

CURRICULUM VITAE

Melissa Schettini Kearney

Education

Ph.D., Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2002
Dissertation: Essays on Public Policy and Consumer Choice: Applications to Welfare and State Lotteries

A.B., Economics, Highest Honors, Princeton University, 1996
Phi Beta Kappa
Thesis: Economic Determinants of Age at First Birth - awarded Wolf Balleisen Memorial Award, thesis prize in economics

Professional Positions

University of Maryland, Department of Economics, *Assistant Professor*, August 2006 – present

Brookings Institution, Economic Studies Program:
Non-resident Fellow, January 2007 – present
Fellow, June 2005 – December 2006

National Bureau of Economic Research, *Faculty Research Fellow*, 2002- present

Wellesley College, Department of Economics, *Assistant Professor*, July 2002 - May 2005

Joint Center for Poverty Research, *Research Affiliate*, 2002-2004

Other Professional Experience

M.I.T. Department of Economics Graduate Computer Lab Stata Consultant, 2001-2002
Research Assistant to Joshua Angrist, David Autor, Jonathan Gruber, M.I.T., 1999-2000
Research Assistant/Programmer, Mathematica Policy Research, Washington, D.C., 1996-1998
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for courses in econometrics, Princeton University, 1995-1996
Research Assistant to Professors David Card and Cecilia Rouse, Princeton University, 1995

Chapters in books

Kearney, Melissa S. and Phillip Levine. "Socioeconomic Disadvantage and Early Childbearing," in ed. Jonathan Gruber, *An Economics Perspective on the Problems of Disadvantaged Youth*, forthcoming University of Chicago Press.

Kearney, Melissa S. "Teen Pregnancy Prevention," in ed. Phillip Levine and David Zimmerman, *Targeting Investments in Youth: Fighting Poverty when Resources are Limited*, forthcoming Princeton University Press.

Articles in Refereed Journals

Guryan, Jonathan, Erik Hurst, and Melissa S. Kearney. "Parental Education and Parental Time with Children," *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 22(3), Summer 2008, 23-46.

Kearney, Melissa S. and Phillip Levine. "Subsidized Contraception, Fertility, and Sexual Behavior," forthcoming *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

Autor, David H, Lawrence F. Katz, and Melissa S. Kearney. "Trends in U.S. Wage Inequality: Re-Assessing the Revisionists," *Review of Economics and Statistics* 90(2), May 2008, 300-323.

Guryan, Jonathan and Melissa S. Kearney. "Gambling at Lucky Stores: Evidence from State Lottery Sales," *American Economic Review* 98 (1), March 2008, 458-73.

Duggan, Mark and Melissa S. Kearney. "The Impact of Child SSI Enrollment on Household Outcomes: Evidence from the SIPP," *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2007, 26(4), 861-886.

Kearney, Melissa S. "State Lotteries and Consumer Behavior," *Journal of Public Economics*, 2005, 89: 2269-2299.

Kearney, Melissa S. "The Economic Winners and Losers of Legalized Gambling," *National Tax Journal*, June 2005, 58: 281-302.

Kearney, Melissa S. "Is There an Effect of Incremental Welfare Benefits on Fertility Behavior? A Look at the Family Cap" *Journal of Human Resources*, 2004, 39(2): 295-325.

Other Articles and Notes

Kearney, Melissa S. and Phillip Levine. "Reducing Unplanned Pregnancies through Medicaid Family Planning Services," Brookings CCF Brief number 39, July 2008.

Kearney, Melissa S. "Intergenerational Mobility for Women and Minorities in the United States," *Future of Children*, Fall 2006, 16(2).

Autor, David H, Lawrence F. Katz, and Melissa S. Kearney. "The Polarization of the U.S. Labor Market," *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, May 2006, 96(2).

Working Papers

Guryan, Jonathan and Melissa S. Kearney, "Is Lottery Gambling Addictive?" UMD Department of Economics mimeo, September 2008.

Autor, David H, Lawrence F. Katz, and Melissa S. Kearney. "Rising Wage Inequality: The Role of Composition and Prices," NBER working paper 11628, September 2005.

