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EMPLOYMENT

University of Pennsylvania Law School & The Wharton School July 2008 – present
Assistant Professor of Law, Business & Public Policy
Faculty Affiliate, LDI Center for Health Incentives

The University of Chicago Law School July 2006 – June 2008
John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics & Lecturer in Law
2007 Ronald H. Coase Prize for outstanding paper in Law and Economics

D. E. Shaw and Co. July 1998 – August 1999
Quantitative Analyst and Trader, Convertible Arbitrage Strategy

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology June, 2006
Ph.D. in Economics
Thesis: “Essays on the Economics of Law, Crime, and Discrimination”
Advisors: Michael Greenstone, Sendhil Mullainathan
MIT Economics Department Fellowship
Schultz Fund Grant
Russell Sage Foundation Fellowship - Summer Institute on Behavioral Economics
Teagle Fellowship

Stanford University January, 2001
M.S. in Physics
Research in particle astrophysics
Stanford Physics Graduate Fellowship
Teagle Fellowship

Harvard University June, 1998
A.B. in Physics, *magna cum laude*
Harvard College Scholarship
Robert Byrd Scholarship
National Plasma Fusion Fellowship

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

“Do Judges Vary in Their Treatment of Race?” *Journal of Legal Studies* (forthcoming, 2011) (with M. Bertrand and S. Mullainathan)

“There is No Trial Penalty” *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* (forthcoming, 2011)

“Optimal Bail and the Value of Freedom: Evidence from the Philadelphia Bail Experiment” 49 *Economic Inquiry* 750 – 770 (2011) (with C. Rohlfs)

“Did TRIPS Spur Innovation? An Analysis of Patent Duration and Incentives to Innovate” 157 *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* 1613 – 1647 (2009)

“The Luck of the Draw: Using Random Case Assignment to Investigate Attorney Ability” 74 *University of Chicago Law Review* 1145 – 1177 (2007) (with A. Yoon) (winner of the 2007 Ronald H. Coase Prize)

WORKING PAPERS

“Estimating the Deterrent Effect of Incarceration using Sentencing Enhancements” (Revise & Resubmit at *AEJ: Applied Economics*)

“Building Criminal Capital vs. Specific Deterrence: The Effect of Incarceration Length on Recidivism”

“Who has Priority? An Empirical Exploration of the First to File Rule” (with P. Wagner)

“A Market for Justice” (with D. Chen)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Outside Directors as a Brake on Corporate Control Transactions” (with M. Kahan and E. Rock)

“Learning about Real Economics in Virtual Worlds”

“How Do We Decide Who, When and How Long to Incarcerate?”

“Do More Eyes on the Road Mean Better Driving? A Field Experiment” (with L. Strahilevitz)

“Payments to Physicians and Potential Conflict of Interest” (with D. Chan, D. Chen, S. Olley)

“Patent Duration and Innovation in the Pharmaceutical Industry”

“Labor Market Experiments in a Virtual World” (with A. Cohn, E. Fehr, A. Nicklisch)

“Understanding High Skill Worker Productivity using Random Case Assignment in a Public Defender’s Office” (with A. Yoon)

“When Docs Snooze Do You Lose? Medical Resident Work Hours and Patient Outcomes”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Present status of the Cryogenic Dark Matter Search (CDMS II) experiment.”
Physica B- Condensed Matter, v. 329: 1590-1591 (2003). (with D. Akerib, et al)

“Exclusion Limits on the WIMP-nucleon cross section from the Cryogenic Dark Matter Search.” *Physical Review D* v. 66, p. 122003-1-35 (2002). (with D. Akerib, et al)

“Deployment of the first CDMS II ZIP detectors at the Stanford Underground Facility.” *Nuclear Physics B, Proceedings Supplements*, v. 110, p. 100-102 (2002). (with T. Saab, et al)

PRESENTATIONS

2011:

U Texas Law and Economics Colloquium
Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime (Torino)
Workshop on Innovation and Patent Harmonization (Boston)
Intellectual Property Scholars Conference
Petroleum University (Beijing)
International Empirical Legal Studies Conference (Taipei)
Workshop on the Law and Economics of IP and Competition Law (Munich)
American Law and Economics Association Conference
Columbia Applied Microeconomics Seminar
Berkeley Law and Economics Workshop
Harvard Law, Economics, and Organization Seminar

2010:

Northwestern Law and Economics Workshop
U Michigan Law and Economics Workshop
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies
Georgetown Law and Economics Workshop
Cornell Judgment by the Numbers Conference
NBER Summer Institute Economics of Crime Workshop
RAND Alternative Litigation Finance Academic Roundtable
U Chicago Conference on the Law and Economics of Race
U Texas Law and Economics Colloquium
U Virginia Law and Economics of Criminal Law Conference (commentator)
U Penn Health Services Research Seminar
U Penn Annenberg School Colloquium
Temple Law & Behavior Colloquium
American Economic Association Annual Meeting

2009:

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference
U Penn Empirical Research in Law Conference
Works in Progress Intellectual Property Conference
Intellectual Property Scholars Conference
NBER Summer Institute Personnel Economics Workshop
NBER Summer Institute L&E Workshop
Hebrew University Crime Workshop
Bar-Ilan University Law School Colloquium

- Rutgers Economics Colloquium
 - University of Virginia Law and Economics Workshop
 - George Mason Public Choice Seminar
 - Junior International Law Scholars Conference
 - U Penn Symposium on the Foundations of Intellectual Property Reform
- 2008:
- Conference on Empirical Legal Studies
 - Econometric Society Australasian Meeting
 - American Law and Economics Association Conference
 - University of Chicago Graduate School of Business
 - Harvard Law, Economics, and Organizations Seminar
 - George Mason Law School
 - Duke University Law School
- 2007:
- University of Pennsylvania Law School
 - Washington University Law School
 - University of Texas Law School
 - Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference
 - Conference on Empirical Legal Studies
 - University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School
 - Northwestern University, School of Law
 - NBER Crime Working Group Meeting
 - American Law and Economics Association Conference
 - Criminology and Economics Summer Workshop
 - European University Institute
 - University of Chicago Law School
 - University of Chicago Graduate School of Business
 - University of Zurich
- 2006:
- Conference on Empirical Legal Studies
 - Criminology and Economics Summer Workshop
 - Harvard Law, Economics, and Organizations Seminar
 - Harvard Law and Economics Seminar
- 2005:
- MIT Labor Economics Seminar
 - NBER Summer Institute (Law and Economics Workshop)

TEACHING

- Analytical Methods in Law
 - University of Chicago Fall 2006, Spring 2008
 - University of Pennsylvania Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010
- Law and Economics Seminar
 - University of Pennsylvania Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010
- Introduction to Intellectual Property
 - University of Pennsylvania Spring 2010, Spring 2011

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member: American Economic Association, American Law and Economics Association, American Physical Society, Econometric Society, Society for Empirical Legal Studies

Referee: American Economic Review, American Law and Economics Review, Economic Journal, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Legal Analysis, Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies