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EDUCATION	Ph.D. Economics, University of California, San Diego, 2012 (advisor: Julie Cullen) B.A. Economics (with honors), Stanford University, 2006	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Education economics, affirmative action, college admissions	
PUBLICATIONS	The Effect of Banning Affirmative Action on Human Capital Accumulation Prior to College Entry (with Kate Antonovics, forthcoming, <i>IZA Journal of Labor Economics</i>) The Effect of Banning Affirmative Action on College Admissions Policies and Student Quality (with Kate Antonovics, <i>Journal of Human Resources</i> 49(2): 295-322, 2014) Were Minority Students Discouraged From Applying to University of California Campuses After the Affirmative Action Ban? (with Kate Antonovics, <i>Education Finance and Policy</i> 8(2):208-250, 2013) Do Affirmative Action Bans Lower Minority College Enrollment and Attainment? Evidence from Statewide Bans (<i>Journal of Human Resources</i> 47(2):435-455, 2012)	
UNDER REVIEW	Examining Spillover Effects from Teach For America Corps Members in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (with Michael Hansen, Victoria Brady, and Zeyu Xu) Who Transfers and Where Do they Go? Community College Students in Florida (with Erin Dunlop Velez)	
WORK IN PROGRESS	Is It Worth It? Postsecondary Education and Labor Market Outcomes for the Disadvantaged (with Harry Holzer and Erin Dunlop Velez) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented at IRP, Wisconsin, July 2014• Scheduled for presentation at CAPSEE, Sept. 2014 The Experiences of District and School Administrators with Teach For America in a High-Density District: A Qualitative Analysis (with Michael Hansen and Jeff Nelson)	
HONORS AND AWARDS	Graduate Student Tuition Awards, UCSD (2007-2012) Graduate Summer Research Award, UCSD (2008, 2010) Graduate Teaching Assistant Excellence Award, UCSD (2009) Granger Prize for most promising third year paper, UCSD (2010)	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Reviewer for <i>Economics of Education Review</i> , <i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i> , <i>Journal of Education Finance and Policy</i> , and <i>IZA Journal of Labor Economics</i>	
COMPUTER SKILLS	STATA, Matlab, L ^A T _E X, Linux, Python	