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### EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS  
Ph.D., Economics, November 1996. Fields: labor economics, public economics.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
M.I.A., School of International and Public Affairs, May 1991.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK, MAINE  
B.A. in Economics and Russian, May 1985 (*summa cum laude* with High Honors in Economics).

### CURRENT POSITION

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS  
Susan and Barton Winokur Professor of Economics and Women's and Gender Studies, July 2009 - present.

### OTHER POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, WILLIAMS COLLEGE, WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS  
Assistant Professor, 1996-2002; Associate Professor, 2002-2008; Professor, 2008 - 2009.

RADCLIFFE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
Radcliffe Institute Fellow, 2005 - 2006 academic year.

ASSOCIATION FOR COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC STUDIES  
Executive Committee, January 2005 - December 2008.

DAVIS CENTER FOR RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
Davis Center Associate, September 2004 - present.

EDITORIAL BOARD, *JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE ECONOMICS*  
January 2003 - January 2006.

CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH, LONDON  
Research Affiliate, January 2002 - present.

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF LABOR (IZA), BONN  
Research Fellow, May 2000 - present.

THE WILLIAM DAVIDSON INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BUSINESS SCHOOL  
Davidson Institute Research Fellow, 1999 - present.

## PUBLICATIONS

“Reassessing the Standard of Living in the Soviet Union: An Analysis Using Archival and Anthropometric Data,” forthcoming, *The Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 70, no. 1 (March 2010), 83 - 117.

“Autopsy on an Empire: Understanding Mortality in Russia and the Former Soviet Union,” (with David M. Cutler, Harvard University), *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 19, no. 1 (Winter 2005), 107 - 130.

“Importing Equality? The Impact of Globalization on Gender Discrimination,” (with Sandra E. Black, UCLA), *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, Vol. 57, no. 4 (July 2004), 540 - 559.

“Five Years After: The Impact of Mass Privatization on Wages in Russia, 1993 - 1998,” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol. 30, no. 1 (March 2002), 160 - 190.

“Inequality and Mortality During Russia’s Economic Transition,” in Richard B. Freeman, editor, *Inequality Around the World* (London: Palgrave, 2002), 162 - 187.

“Economic Reform and Mortality in the Former Soviet Union: A Study of the Suicide Epidemic in the 1990s,” *European Economic Review*, Vol. 45 no. 4-6 (May 2001), 995-1006.

“Women in Transition: Changes in Gender Wage Differentials in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union,” *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, Vol. 54 no. 1 (October 2000), 138 - 162.

“Winners and Losers in Russia’s Economic Transition,” *American Economic Review*, Vol. 88 no. 5 (December 1998), 1094 - 1116.

“Market Reform and Mortality in Transition Economies,” *World Development*, Vol. 26 no. 11 (November 1998), 2013 - 2027.

“The Role of Social Capital in the Russian Mortality Crisis,” (with Ichiro Kawachi and Bruce P. Kennedy, Harvard School of Public Health), *World Development*, Vol. 26 no. 11 (November 1998), 2029 - 2043.

*The Labor Market and Policy Reform in Ukraine: An Overview*, Centre for Cooperation with the Economies in Transition, OECD, Paris, 1995.

## UNPUBLISHED PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Demographic Transformation of Post-Socialist Countries: Causes, Consequences, and Questions,” invited paper, United Nations University-WIDER Conference, Helsinki: Reflections on Transition: Twenty Years After the Fall of the Berlin Wall, September 2009.

“Dying to Be Equal? Understanding the Growing Gap in U.S. - European Female Life Expectancy,” with Sandra Black (UCLA), work in progress.

“Life and Death in Russia’s Great War and Revolution,” invited chapter, *Russia’s Great War and Revolution, 1914-1922: The Centennial Reappraisal* (Anthony Heywood and John Steinberg, general editors), work in progress.

“Missing Women in the Former Soviet Union? Son Preference and Children’s Health During Transition,” work in progress.

“Uncounted Costs of World War II: The Effect of Changing Sex Ratios on Marriage and Fertility of Russian Women,” March 2008. Presented at the American Economic Association meetings, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard Univ., CUNY Graduate Center Labor and Human Resource Seminar, Harvard Economic History Workshop, Society of Labor Economists.

“Death and the Market,” (with Elena Varavikova, Russian Ministry of Health), August 2006. Presented at the Dartmouth Micro Seminar, the Rutgers Econometrics and Empirical Micro Workshop, the Harvard Labor Seminar, and the Berkeley Transition Economics Seminar.

“The Economic Effects of the 1918 Influenza Epidemic,” (with Mark Siegler, California State University, Sacramento), CEPR Discussion Paper 3791, November 2003. Presented at the NBER Summer Institute.

