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Employment

Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, 2009 - present
Researcher, Chapin Hall Center for Children, University of Chicago, 2003 - 2004
Policy Fellow, U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Policy Committee, 2002
Organizer and Asst. to National Political Director, Carpenters Union, 1995 - 2001

Education

Northwestern University, Ph.D. in Economics, 2009
University of Chicago, Masters in Public Policy, 2003
Yale University, B.A. in History, 1995

Publications

- Sojourner, A., E. Mykerezi and K. West. Teacher Pay Reform and Productivity: Panel Data Evidence from Adoptions of Q-Comp in Minnesota. Accepted at *Journal of Human Resources.*
- Duncan, G. & A. Sojourner. Can Intensive Early Childhood Intervention Programs Eliminate Income-based Cognitive and Achievement Gaps? Accepted at *Journal of Human Resources.*
- Sojourner, A. (2013) Identification of Peer Effects with Missing Peer Data: Evidence from Project STAR. *The Economic Journal*. 123(569): 574-605.
- Sojourner, A. (2013) Do Unions Promote Electoral Office Holding? Evidence from Correlates of State Legislatures' Occupational Shares. *Industrial & Labor Relations Review.* 66(2): 467-486.
- Sojourner, A., D. Grabowski, M. Chen, and R. Town. (2010). Trends in Unionization of Nursing Homes. *Inquiry*. 47(4): 331-342.

Working Papers

- Sojourner, A., R. Town, D. Grabowski, M. Chen & B. Frandsen. Impacts of Unionization Quality and Productivity: Regression Discontinuity Evidence From Nursing Homes.
- Goda, G., C. Manchester & A. Sojourner. What Will My Account Really Be Worth? Experimental Evidence on How Retirement-Income Projections Affect Saving.
- Hart, C. & A. Sojourner. Teacher Unions and Student Achievement

Invited Conferences and Seminars

Impacts of Unionization on Employment, Product Quality, and Productivity. 2012: Emory U Econ; UIllinois IR; UCBerkeley IR; UCSF Nursing; UMass Amherst Econ; IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Labor Economics conference (Germany); American Society of Health Economists; Society of Labor Economists; Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA). 2011: U Toronto (Canada) Economics; International Health Economics Association; Industry Studies Association.

Do Unions Promote Electoral Office Holding? Evidence from Correlates of State Legislatures' Occupational Shares. 2013: LERA. 2012: Association for Education Finance & Policy.

Teacher Pay Reform Can Work: Panel Data Evidence from Adoptions of Q-Comp in Minnesota. 2012: International Labor Organization/LERA Pay Systems. 2011: Minnesota Economics Association; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness; U Minnesota Applied Economics; Macalester Economics; U Minn. Econ. Applied Micro.; NBER Education Group.

What Will My Account Be Worth? Experimental Evidence on How Retirement-Income Projections Affect Saving. 2013: Cornell Univ. 2012: NY Federal Reserve; Arizona State Econ, NBER Aging Group, George Washington Univ. business school. 2011: Financial Literacy Council; U Minn. Econ. Applied Micro.

Can Intensive Early Childhood Intervention Programs Eliminate Income-based Cognitive and Achievement Gaps? 2012: World Congress on Remedies for Racial, Ethnic, and Economic Inequalities; U Minnesota - Early Career Investigators Network. 2011: Human Capital Research Collaborative.

Identification of Peer Effects with Missing Peer Data: Evidence from Project STAR. 2010: Northwestern U Economics Social Interactions Conference; Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness; Southern Economics Association; Econometric Society NASM; Institute for Education Science (poster); U Minnesota Applied Economics; Toulouse School of Economics (France); U Trento Economics (Italy). 2009: CUNY Hunter Economics; University of Chicago Harris School (Distinguished Scholar in Residence); Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Upjohn Institute for Employment Research; Urban Institute; University of Minnesota HRIR; IZA/DIW DC; Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland; RAND Corp. 2008: Harvard Kennedy School.

Teaching

Courses: Labor Economics (PhD - 2011:1, 2013:1), Labor Relations (MA - 2013:2, 2011:2, 2010:2; Undergraduate - 2013:1), Statistics (MA - 2011:2).

Dissertation Committees.

Carlson School: Ken Park (2010) Flo Honore (current).
Economics: Tolga Kuzubas (2010), Murat Cengali (2012).
Applied Econ.: Kristine West (2012), Katie Genadek (2012), Renato Ravina (current).

Refereeing

Review of Economic Studies; Economic Journal; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Public Economics; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; International Economic Review; Journal of Health Economics; Management Science; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Applied Econometrics; Industrial Relations; British Journal of Industrial Relations; Education Finance & Policy; Economics of Education Review; Organization Science; Southern Economics Journal; and Child Development.

Grants

Pension Research Council/TIAA-CREF, "Role of Exponential Growth Bias in Savings Accumulation and Decumulation Decisions" (PI with G. Goda & C. Manchester): $125,000.

U.S. Dept. of Labor Emerging Scholars, "Effects of Unionization on Occupational Fatalities" subcontract from Summit: $29,204. 9/30/13-10/31/14.

National Institutes of Health, "Human Capital Interventions Across Childhood and Adolescence" subcontract from U California Irvine. $45,365. 9/14/11 – 5/31/14.

U.S. Social Security Administration, Retirement Research Council, "What's My Account Really Worth?" (PI with G. Goda and C. Manchester): $62,265. 11/10 – 10/11.

TIAA-CREF Foundation for "What's My Account Really Worth?" (PI with G. Goda & C. Manchester): $29,216.28. 6/16/10 -7/1/11.

Carlson Dean's Small Grant for "What's My Account Really Worth?" (PI with C. Manchester): $6,364.02. 5/24/10 – 6/23/11.

Service Roles

Professional Affiliations

American Economics Association, American Society of Health Economists, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Labor & Employment Research Association, and Society of Labor Economists.

Popular writing

"From Union Halls to City Hall: How Unions Create Middle Class Public Leaders" *Policyshop blog of Demos*, Aug. 9, 2013.

"Do Income Projections Affect Retirement Saving?" *Center for Retirement Research Policy Brief*, April 2013 with G. Goda & C. Manchester.

"American job seekers think increasing the minimum wage would be good for them, and the country" *Working Economics blog of Economic Policy Institute*, Feb. 20, 2013.

Board member

Human Capital Research Collaborative, 2009-present
Spring Bank, 2010-present

Press: detail available on website.