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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN *Professor of Economics and Gilbert F. Schaefer College Chair*, Department of Economics, 2018- present *Co-Founder & Director*, Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities, University of Notre Dame, 2013-present

   U.S. Commission on Social Impact Partnerships, Washington D.C.
- U.S. Commission on Social Impact Partnerships, Washington D.C Appointed Member, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 2018-present
- National Poverty Center Advisory Board, Washington D.C.
   Board Member, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2018-present
- University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
   Visiting Assistant Professor, Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy Studies, 2006-2007
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI Visiting Scholar, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, National Poverty Center, 2004-2005
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI Research Affiliate, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, National Poverty Center, 2004-present

#### EDUCATION

- Northwestern University, Evanston, IL Doctor of Philosophy, Economics, August 2002 Master of Arts, Economics, June 1997
- University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN Bachelor of Arts, Economics, May 1993

### JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- □ A Cautionary Tale about Emergency Financial Assistance without Services: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial Evaluation at a Community College (forthcoming), with Bill Evans, Melissa Kearney, and Brendan Perry, *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*.
- □ **Does Emergency Financial Assistance Reduce Crime?** (2019), with Caroline Palmer and David Phillips, *Journal of Public Economics*, Volume 169, January, 34-51.
- **The Role of Nonprofits in Designing and Implementing Evidence-Based Programs** (2018), Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 678(1), 155-163.
- □ **The Impact of Homelessness Prevention Programs on Homelessness** (2016), with Bill Evans and Melanie Wallskog, *Science*, 353(6300), 694-699.
- □ Household Surveys in Crisis (2015), with Bruce Meyer and Wallace Mok, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 29(4), 199-226.
- □ **Consumption and Income Inequality and the Great Recession** (2013), with Bruce Meyer, *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 103(3): 178-83.
- □ Winning the War: Poverty from the Great Society to the Great Recession (2012), with Bruce Meyer, *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Fall, p. 133-183.
- □ Identifying the Disadvantaged: Official Poverty, Consumption Poverty, and the New Supplemental Poverty Measure (2012), with Bruce Meyer, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 26(3), Summer, 111-136.

- □ **Consumption and Income Poverty over the Business Cycle** (2011), with Bruce Meyer, *Research in Labor Economics*, vol. 32, 51-82.
- □ Viewpoint: Further Evidence on Measuring the Well-Being of the Poor Using Income and Consumption (2011), with Bruce Meyer, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, February, 44(1), pages 52-87.
- □ Changes in the Consumption, Income, and Well-Being of Single Mother Headed Families (2008), with Bruce Meyer, *American Economic Review*, 98(5), December, 2221-2241.
- **Borrowing During Unemployment: Unsecured Debt as a Safety Net** (2008), *Journal of Human Resources*, 43(2): 383-412.
- □ **The Relationship between Income and Material Hardship** (2008), with Lesley Turner and Sheldon Danziger, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 27(1): 63-81.
- □ Welfare Reform, Saving, and Vehicle Ownership for the Poor: Do Asset Tests and Vehicle Exemptions Matter? (2006), *Journal of Human Resources*, 41(1): 72–105.
- □ The Effects of Welfare and Tax Reform: The Material Well-Being of Single Mothers in the 1980s and 1990s (2004), with Bruce Meyer, *Journal of Public Economics*, 88(7-8): 1387-1420.
- □ **Measuring the Well-Being of the Poor Using Income and Consumption** (2003), with Bruce Meyer, *Journal of Human Resources*, 38(S): 1180-1220.

## CHAPTERS IN BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

- The Validity of Consumption Data: Are the Consumer Expenditure Interview and Diary Surveys Informative? (2015), with Adam Bee and Bruce Meyer, in *Improving the Measurement of Consumer Expenditures*, Christopher Carroll, Thomas Crossley, and John Sabelhaus, editors. University of Chicago Press in NBER Book Series Studies in Income and Wealth.
- □ **Consumption and Income Poverty in the United States** (2012), with Bruce Meyer, in *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Poverty*, Philip Jefferson, editor. Oxford University Press.

## INVITED COLUMNS, OP-EDS, AND POLICY BRIEFS

- □ **Inequality in the Joint Distribution of Consumption and Time Use** (forthcoming), with Jeehoon Han and Bruce Meyer, *Vox EU*.
- **Consumption and income inequality in the US since the 1960s,**" with Bruce Meyer, *Vox*, January 15, 2018.
- Promoting Greater Understanding of the Impact of Federal Programs: What a Clearinghouse for Program and Survey Data Might Look Like (2014), Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities Policy Brief.
- □ American Mobility: an Untold Story of Progress for America's Middle Class and Poor (2012), with Bruce Meyer, *Commentary*, March, p. 30-34.
- □ **How the Census Gets it Wrong on Poverty** (2010), with Bruce Meyer, *CNN Opinion*, September 20, http://www.cnn.com/2010/OPINION/09/20/meyer.sullivan.census.poverty.
- □ **The Well-Being of Single Mother Families after Welfare Reform** (2005), with Bruce Meyer, *Brookings Institution Policy Brief*, Welfare Reform & Beyond #33, August.

