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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- **University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, IN
Co-Founder & Director, Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities, University of Notre Dame, 2013-present
Gilbert F. Schaefer College Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, 2018-2021
Rev. Thomas J. McDonagh, C.S.C., Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, 2013-2018
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, 2009-2013
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, 2002-2009
- **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
- **Institute for Research on Poverty**, Madison, WI
Affiliate, 2021-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

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- **The Consumption, Income, and Well-Being of Single Mother Headed Families 25 Years After Welfare Reform** (2021), with Jeehoon Han and Bruce Meyer, *National Tax Journal*, Vol 74:3, p. 791-824.
- **Income and Poverty in the COVID-19 Pandemic** (2020), with Jeehoon Han and Bruce Meyer, *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Summer, p. 85-118.
- **Increasing Community College Completion Rates among Low-Income Students: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial Evaluation of a Case Management Intervention** (2020), with Bill Evans Melissa Kearney, and Brendan Perry, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Volume 39:4, Fall, 930-965.
- **A Cautionary Tale of Using Data from the Tail** (2020), *Demography*, 57 (6): 2361–2368.
- **Another Plea for Caution When Using Survey Income Data From the Far-Left Tail** (2020), *Demography*, 57 (6): 2377–2381.
- **Inequality in the Joint Distribution of Consumption and Time Use** (2020), with Jeehoon Han and Bruce Meyer, *Journal of Public Economics*, Volume 191, November, 104106.
- **A Cautionary Tale about Emergency Financial Assistance without Services: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial Evaluation at a Community College** (2019), with Bill Evans, Melissa Kearney, and Brendan Perry, *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 109: 218-22.
- **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.

COMPLETED PAPERS AND PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- ❑ **Consumption and Income Inequality in the U.S. Since 1960**, with Bruce Meyer, September 2019, under review.
- ❑ **The Effect of Emergency Financial Assistance on Healthcare Use**, with Henry Downes and David Phillips, a Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities study, under review.
- ❑ **Fighting Poverty One Family at a Time: Experimental Evidence from an Intervention with Holistic, Individualized, Wrap-Around Services**, with Bill Evans, Shawna Kolka and Patrick Turner, a Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities study, under review.

REPORTS AND CHAPTERS IN BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

- ❑ **Comprehensive Approaches to Increasing Student Completion in Higher Education: A Survey of the Landscape** (2020), with Rachel Fulcher Dawson and Melissa Kearney, *Research Report, Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities*. (Also, NBER working paper 28046, November)
- ❑ **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

- ❑ **As Community College Students Return to Class, Let's Help Them Graduate**, *The Hill*, September 27, 2021.
- ❑ **Money to Stop Evictions Could Also Help Stop Crime**, with David Phillips, *Washington Post*, August 25, 2020.
- ❑ **Inequality in the Joint Distribution of Consumption and Time Use**, with Jeehoon Han and Bruce Meyer, *Vox EU*, January 10, 2019
- ❑ **Hardly Anyone Wants to Admit America is Beating Poverty**, with Bruce Meyer, *Wall St. Journal*, August 6, 2018.
- ❑ **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.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- ❑ **Consumption and Expenditures During the COVID-19 Pandemic**, with Bruce Meyer and Connor Murphy.
- ❑ **Do Homelessness Prevention Programs Prevent Homelessness? Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial**, with David Phillips.
- ❑ **Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention: A Randomized Controlled Trial**, with David Phillips.
- ❑ **The Material Well-Being of the Poor and the Middle Class Since 1980**, with Bruce Meyer.
- ❑ **Staying on Track Comprehensive Case Management to Prevent High School Dropout**, with Tom Dee and Chloe Gibbs.
- ❑ **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 and Jeehoon Han.

PERMANENT WORKING PAPERS

- ❑ **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

- ❑ **National Science Foundation** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2020-2021
- ❑ **Jameel Poverty Action Lab, North America** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2020-2023
- ❑ **Jameel Poverty Action Lab, North America** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2019-2020
- ❑ **Joyce Foundation** (PI), Research Grant, 2019-2020
- ❑ **Ascendium** (PI), Research Grant, 2019-2020
- ❑ **Smith Richardson Foundation** (co-PI), Center-based Research Grant, 2020-2022
- ❑ **Charles Koch Foundation** (co-PI), Center-based Research Grant, 2019-2021

- ❑ **Jameel Poverty Action Lab, North America** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2019-2021
- ❑ **Jameel Poverty Action Lab, North America** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2019-2022
- ❑ **Smith Richardson Foundation** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2019-2020
- ❑ **National Science Foundation** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2019-2020
- ❑ **Anonymous Foundation** (PI), Research Grant, 2019-2020
- ❑ **Kresge Foundation** (PI), Research Grant, 2017-2019
- ❑ **National Institutes of Health** (PI), Research Grant, 2017-2019
- ❑ **Jameel Poverty Action Lab, North America** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2017-2018
- ❑ **Arnold Foundation** (PI), Research Grant, 2017-2019
- ❑ **Russell Sage Foundation** (investigator), Research Grant, 2017-2019
- ❑ **National Science Foundation** (PI), Research Grant, 2016-2018
- ❑ **Raskob Foundation** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2016
- ❑ **Morgridge Foundation** (PI), Research Grant, 2015-2017
- ❑ **National Institutes of Health** (PI), Research Grant, 2015-2017
- ❑ **Lumina Foundation** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2015-2016
- ❑ **The Smith Richardson Foundation** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2015-2016
- ❑ **Russell Sage Foundation** (PI), Conference Grant, 2015
- ❑ **Raskob Foundation** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2015
- ❑ **Wilson Sheehan Foundation** (co-PI), Center Endowment, 2014-2016
- ❑ **Anonymous Foundation** (co-PI), Programmatic Grant, 2014-2016
- ❑ **Jameel Poverty Action Lab, North America** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2014
- ❑ **National Bureau of Economic Research** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2010
- ❑ **The Smith Richardson Foundation** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2008-2010
- ❑ **Earhart Foundation** (PI), Fellowship Research Grant, 2006
- ❑ **United States Department of Agriculture** (co-PI), Research Development Grant, 2006
- ❑ **National Bureau of Economic Research** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2006
- ❑ **Annie E. Casey Foundation** (co-PI), Research Grant, 2005
- ❑ **The Smith Richardson Foundation** (PI), Domestic Public Policy Research Fellowship Program, 2004
- ❑ **The W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research** (PI), Mini-Grant, 2003

INVITED POLICY PRESENTATIONS

- ❑ **Testimony, U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support**, “Hearing on Health Profession Opportunity Grants; Past Successes and Future Uses,” March 10, 2021
- ❑ **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

University of Nebraska, Omaha, December 2021
Wheaton College, September 2021
American Economic Association, Annual Meetings, virtual, January 2021
APPAM Fall Research Conference, virtual, November 2020
University of Wisconsin, October 2020
Indiana University, September 2020
Economic Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2020
Brookings Institution, Brookings Papers on Economic Activity Summer Conference, June 2020
Texas Tech, February 2020
Kansas University, February 2020
Northwestern University, January 2020
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, November 2019
Lafayette College, October 2019
Wabash College, October 2019
Illinois College, October 2019
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 Lafayette, 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

- ❑ **Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar**, 2019-2020
- ❑ **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
- ❑ **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

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

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