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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, 2001. Advisor: B. Ravikumar.
M.A., Economics, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, 1998.
B.A., Economics, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, 1996.

RESEARCH AREAS

Immigration, Macroeconomics, EITC, Growth, Education

EMPLOYMENT

- Gretchen Hoadley Burke '81 Endowed Chair in Regional Studies, Colgate University, January 2011–present.
- Associate Professor of Economics, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, 2008–present.
- Assistant Professor of Economics, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, 2001–2008.
 - Courses: Intermediate Macroeconomics, Topics in International Economics, Applied Economic Theory, Seminar in International Economics, Causes and Consequences of Immigration (first-year seminar), Economics of Poverty in the US.
 - Department service: Department seminar coordinator, honors advisor, academic advisor, summer research advisor, tutor coordinator, website coordinator, hiring committees, ODE faculty coordinator, London Economics Study Group director (2007, 2011).
- Research Assistant, Institute for Economic Research, University of Iowa, 1999–2001.
 - Co-produced the *Iowa Economic Forecast*. June 1999–June 2001; quarterly.
 - Co-produced *The Regional Economic Impact of the University of Iowa*. June 2000.
- Instructor and Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Iowa, 1996–1999.
 - Instructor: Principles of Microeconomics.
 - Teaching Assistant: Graduate Macroeconomic Theory, Monetary Economics, Principles of Microeconomics, Managerial Economics.

REFEERED PUBLICATIONS

- Polgreen, Linnea and Nicole Simpson, 2011. “Happiness and International Migration.” *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 12(5), 819-840.
- Athreya, K., D. Reilly and N. Simpson, 2010. “The Earned Income Tax Credit: Life-cycle Income, Marginal Tax Rates, Wealth and Credit Constraints.” *Economic Quarterly* 96(3): 229-258.
- Simpson, N., Tiefenthaler, J. and J. Hyde, 2010. “The Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Economic Well-being: A Comparison across Household Types,” *Population Research and Policy Review* 29:843-864.
- Mitchell, D., Rebelein, R., Schneider, P., Simpson, N. and E. Fisher, 2009. “A Classroom Experiment on Exchange Rate Determination with Purchasing Power Parity,” *Journal of Economic Education* 40(2), 150-165.
- Fairchild, Stephen and Nicole B. Simpson, 2008. “A Comparison of Mexican Migrant Remittances across U.S. Regions,” *Contemporary Economic Policy* 26(3), 360-379.
- Blankenau, William F., Nicole B. Simpson and Marc Tomljanovich, 2007. “Public Education Expenditures, Taxation and Growth: Linking Data to Theory,” *American Economic Review* 97(2), 393-97.

- Athreya, Kartik B. and Nicole B. Simpson, 2006. "Unsecured Debt with Public Insurance: From Bad to Worse," *Journal of Monetary Economics* 53(4), 797-825.
- Polgreen, Linnea and Nicole B. Simpson, 2006. "Recent Trends in the Skill Composition of Legal U.S. Immigrants," *Southern Economic Journal* 72(4), 938-57.
- Simpson, Nicole B., Tomljanovich, Marc I. and Georgiev, George, 2005. "Macroeconomic Fundamentals and Net Portfolio Investment between Developed Regions," *International Finance* 8 (2), 303-27.
- Blankenau, William F. and Nicole B. Simpson, 2004. "Public Education Expenditures and Growth," *Journal of Development Economics* 73(2), 583-605.
- Fairchild, Stephen and Nicole B. Simpson, 2004. "Mexican Migration to the United States Pacific Northwest," *Population Research and Policy Review* 23(3), 219-34.

EDITED CHAPTERS,

- Simpson, Nicole, 2012. "Happiness and Migration," *International Handbook on the Economics of Migration*, Editors: Klaus F. Zimmermann and Amelie F. Constant, Edward Elgar Publishing Limited.

