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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

B.A. Political Economy Program, Williams College, 1981
M.P.A. Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, 1985
Ph.D. Economics, Princeton University, 1988

Major Fields of Interest

International Economics
Industrial Organization
Economic Development
Applied Econometrics

Professional Experience

J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Professor of Public Policy, Univ. of Michigan, 2003–
Associate Dean, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Univ. of Michigan, 2003–
Professor of Economics and of Public Policy, Univ. of Michigan, 1999–
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1992-present.
Area Director, William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan, 1999– .
Associate Editor, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2003 —.
Associate Editor, *Journal of Economic Literature*, 2004– .
Consultant, Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Finance, Botswana, 2005 –.
Consultant, The Presidency of South Africa, 2004.
Associate Professor, University of Michigan, 1992-1999.
Co-Editor, *Journal of International Economics*, Jan. 1996 – 1999
Board of Editors, *Journal of Economic Literature*, 1998 –
Editorial Board, *Berkeley Electronic Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy*, 2002–
Chairman, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, 1996-1997.
Associate Chairman, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, 1994-96.
Assistant Professor, University of Michigan, 1987-1992.
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1990-1992.
Instructor, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, summers 1986-1987.
Consultant, Ministry of Finance, Botswana, 1982

Visiting Positions

Visiting Professor, Tel Aviv University, 1994.
Visiting Fellow, Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm, 1991.
National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 1990–1991.
Visiting Fellow, Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm, 1989.

Honors and Awards

J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Chair in Public Policy, University of Michigan, 2003 –
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Research Grant, co-PI,
(appx. \$3 million.) 2004-2009.
Mellon Foundation Grant. Research Grant, (appx. \$400,000). 2002-2005.
Mellon Foundation Grant. Research Grant, (appx. \$300,000). 1999-2002.
Excellence in Education Award, University of Michigan (undergraduate
university-wide teaching award), 1998.
Russell Sage Foundation Grant, 1997-2000. Research grant, (appx. \$170,000).
William Wolff Award, 1995. 5-year grant awarded by the University of Michigan
for “outstanding scholarship.”
“Best Professor Award” Awarded by the University of Michigan Economics undergraduates, 1993.
National Science Foundation Grant, 1992-1994, (co-PI, with Berry and Pakes), \$228,000.
University of Michigan Faculty Fellowship for 1992.
Excellence in Education Award, University of Michigan (undergraduate
university-wide teaching award), 1991.
Hoover National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 1990-91
Rackham Faculty Grant, University of Michigan 1989-90.
Sloan Foundation Fellowship in International Economics, 1986-87
Princeton University Fellowship, 1983-86

Refereeing

Journal of International Economics
American Economic Review
Econometrica
Journal of Political Economy
Economic Journal
Review of Economics and Statistics
Review of Economic Studies
Quarterly Journal of Economics
European Economic Review
Japan and the World Economy
International Economic Review
Scandinavian Journal of Economics
Journal of Development Economics
Journal of Econometrics
Rand Journal of Economics
World Bank Economic Review
National Science Foundation
National Academy of Sciences

