 2012
Research Associate, Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania	2006 – 2012
Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco	2005 – 2009
Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia	2005
Senior Consumer Research Advisor, Forrester Research	2001 – 2004
Teaching Fellow, Harvard University	1997 – 2001
Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Board of Governors	1993 – 1995

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics	Harvard University, Department of Economics, June 2001 Advisors: Lawrence Katz, Claudia Goldin, Caroline Hoxby
M.A. in Economics	Harvard University, Department of Economics, June 1999
B.A. in Economics and Math	Wellesley College, June 1993

GRANTS AND AWARDS

John T. Dunlop Outstanding Scholar Award, awarded by the Labor and Employment Relations Association, 2010, for outstanding contributions in the field of labor economics.
Sloan Work-Family Career Development Grant, 2009-2011, \$45,000
Wharton Global Initiatives Research Program, 2010-2011, \$9,700
PARC/Boettner/NICHD Pilot Project Award, 2008-2009, \$28,190
Zicklin Center for Business Ethics Research, 2008-2009, \$4,000

Wharton Sports Business Initiative, 2007-2009 \$9,000
Rodney L. White Center for Financial Research, 2006-2007 \$5,000
Mack Center for Technological Research, 2005-2008, \$18,400
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1995-1999

PUBLICATIONS

Published Journal Articles

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers “Bargaining in the Shadow of the Law: Divorce Laws and Family Distress,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, February 2006, 121, (1): 267-288.

Stevenson, Betsey “The Impact of Divorce Laws on Marriage-Specific Capital,” *Journal of Labor Economics*, January 2007, 25, (1): 75-94.

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers “Marriage and Divorce: Changes and Their Driving Forces,” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Spring 2007, 21, (2): 27-52.

Stevenson, Betsey “Title IX and the Evolution of High School Sports,” *Contemporary Economic Policy*, October 2007, 25, (4): 486-505. [Lead Article]

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers “Economic Growth and Subjective Well-Being: Reassessing the Easterlin Paradox,” *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Spring 2008: 1-87. [Lead Article]

Stevenson, Betsey “Divorce-Law and Women’s Labor Supply,” *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, December 2008, 5 (4): 853-873.

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers “Happiness Inequality in the United States,” *Journal of Legal Studies*, June 2008, 37 (S2): S33-S79.

Republished in *Law and Happiness*, Eric A. Posner and Cass R. Sunstein (eds). March 2010 University of Chicago Press

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers “The Paradox of Declining Female Happiness,” *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, August 2009, 1 (2): 190-225.

Stevenson, Betsey “Beyond the Classroom: Using Title IX to Measure the Return to High School Sports,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, May 2010, 92 (2): 284-301.

Alexander, Trent, Michael Davern, and Betsey Stevenson “The Polls–Review: Inaccurate Age and Sex Data in the Census Pums Files: Evidence and Implications” *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Fall 2010, 74 (3): 551-569.

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers, “Trust in Public Institutions over the Business Cycle”, *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, May 2011, 101 (3): 281-287.

Sacks, Daniel, Betsey Stevenson, and Justin Wolfers “The New Stylized Facts About Income and Subjective Well-being”, *Emotion*, Dec 2012, 12 (6): 1181-1187.

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers, “Subjective and Objective Indicators of Racial Progress”, *Journal of Legal Studies* June 2012 41: 459-493.

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers, “Subjective Well-Being and Income: Is There Any Evidence of Satiation?”, forthcoming *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, May 2013.

Other Articles and Book Chapters

Stevenson, Betsey “The Evolution of the American Family: An Economic Interpretation,” *American Journal of Family Law*, 22(3) Fall 2008.

Stevenson, Betsey “The Internet and Job Search,” in David Autor (ed.), *Labor Market Intermediation* University of Chicago Press, 2009.

Isen, Adam and Betsey Stevenson “Women’s Education and Family Behaviour: Trends in Marriage, Divorce and Fertility,” in John Shoven (ed.), *Demography and the Economy*, University of Chicago Press, 2010.

Sacks, Dan and Betsey Stevenson “‘The Rug Rat Race’: Comments and Discussion” *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Spring 2010

Sacks, Daniel, Betsey Stevenson, and Justin Wolfers “Subjective Well-Being, Income, Economic Development and Growth” *Development Challenges in a Post-Crisis World*, World Bank, Washington D.C., 2010.

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers, “Trends in Marital Stability,” in Lloyd Cohen and Joshua D. Wright (eds), *Research Handbook in the Law and Economics of the Family*, (Edward Elgar Press), 2011.

Betsey Stevenson and Andrew Langan “‘The Labor Market in the Great Recession—An Update to September 2011’: Comments and Discussion” *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Fall 2011.

Working Papers

Sacks, Daniel, Betsey Stevenson, and Justin Wolfers “Growth in Subjective Well-being and Income over Time”

Stevenson, Betsey and Justin Wolfers, “Inequality and Subjective Well-Being”

Policy Papers and Select Editorials

“Refereeing Reinhart-Rogoff Debate”, *Bloomberg View*, April 29, 2013 (with Justin Wolfers)

“Five Myths About the Minimum Wage” *Washington Post*, April 5, 2013.