EXTERNAL GRANTS

- Owen, Ann, Roisin O'Sullivan, Robert Rebelein, Nicole Simpson and Marc Tomljanovich. "Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges (Summers 2007-2011)," *National Science Foundation*, February 2007. Grant # SES-0647278; \$53,745.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- "The Short- and Long-Run Determinants of Unskilled Immigration into U.S. States," with C. Sparber. Submitted July 2011.
- "Credit Scores and College Investment: Implications for Student Loan Policies," with F. Ionescu. Submitted April 2011.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Migration Theory: Determinants of Immigration," with C. Sparber and Orn Bodvarsson (chapter for *Handbook on the Economics of International Migration*).
- "What Should Be Taught in Intermediate Macroeconomics" with R. O'Sullivan and P. de Araujo.
- "Credit Status and College Attainment," joint with F. Ionescu and D. Gicheva.
- "The Earned Income Tax Credit: Insurance Without Disincentives?" with K. Athreya and D. Reilly.

PRESENTATIONS (in the last 5 years)

- "The Response of Recent U.S. Immigration to Short- and Long-Term GDP Differentials"
Union College, April 2011
- "Assessing the Clinton Presidency" Panel Discussion
Parents Weekend, Colgate University, October 2010.
- "The Earned Income Tax Credit: Insurance Without Disincentives?"
Midwest Macroeconomic Meetings, Michigan State University, April 2010
- "The Response of Recent U.S. Immigration to Short- and Long-Term GDP Differentials"
Colgate University Brown Bag Lunch (joint with C. Sparber), March 2010
- "The Transmission of Credit Scores through the Market for School Loans," with F. Ionescu.
Fordham University, November, 2009
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Nov 2009
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Sept 2009
University of Virginia, Sept 2009
Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges, August 2009, Hamilton College

- Midwest Macroeconomic Meetings, University of Indiana, May 2009
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, April 2009
- “The Market for Private School Loans: The Intergenerational Transmission of Credit Scores”
University of Iowa Alumni Workshop, April 2009
- “Colgate Students Making an Impact through Free Tax Preparation Services”
Rotary Club Speaker, Hamilton, NY, December 2009
Alumni Club Event Speaker, Colgate Club of Central NY, in Hamilton, April 2009
- “Is Capitalism Dead? A Panel Discussion on the Economic Crisis and the Response of Policy Makers”
Reunion College, Colgate University, June 2009, June 2010
- “Putting the Current Recession into Perspective and Evaluating Obama's Options”
Alumni Club Event Speaker, Colgate Club of Atlanta, April 2009
Lifelong Learning Lecturer, Colgate University, April 2009
Alumni Club Event Speaker, Colgate Club of the Rockies, in Denver, CO, Jan 2009
- “Happiness and International Migration”
American Economic Association, San Francisco, CA, January 2009
Lafayette College, September 2008
- “The Effects of Redistributive Policies on Education and Migration”
Western Economic Association Meetings, Seattle, WA, July 2007
- “A Classroom Experiment on Exchange Rate Determination with Purchasing Power Parity”
Western Economic Association Meetings, Seattle, WA, July 2007
American Economic Association Meetings, Chicago, IL, January 2007
- “Public Education Expenditures, Taxation and Growth: Linking Data to Theory”
Colorado College, January 2008
American Economic Association Meetings, Chicago, IL, January 2007
Department Seminar, Colgate University/Hamilton College, November 2006
Midwest Macroeconomic Meetings, Iowa City, IA, May 2005
Five College Junior Faculty Research Seminar, Amherst College, April 2005
Eastern Economic Association Meetings, New York City, NY, March 2005
NY State Economic Association Meetings, Ithaca, NY, October 2004
- “Recent Trends in Mexican Migration to the U.S.”
Division of Social Sciences Colloquium, Colgate University, April 2006
- “Variation in the Remittances of Mexican Migrants across U.S. Regions”
Western Social Science Association Meetings, Phoenix, AZ, April 2006

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (in the last 5 years)