Published Papers

- “Empirics of Taxes on Differentiated Products: The Case of Tariffs on the U.S. Automobile Industry”, *Trade Policy Issues and Empirical Analysis*, ed. Robert Baldwin, University of Chicago Press, 1988.
- “LDC Savings Rates and Debt Crises,” (with Homi Kharas), *World Development*, Vol. 16, No. 7, (July, 1988).
- “Strategic Trade Policy When Firms Can Invest Abroad: When are Tariffs and Quotas Equivalent”, *Journal of International Economics*, Vol. 27, 129-146, August 1989.
- “Import Competition and the Stock Market Return to Capital” (with G. Grossman), *American Economic Review*, Vol. 79, 1065-1087, December 1989.
- “The Linkage Between Domestic Taxes and Border Taxes,” (with Roger Gordon), *Taxation in the Global Economy*, edited by A. Razin and J. Slemrod, University of Chicago Press, 1990.
- “Identifying the Competition,” (with Robert Feenstra), *Journal of International Economics*, Vol. 28, 199-216, 1990.
- “A Simple, Consistent Estimator for Disturbance Components in Financial Models,” (with J. MacKie-Mason), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 77, 516-520, 1990.
- “Strategic Trade Policy and Direct Foreign Investment,” in *International Trade and Trade Policy*, edited by E. Helpman and A. Razin, MIT Press, 1991. (This paper is an extended version of *JIE* (1989) cited above.)
- “Testing the Imports-As-Market-Discipline Hypothesis,” *Journal of International Economics*, Vol. 35, 1-22, 1993.
- “Tariffs, Taxes, and the Global Corporation” (with Joel Slemrod). *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 51, 97-116, May 1993.
- “Product Differentiation as a Source of Comparative Advantage?” (with David Hummels), *American Economic Review*, Vol. 83, 445-449, May 1993.
- “Applications and Limitations of Some Recent Advances in Empirical Industrial Organization: Price Indexes and the Analysis of Environmental Change” (with Steve Berry and Ariel Pakes), *American Economic Review*, Vol. 83, 247-252, May 1993.
- “International Trade and the U.S. Automobile Industry: Current Research, Issues, and Questions,” *Japan and the World Economy*, Vol. 6, 335-357, 1994.
- “Estimating Markups and Market Conduct with Multidimensional Product Attributes”, (with Robert Feenstra), *Review of Economic Studies*, Vol. 62, 19-52, 1995.
- “International Trade Theory: The Evidence,” with Edward Leamer. *Handbook of International Economics*, Vol. III, G. Grossman and K. Rogoff, (eds.), Elsevier Science B.V., pp 1339-1394, 1995.
- “Automobile Prices in Market Equilibrium,” with Steve Berry and Ariel Pakes. *Econometrica*, Vol. 63, No. 4 (July), 841-890, 1995.
- “Monopolistic Competition and International Trade: Reconsidering the Evidence” with David Hummels. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. CX, No. 3 (August), 799-836, 1995. Reprinted in Leamer (ed.) *Outstanding Contributions in Economics: International Economics*, 2001, Worth, NY.
- “Competition Policy and International Trade Policy.” *Fair Trade and Harmonization*, J. Bhagwati and R. Hudec (eds.), MIT Press, pp. 329-256, 1996.

- “CARWARS: Trying to make sense of U.S.–Japan trade frictions in the automobile and automobile parts markets,” *The Effects of U.S. Trade Protection and Trade Promotion Policies*, Robert Feenstra, editor, University of Chicago Press, pp. 11-32, 1997.
- “Employment Responses to International Liberalization in Chile,” *Journal of International Economics*, Vol 47, April, pp. 321-344, 1999.
- “Voluntary Export Restraints on Automobiles: Evaluating a Trade Policy,” with Steve Berry and Ariel Pakes, *American Economic Review*, Vol. 89, No. 3 (June), pp. 400-430, 1999.
- “Merger Policies and Trade Liberalization,” with Henrik Horn. *Economic Journal*, Vol. 111, No. 470 (April), pp. 244-276. 2001.
- “Impacts of the Indonesian Economic Crisis: Price Changes and the Poor,” with Steve Berry and Jed Friedman. “Managing Currency Crises,” edited by Michael Dooley and Jeffrey Frankel, University of Chicago Press/NBER, 2003.
- “Estimating Production Functions Using Inputs to Control for Unobservables,” with Amil Petrin, *Review of Economic Studies*, Vol. 70(2), No. 243 (April), pp. 317-342, 2003.
- “The Distributional Impacts of Indonesia’s Financial Crisis on Household Welfare: A “Rapid Response” Methodology,” with Jed Freidman, *World Bank Economic Review*, Volume 16, No. 3, pp. 397-424, 2003.
- “The Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper Approach: Good Marketing or Good Policy?” in *Challenges to the World Bank and IMF: Developing Country Perspectives*, Ariel Buiara, Editor, Anthem Press, 2003.
- “Differentiated Products Demand Systems from a Combination of Micro and Macro Data: The New Car Market,” with Steve Berry and Ariel Pakes, *Journal of Political Economy*, Volume 112, Number 1, Part 1, February, pp. 68-105, 2004.
- “Production Function Estimation in Stata Using Inputs to Control for Unobservables,” with Amil Petrin and Brian Poi, *The Stata Journal*, Vol. 4, No. 2, pp. 113-123, 2004.
- “The Competitive Neighbors Approach to Analyzing Differentiated Product Mergers,” with Paul Johnson and Richard Higgins, *Antitrust Law and Economics*, Vol. 21, pp. 459-473, 2004.
- “Savings, Insurance and Debt over the Post-apartheid Period: A Review of Recent Research,” with Ardington, C., Lam, D., and Leibbrandt, M., *South African Journal of Economics*, 72(3): 604-657, 2004.