“Valentine’s Day and the Economics of Love” *Bloomberg View*, February 13, 2013 (with Justin Wolfers)

“Why Top Colleges Miss Great Students” *Bloomberg View*, December 18, 2012 (with Justin Wolfers)

“Forget the Cliff, Fix the US Tax System” *Bloomberg View*, December 3, 2012 (with Justin Wolfers)

“Crowds are this Election’s Real Winners” *Bloomberg View*, November 19, 2012 (with Justin Wolfers)

“What Mitt Romney Doesn’t Know About Families” *Bloomberg View*, October 22, 2012 (with Justin Wolfers)

“Romney’s Party isn’t Fiscally Responsible” *Bloomberg View*, September 23, 2012 (with Justin Wolfers)

“Business is Booming in Empirical Economics” *Bloomberg View*, August 6, 2012 (with Justin Wolfers)

“Fed Harms Itself By Missing Goals” *Bloomberg View*, July 9, 2012 (with Justin Wolfers)

“Equal Opportunity in Sports Makes Both Sexes Richer” *Bloomberg View*, June 18, 2012 (with Justin Wolfers)

“The Economic Case for Same-Sex Marriage” *Bloomberg View*, May 14, 2012 (with Justin Wolfers)

“Job Sharing Would Ease the Pain of Recessions” *Bloomberg View*, May 1, 2012 (with Justin Wolfers)

“Tax System Is America’s Biggest Spender” *Bloomberg View*, April 16, 2012 (with Justin Wolfers)

“Bernanke Needs Some Bounce in His Tail”, *Bloomberg View*, March 6, 2012 (with Justin Wolfers)
 “Congress extends unemployment benefits”, *Marketplace Commentary*, February 15, 2012
 “The Case for Obama’s Jobs Program” *Reuters*, September 9, 2011
 “The Unemployment “Skills” Myth” *Marketplace Commentary*, September 2, 2011
 “Parents are Unhappy. But Why? And Should We Care?” *Cato Unbound*, May 2011
 “Aspirations, Not Income,” *New York Times “Room for Debate”*, December 23, 2010
 “Divorce and Domestic Violence,” *New York Times “Room for Debate”*, June 15, 2010
 “Divorce in the Golden Years,” *New York Times “Room for Debate”*, June 4, 2010
 “Having Kids Makes You Unhappy Right?,” *Marketplace Commentary*, May 6, 2010
 “Different Incentives to Marry,” *New York Times “Room for Debate”*, February 21, 2010
 “Who’s Getting Married? Education and Marriage Today and in the Past,” *Council on Contemporary Families*, January 26, 2010 (with Adam Isen)
 “Divorce Couples Aren’t the Half of It,” *NPR Marketplace Commentary*, December 24, 2009
 “Economists Don’t Believe in Soul Mates,” *Marketplace Commentary*, August 27, 2009
 “Inherent Bias Must Be Acknowledged,” *Marketplace Commentary*, July 17, 2009
 “Separate Spheres vs. Shared Lives,” *New York Times “Room for Debate”*, July 5, 2009
 “Unlucky in Labor, Unlucky in Love,” *New York Times “Room for Debate”*, April 8, 2009
 “How Should We Think About the Taxpayer Consequences of Divorce?” *Council on Contemporary Families*, April 15, 2008
 “Marriage and the Market”, *Cato Unbound*, January 2008 (with Justin Wolfers)
 “Divorce and Children: What Do We Know?” joint with Justin Wolfers *Cato Unbound*, January 2008 (with Justin Wolfers)
 “(De-)Regulating the Family”, *Cato Unbound*, January 2008 (with Justin Wolfers)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS & ACADEMIC SEMINARS

2013 American Enterprise Lecture, Furman University; American Economic Association Annual Conference—San Diego; John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; The Law School, University of Notre Dame

2012: Discussant--National Bureau of Economic Research Human Capital and History Conference; Russell Sage Foundation; Brandeis; Princeton; Discussant--National Bureau of Economic Research Law & Economics Conference; University of Michigan, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy; Society of Labor Economics Annual Meeting—Chicago; The Earth Institute, Columbia University; Title IX at 40 Conference, SHARP Center University of Michigan; Center for American Progress Conference “The Middle Class and the U.S. Economy”; American Enterprise Institute Conference “Getting America Back to Work”; Aspen Ideas Festival

2011: Discussant and Presenter, American Economic Association Annual Conference—Denver; 9th Circuit Judicial Conference—San Diego; University of Texas School of Law; Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Symposium on U.S. Wage Dynamics; School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University; Dartmouth; Cornell; University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration; University of Maryland; The Rady School of Management, UCSD; Discussant, Brookings Panel of Economic Activity; Discussant, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Presenter, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies—Chicago; USC Price School of Public Policy; USC Gould School of Law; Bureau of Labor Statistics

2010: American Bar Foundation; University of Michigan Law School; American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference—Princeton; Carleton University; Discussant—Brookings Panel on Economic Activity; NBER Summer Institute—Law and Economics; The National Academies Institute of Medicine; Northwestern Law School; Discussant, American Economic Association Annual Conference—Atlanta; Zicklin Center for Business Ethics Research Seminar; Annual Behavioral Economics Conference—Cornell; Chicago Law School, “The Law and Economics of Race” conference; Western Economic Association Annual Conference—Portland; Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research; Sloan Foundation-Focus on Workplace Flexibility.