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Radcliffe Institute Fellow, 2005 - 2006 academic year.

National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, 2004 National Research Competition Fellowship, January 2005 - June 2006.

William Davidson Institute 2003 Research Competition (postdoctoral research fellowship), January 1 - December 31, 2004. Project title: *Autopsy on an Empire: Understanding Mortality in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe*.

International Research and Exchanges Board, 2001 John J. and Nancy Lee Roberts Fellowship.  
Project title: *Living Standards and Health in Postwar Russia: Investigating Precursors to the Russian Mortality Crisis of the 1990s*. Grant period: July 2001 - February 2003.

World Health Organization, Commission on Macroeconomics and Health, grant for study of mortality in Russia (with Elena Varavikova, Russian Ministry of Health), 2001.

German Marshall Fund Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1999 - 2000 academic year.

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 1994.

Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellowship, Harvard University, 1991 - 1992.

## SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- United Nations University-WIDER Conference, Helsinki: Reflections on Transition: Twenty Years After the Fall of the Berlin Wall, September 2009.
- Harvard History Department seminar, Harvard University, April 2009.
- Eastern Economic Association meetings (discussant), February 2009.
- Society of Labor Economists, 2008 meetings, New York, NY, May 2008.
- Harvard Economics Department, joint Public Finance/Economic History seminar, March 2008.
- Williams College International Studies Colloquium, March 2007.
- Williams College Faculty Lecture Series, "Russia's Demographic Crisis: Causes, Consequences and Questions," February 2007.
- Harvard School of Public Health, Program on the Global Demography of Aging, January 2007.
- Organizer and presenter, session on "Causes and Consequences of Gender Imbalances in Asia and Russia," ASSA Meetings, Chicago, January 2007.
- CUNY Graduate Center in Labor and Human Resource Seminar, May 2006.
- Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Comparative Economics Seminar, Harvard University, February 2004; March 2006.
- Symposium on Russian and Eurasian Studies and the Social Sciences, Harvard Univ., May 2005.
- Conference on Health and Demography in the Former Soviet Union, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, April 2005.
- Economic Development and Transition Seminar, William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan, December 2003.
- Conference on Performance and Efficiency in the USSR: New Measurements and the Bergson Legacy, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard Univ., November 2003.
- Harvard Economic History Workshop, October 2003.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member, AAASS Edward A. Hewett Book Prize Committee, 2009 - present.
- Reviewer, Radcliffe Fellowship Program, 2006 - present.
- Selection Committee, Montias Prize 2006, awarded for the best paper published in the *Journal of Comparative Economics* between 2004 and 2005.
- Selection Committee, William Davidson Institute 2006 Research Competition.
- Fulbright Scholar National Selection Committee, Eurasia Region, Institute of International Education, New York, 2002, 2003, 2005.
- Research proposal evaluator, CERGE-EI/Global Development Network Global Research Competition, 2002 - present.
- Professional Development Fellowship Selection Committee, Institute of International Education, New York, 2001, 2002, 2003.
- Invited member, The Russia Initiative Social Cohesion Task Force, a multidisciplinary task force on Russia organized by the Carnegie Corporation. Report published in *Russia Initiative: Reports of the Four Task Forces*, Carnegie Corporation, 2000.
- Invited speaker, National Intelligence Council conference on "Russian Health Trends and Their Implications," October 1999. Remarks included in the National Intelligence Council Seminar Series Report *Russia's Physical and Social Infrastructure: Implications for Future Development* (December 2000).
- Guest lecturer, HSB 250, "Inequality and Health," Harvard School of Public Health, January 1997.

## REFEREE

*American Economic Journal: Applied Econ.*    *Journal of Economic History*  
*American Economic Review*                    *Journal of Health Economics*  
*Comparative Economic Studies*            *Journal of Human Resources*  
*Economic Develop. and Cultural Change*    *Journal of Political Economy*  
*Economics and Human Biology*            *Journal of Population Economics*  
*Economic Journal*                              *Labour Economics*  
*Economic Systems*                            *National Science Foundation*  
*Economics of Planning*                      *Quarterly Journal of Economics*  
*Economics of Transition*                    *Rivista di Politica Economica*  
*European Economic Review*                *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*  
*Industrial and Labor Relations Review*    *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council*  
*Journal of Applied Econometrics*           *Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics & Econometrics*  
*Journal of Comparative Economics*        *World Bank Economic Review*  
*Journal of Development Economics*        *World Development*

## TEACHING (UNDERGRADUATE)

Introduction to Economics  
Introduction to Microeconomics  
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory  
Labor Economics  
Public Economics  
Economics of Race and Gender  
Public Economics in Developing Countries  
Economic Reform in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union  
Economics of Global Health and Population