- National Conference on Teaching Economics and Research in Economic Education, Stanford University, June 2011. Panelist and discussant.
- Eastern Economic Association, Program Committee and Session Organizer, NYC, February 2011.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Research Conference on Remittances and Immigration, November 2010, Discussant.
- Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges, August 2010, Colgate University. Workshop host and co-organizer.
- Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges, August 2009, Hamilton College. Workshop co-organizer and presenter.
- Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges, August 2008, Drew University. Workshop co-organizer and discussant.
- Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges, August 2007, Smith College. Workshop co-organizer, session chair and discussant.
- Western Economic Association Meetings, Seattle, WA, July 2007. Discussant.
- Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges, August 2006, Vassar College. Workshop co-organizer and discussant.

Western Social Science Association Meetings, Phoenix, AZ, April 2006. Discussant.
Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges, August 2005, Colgate University. Workshop co-organizer and discussant.
Western Economic Association Meetings, San Francisco, CO, July 2005. Discussant.
Midwest Macroeconomic Meetings, Iowa City, IA, May 2005. Session chair.
Eastern Economic Association Meetings, New York City, NY, March 2005. Session organizer.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

NY Federal Reserve Bank, The Fed in the 21st Century," March 2011.
CeMENT Regional Workshop for Women Junior Faculty in Economics. Co-sponsored by the American Economic Association, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession and the National Science Foundation; Washington DC, November 2009; for female economists.
Teaching Innovation Program. Co-sponsored by the American Economic Association and the National Science Foundation; Washington DC, June 2005.
CeMENT Regional Workshop for Women Junior Faculty in Economics. Co-sponsored by the American Economic Association, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession and the National Science Foundation; Washington DC, February 2004.
Short Course on Computer Simulations in Teaching Macroeconomics. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation; Memphis, TN, June 2003.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Referee: *National Science Foundation, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Development Economics Southern, Economic Journal, Economic Inquiry, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Economics and Business, International Migration, China Economic Review, International Migration Review, and Journal of Economics Education.*
- Membership in Omicron Delta Epsilon, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession, Econometric Society, American Economic Association.

RECENT PRESS

- "[The Apathy Curve: The world's unhappiest and most content are on the move. What about those stuck in the middle?](#)" Foreign Policy, Jan/Feb 2012.
- "[Richmond Fed's Economic Quarterly Examines the Effects of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Lower Income Families.](#)" Marketwatch.com, December 21, 2010.
- "[Utica's Shrinking Tax Base Tied to Lagging Economy.](#)" Utica Observer-Dispatch, March 27, 2010.
- "Home-building slows to crawl around region," The Observer-Dispatch, March 29, 2009.
- "[Volunteers ease stress of tax time.](#)" Chicago Tribune, March 2007, Carolyn Bigda. The story also ran in the Morning Call (Penn.), Hartford Courant (Conn.), Baltimore Sun, and Advocate (Conn.) newspapers, as well as on KTLA-TV News in Los Angeles.
- "[A Credit with Too Few Takers.](#)" Washington Post, Feb. 26, 2006.
- "Students Offer Tax Help," Oneida Dispatch article, Feb. 21, 2006 (PDF)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Faculty Representative: Advisory & Planning Committee (2008-2010), Committee On Athletics (2008-2010), Off-Campus Study Committee and Task Force (2008-2011), Economic Environment Working Group (2009– 2010), Athletic Scholarship Review (2008-2009), University Budget Committee (2002– 2007), University Strategic Planning and Steering Group (2002–2003)
- Upstate Institute Fellow (2005-present) and Advisory Board (2008-present)
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Coordinator (2002-present)

- Football Faculty Liaison (2010-present)
- Hiring Committee Member: Assistant/Associate Director of Career Services (2002), Assistant Dean of Admissions (2006), Assistant Professor of Economics (2005, 2007, 2011), COVE Director (2010), Academic Enhancement Coordinator (2010)