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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2011 – present *Assistant Professor*, North Carolina State University, Economics
2008 – 2011 *Research Assistant Professor*, North Carolina State University, Economics

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, August 2008.
Dissertation: *Women's Labor Supply and the Family*, Chair: Judith K. Hellerstein.
Fields of Specialization: Labor Economics, Health Economics, Economic Demography.
Certificate in Population Studies, University of Maryland College Park, May 2008
M.A. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, December 2005
B.S. Mathematics, Carnegie Mellon University, May 2000
Phi Beta Kappa, Graduated with University Honors

PUBLICATIONS

- “The Role of Financial Literacy in Determining Retirement Plans,” (with Robert L. Clark and Steven G. Allen), *Economic Inquiry*, (forthcoming). *NBER Working Paper* #16612.
“Effectiveness of Employer-Provided Financial Information: Hiring to Retiring,” (with Robert L. Clark and Steven G. Allen), *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings* 2012, 102(3): 1-6.
“Booms, Busts, and Divorce,” (with Judith K. Hellerstein), *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, Vol. 11: Iss. 1 (Contributions), Article 54.
“The Effects of Maternal Employment on the Health of School-Age Children.” *Journal of Health Economics*, 2011, 30: 240-257.
“Dads and Daughters: The Changing Impact of Fathers on Women’s Occupational Choices,” (with Judith K. Hellerstein), *Journal of Human Resources*, (2011), 46(2), 333-372.
“The Funding Status of Retiree Health Plans in the Public Sector,” (with Robert Clark), *Journal of Pension Economics and Finance*, April 2011, 10(2): 291-314. Previous version: *NBER Working Paper* #16450.
“Measuring Inappropriate Medical Diagnosis and Treatment in Survey Data: The Case of ADHD among School-Age Children,” (with William N. Evans and Steven T. Parente), *Journal of Health Economics*, (2010), 29(5), 657-673.

BOOKS AND PAPERS IN CONFERENCE VOLUMES

- “Pension Plan Distributions: The Importance of Financial Literacy,” with Robert Clark and Steve Allen, in Olivia S. Mitchell and Annamaria Lusardi, eds., *Financial Literacy: Implications for Retirement Security and the Financial Marketplace*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2011. Previous version: *Pension Research Council Working Paper No. 2010-27*.

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“Employer-Provided Retirement Planning Programs,” (with Robert L. Clark and Steven G. Allen), in Robert Clark and Olivia Mitchell (eds.), *Reorienting Retirement Risk Management*, Oxford University Press, October 2010.

Retiree Health Plans in the Public Sector (with Robert L. Clark), Edward Elgar Publishing, September 2010, ISBN: 978-1848447585, 176 pages.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Poole College of Management, Research Growth & Innovation Award, Spring 2012.

National Institute on Aging, *Macroeconomic Conditions and Marital Dissolution*, 1R03AG037161-01A1. PI: Melinda Morrill, Co-PI: Judith K. Hellerstein, September 2010 – August 2012, \$128,483.

The Center for State and Local Government Excellence, *Innovators in State and Local Employee and Retiree Health Insurance Benefits*, PIs: Robert Clark and Melinda Morrill, May 2010 – August 2012, \$149,529.

Social Security Administration Grant, *Evaluating Workplace Education for New Hires*, PIs: Robert Clark and Melinda Morrill, October 2009–September 2010, \$198,032. Renewed Year 2 funding, October 2010-September 2011.

Social Security Administration Quick Turn-around Project Grant, *Choices and Information Needs for Workers Leaving the North Carolina State Retirement System*, PIs: Robert Clark and Melinda Morrill, February 2010-October 2010, \$49,997.

Dissertation Research Fellowship, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Grant Number R36HS017375, 2007-2008.

Seed Grant, Maryland Population Research Center, “Property Division upon Divorce and Women and Children’s Subsequent Behavior and Wellbeing,” PIs: Judith Hellerstein and Melinda Morrill, 2008-2009.

Trainee Fellowship, Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland, 2005-2006.

PAPERS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

“Intergenerational Links in Female Labor Force Participation,” with Thayer Morrill, Revise and Resubmit requested from Labour Economics.

“What Effects Do Macroeconomic Conditions Have on Families’ Time Together?” with Sabrina Wulff Pabilonia.

“A Joint Test of Structural and Correlation Parameters in Instrumental Variables Regression When Perfect Exogeneity Is Violated,” with Mehmet Caner.

WORKING PAPERS AND SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Sticking Together During Hard Times? High Unemployment Rates and Marital Stability” (with Judith K. Hellerstein and Ben Zou), (Revising April 2012, Previous versions circulated under the title “Macroeconomic Conditions and Marital Dissolution”)

“Pension Choices of Workers at Job Separation,” with Robert Clark and David Vanderweide.

“Can Simple Informational Nudges Increase Employee Participation in 401(k) Plans?” with Robert Clark and Jennifer Maki.

“The Effect of College Education on Health?” with Kasey Buckles, Ofer Malamud, and Abigail Wozniak.

