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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Massachusetts, 2000 (Economics)
Dissertation: *Intergroup Inequality: Social Identity and Economic Outcomes*
Advisor: Samuel Bowles
M.Sc. Michigan State University, 1989 (Agricultural Economics)
B.A. University of California, Berkeley, 1982 (Economics)

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Katherine Baird (2008). "Federal Direct Expenditures and School Funding Disparities, 1990-2000", *Journal of Education Finance*. Scheduled Winter, 2008.

Katherine Baird (2007). "Access to College: The role of tuition, financial aid, scholastic preparation and college supply in US public college enrollments". *Journal of Student Financial Aid*, 36(3): 16-38.

Katherine Baird (2006). "Do Prepaid Tuition Programs Affect State Support for Higher Education?" *Journal of Education Finance*, 31(3): 255-275.

Katherine Baird (2006). "The Political Economy of Prepaid Tuition Plans", *Review of Higher Education*, 26(2): 141-166.

Katherine Baird (2005). "Player Markets, Profits and Competitive Balance", *Journal of Sports Economics* 6(3): 331-334.

Katherine Baird (2005). "Baseball in Cuba: Politics, ideology and market forces", *Journal of Sport and Social Issues* 29(2): 164-183.

Katherine Baird (2004). "Dominance in College Football and The Role of NCAA Scholarship Restrictions", *Journal of Sport Management* 18(3): 217-235.

Katherine E. Baird (1992). "Prospects for Development in Africa's Agricultural Sector", in *International Trade and Market Development Policy* (John Helmuth and Don Hadwiger, eds). Greenwood Publishing Group (with Dirck Stryker, 50% authorship).

Working Papers

Katherine Baird (2004). "Do Prepaid Tuition Plans Affect State Support for Higher Education?" Institute Monograph Series # 05-02, University of Houston Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance. Houston: IHELG.

Katherine Baird (2004). "The Political Economy of Prepaid Tuition Plans", Institute Monograph Series # 05-03, University of Houston Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance. Houston: IHELG.

Unpublished Papers

“Assessing Student Learning of Math in High School: What Do Student-Level Test Results Tell Us (under review).

“Assessing the Quality of Paraguay’s Educational System” (in progress, with Rodolfo Elías).

“How Level is the Playing Field? Socioeconomic Status and Math Scores in Developed Countries” (in progress)

“The Retention of Transfer College Students: An analysis of student and institutional factors” (2006).

Book Reviews

Review of Michael Jennings (2004), *Alaska Native Political Leadership and Higher Education: One University, Two Universes*, in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 96(1): 53-54.

Editorials

“State should respond to climate changes now, not later”, *Tacoma News Tribune*, Jan 23, 2007.

“Trust-fund debate clouds real issues”, *Tacoma News Tribune*, March 27, 2005.

“Debate over test data signals serious approach”, *Tacoma News Tribune*, September 5, 2004.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

“Are Flat Taxes Good Taxes?”, presentation to the Tacoma Rotary Club, March 14, 2007.

“Barriers to College: The role of cost, supply and preparation on college enrollments in the US”, presentation to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Annual Conference, Seattle, July 5, 2006.

“Barriers to College: The role of cost, supply and preparation on college enrollments in the US”, presentation to the Student Financial Aid Research Network Conference, Providence, Rhode Island, June 23, 2006.

“Going Deep: The Economics of College Sports”, lecture, University of Washington Economics Alumni Association, Kane Hall, University of Washington, November 5, 2005.

“The Role of Federal Education Expenditures on School Spending Disparities”, presentation to the National Center for Education Statistics Summer Data Conference, Washington, D.C., July 28, 2005.

“Is There A Crisis with Social Security?” presentation to Temple Beth-El Lunch Lecture Series, March 25, 2005.

“Tax Policy and Tax Reform: What’s At Stake?” presentation to the Kent Chamber of Commerce Lunch Lecture Series, December 16, 2003.

Recent Conference Presentations

“Assessing the Quality of Paraguay’s Educational System”, Seminar on the Quality of Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, Interamerican Development Bank. Washington, D.C., October 2007.

“Explaining Student Learning of Math in High School: A multi-level analysis of the role of school and individual characteristics”, paper presented to American Educational Finance Association Conference, Baltimore, March 2007.

“Barriers to College: The role of cost, supply and preparation on college enrollments in the US”, paper presented to Western Social Science Association Conference, Albuquerque, April 2005.

“Barriers to College: The role of cost, supply and preparation on college enrollments in the US”, paper presented to University and Community Conference, Cienfuegos, Cuba, January 2005.

“Do Prepaid Tuition Plans Affect State Support for Higher Education?” paper presented to Western Economic Association International Annual Meetings, Vancouver, July 2004.

“The Political Economy of Prepayment Tuition Plans for Financing Higher Education”, paper presented at Western Economic Association International Annual Meetings, Denver 2003.

“Baseball in Cuba: Ideology, Politics and Market Forces”, paper presented to Western Economic Association International Annual Meetings, Denver 2003.

“Do NCAA Regulations Improve Competitive Balance in Football?” Western Economic Association Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington, July 2002.