Published Reviews and Comments

- “Review of *Empirical Methods for International Trade*”, *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 27, pp. 1192-3, 1989.
- “Comment on “The Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States,” by Edward Ray,” *Trade Policies for International Competitiveness*, edited by Robert Feenstra, University of Chicago Press, 1989.
- “Review of *International Integration, Market Structure and Prices*”, *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 28, pp. 713-14, 1990.
- “Comment on “Alternative Models of Trade Policy in the European Car Market,” by Alasdair Smith,” forthcoming in *Empirical Studies of Strategic Trade Policy*, edited by Paul Krugman and Alasdair Smith, University of Chicago Press.
- “Review of *A General Equilibrium Analysis of U.S. Foreign Trade Policy*”, *Journal of International Economics*, Vol. 34, 193-195, Feb. 1993.

“Comment on *U.S. Trade Policy Implications of a New Approach to Modelling the Demand for Automobiles* by Penny Koujianou Goldberg. *Japan and the World Economy*, Vol 6, 1994.

“Review of *Competition Policies for an Integrated World Economy* by. F.M. Scherer”, *Journal of International Economics*, Vol. 40, 245-247, Feb. 1996.

Books

“New Directions in Trade Theory,” co-edited with Alan Deardorff and Robert Stern. University of Michigan Press, 1995.

Web Sites/Virtual Books

“Analysis of Survey Data for Social Science Research,” www.psc.isr.umich.edu/saproject. A distance learning tool devoted to data analysis in South Africa. 2003.

“Globalization and the U.S. Labor Market,” <http://www.dartmouth.edu/glm/>. An on-line book co-authored with Gordon Hanson, Michael Knetter, Edward Leamer, and Matthew Slaughter. 2002.

Working Papers

“Does Food Aid Harm the Poor? Household Evidence from Ethiopia,” with Margaret McMillan, NBER Working Paper 11048, 2005.

“Globalization and the Returns to Speaking English in South Africa,” NBER Working Paper 10985, 2004.

“Measuring and Mismeasuring Industry Productivity Using Plant-level Data,” with Amil Petrin. December 2004.

“Fooling Ourselves: Evaluating the Globalization and Growth Debate,” with Juan Carlos Hallak. NBER Working Paper 10244. 2004.

“A Review of the World Bank’s Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper Approach,” 2002.

“The Micro-Foundations of Productivity Growth,” with Amil Petrin, 2003.

“Creative Destruction or Simply Destruction: The U.S. Textile and Apparel Industries since 1972, with Wendy Petropoulos, 2001.

“Responses to Globalization: The U.S. Textile and Apparel Industries,” 2003. Book Manuscript.

Resting Papers

“Agricultural Pricing Policies in Senegal” (with A. Braverman and J. Hammer), World Bank CPD Discussion Paper, 1983.

Essays in International Competition, Ph.D. Dissertation, Princeton University, 1987.

“Which Tool is Right for the Job: Agricultural Pricing Policies for Large Developing Countries” (with Marie Thursby), 1989.

“Productivity in the U.S. Auto Industry: Evidence from multiple perspectives,” January, 1997.

Work in Progress

“Productivity in a Differentiated Products Market Equilibrium,” with Marc Melitz, present.

“Public Policy and Household Allocations in South Africa,” with David Lam and Murray Leibbrandt, present.