2009: Yale Law School; University of Virginia Law School; University of Chicago Law School; University of Houston/Rice University; University of Miami School of Business; American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference—San Diego; Discussant—NBER Law and Economics Summer Institute; Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference—Boston; Joint Statistical Meetings—Washington, D.C.; Columbia Law School; Gallup Well-being Conference; Australian National University Happiness Conference—Canberra; Ursinus College; Presenter and discussant, American Economic Association Annual Conference—San Francisco.

2008: Yale; Berkeley; University of Delaware; Washington University in St. Louis; San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank; Well-being Conference Keynote Address—Cassino, Italy; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies; University of Oslo; Institute for International Economic Studies—Stockholm University; Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN)—Stockholm; Institute for Social Research—Stockholm University; Economics of the Family conference—Stockholm; Brigham Young University; 2008 World Congress on National Accounts and Economic Performance Measures (lunchtime speaker); American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference; Brookings Panel on Economic Activity; NBER Demography Conference; Northwestern Law School; American Economic Association Annual Conference—New Orleans; National Bureau of Economic Research Law and Economics Spring meeting.

2007: Dartmouth; University of Pittsburgh; Kellogg; Cornell; SUNY Binghamton; Clemson; CESifo / Munich University; University of Pennsylvania Criminology; NBER Labor Market Intermediation conference; American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference; Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference; Discussant, NBER Law and Economics Spring Meetings; Discussant, American Economic Association Annual Conference; Discussant, NBER Law and Economics Summer Institute; UT Dallas; University of Maryland, Baltimore County; NBER Demography conference; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies—UC San Diego; International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies.

2006: Vanderbilt Law School; University of Connecticut; Discussant, American Economic Association Annual Conference—Boston; Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; Discussant, Princeton Conference on Inequality; Presenter and discussant, American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference—UC Berkeley; Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference—Cambridge; Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference; NBER Law and Economics Summer Institute; Econometric Society Annual Conference; Conference of the European Economic Association; Canadian Law and Economics Association Annual Conference; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies; Center for Economic and Policy Research’s Conference on the Economics of Education and Education Policy in Europe.

2005: Universidad Carlos III; Rutgers; National Bureau of Economic Research Labor Studies Summer Institute; Australian Conference of Economists; Congress of the European Economic Association; IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Annual Conference; Presenter and discussant, Applied Micro Conference Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco; Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference; American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference; Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco; American Economic Association Annual Conference.

2004: Stockholm University; European Summer Symposium in Labor Economics; Presenter and discussant, Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference; The Harris School, University of Chicago; John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard; The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Emory University; The New School; College of William and Mary; Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

TEACHING

Economics of the Public Sector, Ford School Masters of Public Policy (2013)

Examining the role of the public sector in the economy and the impact of public policy on behavior.

Employment Policy, Ford School Masters of Public Policy (2013)

Examining the Federal, State, and Local policies that govern employment in the United States.

Governmental and Legal Environment of Business, Wharton MBA Core (2007-2010)

Studying interactions between business, government and lobby groups.

Produced new set of course materials (with Justin Wolfers).

Public Economics, Wharton MBA and Undergraduate (2007-2009)

Examining the role of the public sector in the economy and the impact of public policy on behavior.

Business in the Global Political Environment, Wharton Undergraduate (2005-2006)

Studying the interactions between business, government, and lobby groups. Topics include regulation, antitrust, liability, and intellectual property laws.

Economics of the Family, Harvard Sophomore Tutorial (1999-2001)

Designed and taught new course covering marriage, divorce, domestic violence, and bargaining models.

Introductory Micro and Macro Economics, Harvard Undergraduate (1997-1999)

REFEREE

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Applied Economics, Berkley Electronic Press, Canadian Journal of Economics, Demography, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, European Economic Review, International Review of Law and Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, , Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, National Science Foundation, National Tax Association Dissertation Award, New England Journal of Medicine, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Social Science Quarterly, Southern Economics Journal.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Masters Program Committee, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy (2012-Present)

Co-organizer, Wharton Applied Economics Seminar (2004-2010)

Penn Summit on Global Issues in Women's Health (April 2005)

Executive Board, Women in the Social Sciences, Harvard University (2000-2001).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Economic Association, American Law & Economics Association, National Tax Association, Society of Labor Economists, Council on Contemporary Families

CITIZENSHIP

US Citizen