“Can Employer-Provided Pre-Retirement Planning Seminars Increase Financial Literacy and Retirement Preparedness?” with Steven Allen, Robert Clark, and Jennifer Maki.

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“Containing Health Insurance Costs for Active and Retired Public Sector Employees: Lessons from the State of North Carolina,” with Robert Clark.

PRESENTATIONS

“Sticking Together During Hard Times? High Unemployment Rates and Marital Stability,” University of Surrey (scheduled May 2012)

“Macroeconomic Conditions and Marital Dissolution,” PAA Annual Meetings (Apr 2011).

“Booms, Busts, and Divorce,” AEA Annual Meeting (Jan 2010), Elon University (Oct 2010), University of Chicago, Population Research Center (Oct 2010).

“Evaluating Workplace Education for New Hires,” Financial Literacy Research Consortium Annual Conference (Nov 2010), SEA Annual Meeting (Nov 2010).

“The Role of Information in Determining Retirement Plans,” WEAI Annual Meeting (Jul 2010).

“Intergenerational Influences on Women’s Labor Force Participation,” WEAI Annual Meeting (Jul 2010).

“Measuring Inappropriate Medical Diagnosis and Treatment in Survey Data: The Case of ADHD among School-Age Children,” TCRDC Conference (Sep 2009), Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (Nov 2009), UNC Greensboro (Mar 2010), UNC Chapel Hill (Mar 2010), Population Association of America Annual Meeting (Apr 2010), AcademyHealth 2010 Health Economics Interest Group (Jun 2010).

“A New Paradigm: a Joint Test of Structural and Correlation Parameters in Instrumental Variables Regression When Perfect Exogeneity is Violated,” Wake Forest University (Nov 2009).

“Dads and Daughters: The Changing Impact of Fathers on Women’s Occupational Choices,” Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2006), University of Arizona (Apr 2009).

“The Effects of Maternal Employment on the Health of School-Age Children,” Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2008), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2008), Research Data Center Annual Conference (2008).

TEACHING

ECG730 Topics in Labor Economics, Ph.D. Level, NC State University, Spring 2011 & 2012

ECG562 Topics in Applied Econometrics, Master’s Level, NC State University, Fall 2011 & 2012

Labor Economics, Master’s Level, NC State University, Spring 2009 & 2010

Intermediate Microeconomics, University of Maryland, College Park, Fall 2006 and Spring 2007

ADVISING

PhD Dissertations:

Christina Robinson (Committee Member), Graduated 2009

Matthew Kutch (Committee Member), Graduated 2010

Jonathan Lee (Committee Member), Expected Graduation 2012.

Jennifer Maki (Co-Chair), Expected Graduation 2013

Master’s Theses:

2010: Qi Guo (Chair), Chrystelle Khalaf (Chair), Jinjing Wang (Chair), Ruirui Sun (member)

2012: Kimberly Watson (Chair)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy, Canadian Medical Association Journal, Demography, Eastern Economic Journal, Economic Inquiry, European Economic Review, Health Economics, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Research, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of School Choice, Southern Economic Journal.

Session Organizer, PAA 2010, *Economic Recessions and Demographic Outcomes*

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Prof. Judith K. Hellerstein, University of Maryland, College Park
Department of Economics, Fall 2003 - Spring 2005, Summer 2007 - Spring 2008
Maryland Population Research Center Fellow, Fall 2005 - Spring 2006

Quantitative Research Assistant, RAND, Santa Monica, CA, 2001 - 2003

Associate Professional Staff, Johns Hopkins Univ. Applied Physics Lab., 2000-2001

Summer Internships

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington DC, Summer 2006.
Census Bureau, Suitland, MD, Summer 2005.
National Institute of Standards and Technology, Summer 1999.

SELECTED POPULAR PRESS MENTIONS

The Effects of Maternal Employment on the Health of School-Age Children

February 2011: *Times Magazine Online, News and Observer* (syndicated)

The Funding Status of Retiree Health Plans in the Public Sector

December 2010: *Newsweek, Washington Post*

Measuring Inappropriate Medical Diagnosis and Treatment in Survey Data: The Case of ADHD among School-Age Children

August 2010: *Canadian Press, LiveScience* (on MSNBC), *Telegraph UK, USA Today, Today Show, Globe and Mail, WebMD, LA Times*
Blogs: *AJC, Scientific American, Orlando Sentinel, CNN Blog*
Radio: *WUNC*

Dads and Daughters: The Changing Impact of Fathers on Women's Occupational Choices

Tara Parker-Pope, *New York Times*, Wellness Blog, February 23, 2009.
Robin Lloyd, LiveScience wire service.

Appeared on *Yahoo! News*, Monday March 16, 2009.

Appeared on *MSNBC.com*, Monday March 16, 2009.

Cynthia Graber, *Scientific American*, 60-Second Science, March 4, 2009.

Radio Interview, *The State of Things*, North Carolina Public Radio, June 18, 2009.

Employer-Provided Retirement Planning Programs

“Employers Can Assist with Financial Literacy,” *Results: Research and Graduate Studies*, North Carolina State University, December 2009.