Kearney, Melissa S. "Estimating Preferences Under Risk: The Case of State Lottery Bettors," in Ph.D. thesis, MIT Department of Economics, May 2002.

Invited Academic Presentations

2008 – 2009 NBER Targeting Investments in Children; National Poverty Center Census/SIPP research conference (discussant); Southern Economic Association conference (discussant); Notre Dame; Wellesley College; *Scheduled* – Georgetown University; UC-Irvine; UC-Davis; University of Michigan

2007 – 2008 NBER Summer Institute 2007, American University, UMBC, American Economic

Association Annual Meeting (discussant); Mathematica Policy Research; Academy Health annual conference; Tufts University

- 2006 - 2007 University of Virginia; George Washington University; NBER Public Economics Universities Research Conference (discussant); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference; RAND Health Policy seminar; American Economic Association (AEA) annual meeting
- 2005 - 2006 Princeton University Dept of Economics; Yale University Dept of Economics; Cornell University School of Policy Analysis and Management; Princeton-Brookings *Future of Children* authors conference; *Future of Children* conference on policies to reduce poverty (discussant); Brookings conference on policies to reduce poverty (discussant)
- 2004 – 2005 NBER Summer Institute 2004; Brookings Institution; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference; Econometric Society Annual Meeting; University of Maryland; Federal Reserve Board of Governors; Heinz School of Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University; St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank; Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management; Econometric Society Annual Meeting (discussant)
- 2003 – 2004 NBER Summer Institute 2003; Fundacion Ramon Areces, Madrid, Spain; University of Chicago GSB
- 2002 – 2003 NBER Summer Institute 2002; National Tax Association Annual Conference; University of Chicago; University of New Hampshire; Dartmouth College; Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
- 2001- 2002 Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Princeton University; Brown University; Wellesley College

Invited Policy Presentations

Brookings Institution conference on unintended pregnancy – “Abortion in America,” 2006
Institute for Policy Research (IPR) at Northwestern, Policy Briefing - “The Evolution of the Social Safety Net: Change for the Better?” 2005
American Enterprise Institute – “Does SSI Enduringly Reduce Child Poverty,” 2005

Grants

National Institute of Child Health and Development. Family Planning Waivers and Fertility. R03HD052528-01A1 (with Phil Levine), 2007 – 2009

National Institute of Child Health and Development. The Impact of Child SSI Enrollment. R03HD050441. (with Mark Duggan), 2005 – 2007

Fellowships, Prizes, Awards

University of Maryland Graduate Teaching Award, for Public Economics, 2008
University of Maryland Graduate Research Board research support and salary award, 2008
Vernon Memorial Prize for best paper in Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, 2007

Brookings Institution Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Early Career Fellowship, 2004
National Tax Association Outstanding Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention, 2002
MIT Department of Economics Fellowship, 1998-2002
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 1998-2001
Harry S. Truman Scholar, 1995
National Coca-Cola Scholar, 1992

Reviewing Activities for Journals

American Economic Review; AEJ - Public Policy; AEJ - Applied Economics; B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Demography, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Southern Economics, Labour Economics, National Tax Journal, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economics Studies

Teaching

At University of Maryland – Public Economics (graduate), Public Finance and Public Policy (undergraduate), Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis (undergraduate)

At Wellesley College (all undergraduate) - Econometrics; Intermediate Microeconomics; Economic Analysis of Social Policy

Research Advising

Completed, with first job placement:

Melissa Powell McInerney, 2008, College of William and Mary (committee member)
Melinda Sandler, 2008, North Carolina State University (committee member)
Perry Singleton, 2007, Syracuse University (committee member)

University of Maryland service

Search Committee, Economics Department Junior Recruiting 2007-8
Search Committee, African American Studies Department Public Policy Faculty Search 2007-8
Selection Committee, UMD BSOS George Phillips Award 2007-8

Professional Service

Ad hoc reviewer for research proposals: National Science Foundation (NSF), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC); Smith Richardson Foundation

National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy – Research Advisory Council, 2006-present

Brookings Unplanned Pregnancy Agent-Based Modeling Project, Consultant, 2007-2008

Memberships: American Economic Association; Association of Public Policy and Management; National Tax Association