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EDUCATION

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PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2009~ **Assistant Professor**, University of Kentucky, *Lexington, KY*

2007~2009 **Research Associate**. Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University, *Durham, NC*

2004~2007 **First Lieutenant**. Republic of Korea, Army, *Seoul, Korea*

PUBLISHED PAPERS

1. "Distributional Impacts of a Local Living Wage Increase with Ability Sorting", *Economics Letters*, Vol. 112, Issue 3, 283-286
2. "The Distributional Impacts of Minimum Wage Increases when Both Labor Supply and Labor Demand are Endogenous" with Peter Arcidiacono & Walter Wessels, *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*. Vol. 29, No. 1, 12-23.
3. "Explaining Cross-Racial Differences in Teenage Labor Force Participation: Results from a Two-Sided Search Model" with Peter Arcidiacono, Alvin Murphy, & Omari Swinton. *Journal of Econometrics*, Vol. 156, No. 1, 201~211.
4. "Paying to Queue: A Theory of Persistent Differences in Nonunion Wage", with Peter Arcidiacono. *Journal of Urban Economics*, Vol. 55, No. 3, 564~579.

WORKING PAPERS

1. "The Missing Link: Estimating the Impact of Incentives on Effort and Effort on Production Using Teacher Accountability Legislation" June 2011.
2. "Does NCLB Have Teeth? Examining the Impact of Federal Accountability Sanctions in North Carolina." with Jacob Vigdor, November 2009.
3. "Optimal Mortality in Affairs of Honor." with Jeremy Sandford & Paul Shea, March 2010.
4. "Bubbles and Worthless Assets: The Curious Case of General Motors" with Jeremy Sandford & Paul Shea, August 2010 – *Revise and Resubmit at Macroeconomic Dynamics*.
5. "Optimal Matching of Teachers and Schools under Accountability Pressure" June 2011.
6. "Matching Strategies of Teachers and Schools in General Equilibrium" February 2011.

7. "How salient are performance incentives in education? Evidence from North Carolina" with Jacob Vigdor, Aug 2011

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy – Research Grant 2009. Co-PI with Jacob Vigdor

Institute of Education Sciences – Education Research Grant 2009. Co-PI with Jacob Vigdor

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NIDA Post-doctoral Fellowship at Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University 2007

MISCELLANEOUS

Presentations: AEA (2008), Duke Univ. (2008), Univ. of Kentucky (2009, 2011), UNC – Greensboro (2009), Wake Forest Univ. (2009), Martin School of Public Policy, Univ. of Kentucky (2009, 2011), APPAM Conf. (2009), PEPG Conf. - Harvard Kennedy School (2010), Gatton College of Business and Economics Faculty Symposium (2011), American Enterprise Institute (2011)

Referee: Economic Inquiry, Education Finance and Policy, Journal of Human Resources, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Applied Econometrics