## COMPLETED PAPERS AND PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- □ Increasing Community College Completion Rates among Low-Income Students: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial Evaluation of a Case Management Intervention, with Bill Evans Melissa Kearney, and Brendan Perry, January 2019, under review.
- □ **Inequality in the Joint Distribution of Consumption and Time Use**, with Jeehoon Han and Bruce Meyer, September 2018, under review.
- □ Consumption and Income Inequality in the U.S. Since 1960, with Bruce Meyer, July 2017, under review.

### WORK IN PROGRESS

- □ **Can Comprehensive Case Management Lift Families Out of Poverty?** with Bill Evans, a Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities study.
- □ A Quasi-Experimental Study of the Effects of Homelessness Prevention on Health and Healthcare Utilization, with David Phillips, a Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities study.
- **The Material Well-Being of the Poor and the Middle Class Since 1980**, with Bruce Meyer.
- □ Who is Poor, How Poverty has Changed, and Why it Matters: Poverty Measurement in the U.S. and its Implications for Policy, with Bruce Meyer.
- **Income and Consumption Volatility over Time**, with Bruce Meyer.
- **Consumption and Income Poverty for Those 65 and Over**, with Bruce Meyer.
- □ **Under-reporting, Take-up, and the Distributional Effects of the Food Stamp Program**, with Bruce Meyer.

#### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- **Anonymous Foundation** (PI, \$250,000), Research Grant, 2019-2020
- **Kresge Foundation** (PI, \$275,000), Research Grant, 2017-2019
- □ National Institutes of Health (PI, \$334,206), Research Grant, 2017-2019
- □ Jameel Poverty Action Lab, North America (co-PI, \$48,000), Research Grant, 2017-2018
- **Arnold Foundation** (PI, \$130,000), Research Grant, 2017-2019
- **Russell Sage Foundation** (investigator, \$150,000), Research Grant, 2017-2019
- **National Science Foundation** (PI, \$239,464), Research Grant, 2016-2018
- **Raskob Foundation** (co-PI, \$45,000), Research Grant, 2016
- □ Morgridge Foundation (PI, \$300,000), Research Grant, 2015-2017
- □ National Institutes of Health (PI, \$435,000), Research Grant, 2015-2017
- Lumina Foundation (co-PI, \$10,000), Research Grant, 2015-2016
- **The Smith Richardson Foundation** (co-PI, \$199,949), Research Grant, 2015-2016
- **Russell Sage Foundation** (PI, \$14,654), Conference Grant, 2015
- **Raskob Foundation** (co-PI, \$50,000), Research Grant, 2015
- **Wilson Sheehan Foundation** (co-PI, \$15 million), Center Endowment, 2014-2016
- **Anonymous Foundation** (co-PI, \$800,000), Programmatic Grant, 2014-2016
- Jameel Poverty Action Lab, North America (co-PI, \$49,902), Research Grant, 2014
- **National Bureau of Economic Research** (co-PI, \$25,000), Research Grant, 2010
- **The Smith Richardson Foundation** (co-PI, \$272,673), Research Grant, 2008-2010
- **Earhart Foundation** (PI, \$6,236), Fellowship Research Grant, 2006
- **United States Department of Agriculture** (co-PI, \$40,000), Research Development Grant, 2006
- **National Bureau of Economic Research** (co-PI, \$25,000), Research Grant, 2006
- □ Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame (PI, \$6,933), Seng Foundation Endowment Grant, 2006
- **Annie E. Casey Foundation** (co-PI, \$50,366), Research Grant, 2005
- □ **The Smith Richardson Foundation** (PI, \$60,000), Domestic Public Policy Research Fellowship Program, 2004
- **The W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research** (PI, \$5,000), Mini-Grant, 2003
- □ Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame (PI, \$4,000), Seng Foundation Endowment Grant, 2003
- **Joint Center for Poverty Research**, Graduate Fellow, 1998-2002
- Joint Center for Poverty Research, Summer Research Fellowship, Summer 2000 and 2001
- **Searle Center for Teaching Excellence**, Teaching Assistant Fellow, 1999-2000

## **INVITED POLICY PRESENTATIONS**

- □ **Capitol Hill Briefing,** "Understanding Human Dignity and Responding to Basic Human Needs," May 3, 2018
- □ **Testimony, U.S. Commission Testimony, Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking**, "The Role of Non-Profits in Promoting Evidence-Based Policymaking," November 4, 2016
- □ **Capitol Hill Briefing**, "The Impact of Homelessness Prevention Programs on Homelessness," September 15, 2016
- □ Testimony, U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Nutrition, "Developing and Using Evidence-Based Solutions," July 15, 2015
- □ **Presentation, U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Budget**, "Improving Outcomes in Anti-Poverty Programs: the Role of Research," June 2014
- □ **Presentation, U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops**, "Inequality in the U.S. and Abroad, Trends and the Role of Policy," May 2014
- □ **Presentation, Nebraska Family Impact Seminar, Nebraska State Legislature**, "The Effects of Welfare Reform on Family Well-Being," Lincoln, NE, January 2006

#### INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

National Community Action Foundation Legislative Conference, March 2019 American Economic Association, Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, January 2019 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Emergency Aid Convening, September 2018 NBER Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar (TAPES), London School of Economics, June 2018 Iowa St. University, Department of Economics, November 2017 Lab @ DC, Seminar, Washington D.C., October 2017 Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, June 2017 Brookings Institution, Authors' Conference, Washington D.C., June 2017 National Human Services Data Consortium, Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, April 2017 Public-Academic Research Colloquium (PARC)/J-PAL Conference, November 2016 Brookings Institution and American Enterprise Institute, Joint Seminar, Washington D.C., July 2016 University of Utah, Department of Finance, Salt Lake City, UT, October 2015 University of Notre Dame, Law & Econ Workshop, South Bend, IN, September 2015 APPAM Fall Research Conference, Miami, FL November 2015 Chicago Community Trust, Chicago, IL, November 2015 Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, June 2015 APPAM Spring Conference, Washington D.C., March 2015 Catholic Charities Annual Gathering, Keynote Address, October 2014 Philanthropy Roundtable Annual Meeting, October 2014 University of California, Davis, War on Poverty Conference, January 2014 Williams College, Williamstown, MA, October 2013 University of Illinois, Champaign, IL, October 2013 Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, September 2013 Florida International University, Miami, FL, April 2013 American Economic Association, Annual Meetings, San Diego, CA, January 2013 Brookings Institution, Brookings Papers on Economic Activity Fall Conference, September 2012 Lumen Christi Institute, Toward a Moral Economy Conference, Chicago IL, June 2012 Society of Labor Economists, Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL. May 2012 American Enterprise Institute, Washington D.C., October 2011 Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN, September 2010 Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, June 2010 University of Florida, Department of Economics, February 2010 Econometric Society, Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, January 3, 2010 Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia, September 2009 Midwest Econometrics Group, West Lafavette, IN, September 11, 2009

NBER Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 2009 American Time Use Research Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. June 2009 Econometric Society, Summer Meetings, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, June 2008 Colby College, Waterville, ME, November 2007 APPAM, Fall Research Conference, Washington D.C., November 2007 University of California Davis, Davis, CA, October 2007 University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, October 2007 USDA, RIDGE Conference, Washington D.C., October 2007 University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy Studies, Chicago, IL, April 2007 W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Kalamazoo, MI, March 2007 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Chicago, IL, February 2007 American Economic Association, Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, January 2007 National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics, Jackson, WY, August 2006 Administration for Children and Families, Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington D.C., June 2006 Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, June 2006 University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, May 2006 Society of Labor Economists, Annual Meetings, Cambridge, MA, May 2006 Midwest Economic Association, Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, March 2006 Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN, September 2005 European University Institute, Florence, Italy, May 2005 Federal Reserve System Research Conference, Washington D.C., April, 2005 University of British Columbia, British Columbia, Canada, March 2005 Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, February 2005 American Economic Association, Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, January 2005 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, December 2004 University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, September 2004 NBER Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, August 2004 University of Western Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI, April 2004 W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Kalamazoo, MI, March 2004 Midwest Economics Association, Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, March 2004 Econometric Society, Summer Meetings, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, June 2003 Seng Symposium on Research in Economic Policy, Notre Dame, IN, November 2002 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Chicago, IL, May 2002 Midwest Economics Association, Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, March 2002 U.S. Census Bureau, Washington D.C., February 2002 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington D.C., February 2002 University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, February 2002 College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, February 2002 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington D.C., January 2002 University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, January 2002 Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, January 2002 National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics, Baltimore, MD, August 2001 Society of Labor Economists, Annual Meetings, Austin, TX, April 2001 Cleometrics Conference, Oxford, OH, May 1999

### HONORS AND AWARDS

- □ Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence, *Outstanding Author Contribution*, for "Consumption and Income Poverty over the Business Cycle" published in *Research in Labor Economics*, 2012.
- **University of Notre Dame,** *Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*, 2010
- D National Tax Journal, Referee-of-the-Year Award, 2008

- **Center for Poverty Research, University of Kentucky**, *Emerging Scholars Program*, 2004
- **The W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research**, *Dissertation Award Winner*, 2003
- **Northwestern University**, *Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award*, 1998-1999 and 1999-2000
- **University of Notre Dame**, *Helen Kellogg Award*, Distinguished senior thesis, 1993

### ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Northwestern University, Evanston, IL Instructor, Department of Economics, 2000-2001
- Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Chicago, IL
   Research Assistant, Economic Research Department, Summer 1998
- ABN AMRO North America, Chicago, IL Investment Officer, Economic and Treasury Research Department, 1994-1996
- □ Mount St. Michael Academy, Bronx, NY *Teacher*, 1993-1994