“Public School Integration, Inequality and the Private School Share” Allied Social Science Associations, Boston, January 2000.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Workshop and Seminar Participation

U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics’ *International Studies Database Training Seminar*, invited participant (Washington, D.C.). June 4-6, 2007.

Graduate Seminar, *Child Poverty*. 10-week course taught by Professor Robert Plotnick (University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs). Spring 2007.

Washington Educational Research Association Symposium, *Achievement Growth Models*, June 2, 2006.

University of Houston Law Center's Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance, *Higher Education Finance Roundtable*, invited participant. May 17-20, 2006.

U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics’ *Education Finance Database Training Seminar* (Fiscal-Nonfiscal dataset), invited participant (Washington, D.C.). May 16-18, 2005.

Seminar on Education and Poverty, 10-week course taught by Professor Ginger MacDonald (University of Washington Tacoma). Winter 2004.

U.S. Census Workshop: Focus on Washington. Day Workshop offered by Calm River Demographics (Bellevue, Washington). August 4, 2003.

Summer Workshop on New Developments in Behavioral Economics, Santa Fe Institute, invited participant (Santa Fe). July 15-22, 2001.

Professional Memberships

American Education Finance Association; Association for the Study of Higher Education; Allied Social Science Association; Western Economic Association International; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Washington Educational Research Association

SELECT ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DUTIES

Editorial Advisory Board, Journal of Education Finance (2008-present)

Affiliate, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington (2005- present).

Affiliate, Canadian Studies Center, University of Washington (2007-present)

Coordinator, Political Economy Major, UWT (2003-2007).

Member, UWT Committee on Student Retention (2005-2007).

Member, UWT Student Conduct Committee (2003-2006).

Reviewer, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, State and Local Government Review

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Winter 2008 Fulbright Lecturer in Economics, Universidad del País Vasco (Bilbao, Spain)

Fall 2006-present Associate Professor, University of Washington Tacoma

Fall 2000-2006 Assistant Professor, University of Washington Tacoma
Courses: Microeconomics, Public Finance, Economics of Education, Environmental Economics, Economics of Sports, Urban Policy, Economic Emergence of Asia

Fall 1999- Spring 2000 Adjunct Faculty. Quinnipiac College, Hamden, CT
Courses: Microeconomics

Spring 1996 Instructor. University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Course: Advanced Microeconomics

Fall 1993- Fall 1994 Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Course: Graduate Microeconomics

Fall 1992- Spring 1993 Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Courses: Microeconomics and Macroeconomics

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Steering Committee Member. Climate Change Economic Impact Committee, Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development. Member of committee preparing report for the State of Washington and the Governor's Office assessing the costs of global warming for Washington State, and possible responses. (January 2006-January 2007)

Task Force Member. City of Tacoma. Member of 11-person task force advising the City of Tacoma on restructuring its tax system. (February 2006-September 2006)

Coordinator, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities. Coordinated UMass- Amherst's efforts to secure USAID funds for reforming education in South Africa. (January 1995 - May 1995)

Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Durban-Westville, South Africa. Conducted research on migration. (June-August 1993)

Economist. Associates for International Resources and Development (AIRD), Cambridge, Massachusetts. Conducted comparative advantage studies; developed models assessing seasonal food availability, the environmental costs of irrigation, and the feasibility of watershed development. (August 1989 - May 1991)

Research Assistant, Food Security Project in Africa, Michigan State University, Department of Agricultural Economics. Analyzed research survey data on Somalia and Zambia. (September 1987 - August 1989)

Agricultural Extension Agent, U.S. Peace Corps and Mauritanian Ministry of Rural Development. Supervised 200 acres of irrigated rice, corn, sorghum and vegetables. Initiated the country's first cooperative fruit tree project. Designed and obtained credit for village grain storage system. Organized women's producer and consumer cooperative. (July 1984 - April 1987)

Research Assistant. Analyzed hazardous waste, energy and labor laws and regulations. Prepared federal and state policy documents for the promulgation of regulations. ICF, Inc., Washington, D.C. (October 1982 - April 1984)

GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS

Research Grants and Fellowships

Interamerican Development Bank, investigator (2007-2008). Network Study on Quality of Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Case Study of Paraguay.

US Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, investigator (2006-2008). "*An Efficacy Study of the Think Time Strategy for Schools*".

Washington Educational Research Association, Research Grant, principal investigator (2006-07). "*Explaining Student Learning of Math in High School: A multi-level analysis of the role of school and individual characteristics*"

National Association of Student Aid Administrators, Sponsored Research Grant, principal investigator (2004-2005). "*Access to College: The role of tuition, financial aid, scholastic preparation and college supply in US public college enrollments*".

University of Washington Tacoma Founder's Endowment Grant, principle investigator (2001). "*Crime in Tacoma*".

MacArthur Foundation, Network on Inequality and Poverty, Graduate Student Fellowship, Dissertation Research. (1998-99).

Awards and Honors

Distinguished Teacher of the Year Nomination, University of Washington Tacoma (2002).

Chair's Award for Superior Teaching, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts (1999).

Society for International Development/FLAS Language Fellowship, L'Institut d'Etudes Francaises de Touraine, Tours, France (Summer 1988).

Departmental Honors, Economics. University of California, Berkeley (1982).

LANGUAGES: Proficient in French and Pulaar (West Africa); Intermediate Spanish