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Education:

A.B., Brandeis University, 1965 Magna Cum Laude with Honors, Valedictorian, Phi Beta Kappa

Ph.D., M.I.T., 1970

Thesis: An Analysis of Youth Labor Force Participation, School Activity, and Employment

Professional Awards, Activities:

First Prize, National Essay Contest for An Implementation Strategy for Reforming the Nation's Welfare Programs, Sponsored by the Institute for Socioeconomic Studies: November 1985

American University Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Development: May 1994

Co-recipient of Howard Rosen Award for Best Article in the 1997 *Monthly Labor Review* by an author outside the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Elected President, Society of Government Economists: 2013.

Board member, International Network for Innovative Apprenticeship

Chair and Co-Founder, Apprenticeships for America, 2021 to present, www.apprenticeshipsforamerica.org

2024 Winner of the Harold McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education, mcgrawprize.com/winners

Professional Employment:

Institute Fellow in Labor and Social Policy, Urban Institute, January 2004 to present

Emeritus Professor, Department of Economics, American University, September 2015 to present

Professor, Department of Economics, American University, September 1989 to August 2015. (Chair of Department, September 1989 to June 1995)

Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn, Germany, July 2004 to present.

Director, Labor and Social Policy Center, Urban Institute, July 1995 to December 2003

Director of Research and Senior Research Associate, Center for Human Resources, Heller School of Social Welfare, Brandeis University: June 1980-August 1989.

Economist, Special Assistant for Youth and Welfare Policy, Office of Assistant Secretary for Policy, Evaluation and Research, U.S. Department of Labor: June 1977-May 1980.

Research Associate, Institute for Research on Poverty, Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin at Madison: September 1976-May 1977.

Research Associate, Brookdale Institute of Gerontology, Jerusalem, Israel, October 1974-July 1976.

Staff Economist, Subcommittee on Fiscal Policy, Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress: February 1972-September 1974.

Assistant Professor of Economics, Herbert Lehman College, City University of New York: September 1971- January 1972.

Assistant Professor of Economics, Graduate School of Business, Economics Department, University of Pittsburgh: September 1969-May 1971.

RECENT POLICY RESEARCH LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Principal Investigator

- Evaluation of the Community Healthy Marriage Initiative, Evaluation of the Community Healthy Marriage Initiative, 2004-2012.
- Building Competency-Based Occupational Frameworks for Registered Apprenticeship, 2015-2020.
- Evaluation of the American Apprenticeship Initiative, 2016-2022.
- Youth Apprenticeship Intermediary Project, 2019-2024

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Articles in Refereed Journals

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- "Some Determinants of Youth School Activity," Journal of Human Resources, Summer 1972.
- "Conflicting Objectives in Income Maintenance Programs," (with Alair Townsend), American Economic Association, Papers and Proceedings, May 1974.
- "Compensation for Inflation Under Israel's Emergency Economic Policy," (with Jack Habib), *Economic Quarterly* (in Hebrew), August 1975.
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- "Options in Income Support for the Aged: A Critique of the Two-Tier Approach," (with Jack Habib), *Journal of Public Economics*, April 1979.
- (with Shlomo Yitzhaki) "A Note on the Calculation and Interpretation of the Gini Coefficient," *Economic Letters*, Vol. 15 (1984).

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- "Unemployment Among Low Income and Black Youth: A Review of Causes, Programs, and Policies,"
 Youth and Society, March 1986.
- (with Donald L. Lerman) "Imputed Income from Housing and Income Inequality," *Urban Studies*, August 1986.
- "Who Are the Young Absent Fathers?" Youth and Society, September 1986.
- "Project Renewal's Enlargement Program: Its Rationale, Utilization, Costs and Benefits," in *Megamot, Behavioral Sciences Quarterly* (in Hebrew), December 1988.
- "Employment Opportunities of Young Men and Family Formation," *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings.* May 1989.
- (with Donald Lerman) "Income Sources and Income Inequality: Measurements from Three U.S. Income Surveys," *Journal of Social and Economic Measurement*, Spring 1989.
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- "Child Support Policies," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Winter 1993.
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- (with Shlomo Yitzhaki) "The Effect of Marginal Changes in Income Sources on US Income Inequality," *Public Finance Quarterly*, October 1994.
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- "The Impact of Changing US Family Structure on Child Poverty and Income Inequality," *Economica*, v. 63, no. 250 (S), 1996. S119-S139. Reprinted in the *International Library of Critical Writings in Economics: Income Distribution: II*, edited by Michael Sattinger. Edward Elgar Publishing. Cheltenham, UK. 2001. 104-124.
- (with Laurie Bassi) "Reducing the Child Support-Welfare Disincentive Program," *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Winter 1996. 89-96.
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- "Retreat or Reform: New U.S. Strategies for Dealing with Poverty." *Social Policy Review 11.* Annual Yearbook of Social Policy Association (United Kingdom). 1999.

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- "Expanding Housing Demand Efficiently and Equitably." *The Economists' Voice*: Vol. 6: Issue 6, Article 2. 2009.
- "Contributions and Capabilities of Unwed Fathers." The Future of Children. Fall 2010.
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- "Educating America: A New Compact for Opportunity and Citizenship," (with Ted Kolderie and Charles Moskos) in *Mandate for Change*, Will Marshall and Martin Schram (eds.), Progressive Policy Institute, Berkley Books, 1993.
- "A National Profile of Unwed Fathers", "Employment Patterns of Unwed Fathers and Public Policy," and (with Theodora Ooms) "Introduction: Evolution of Unwed Fathers as a Policy Issue", in Young Unwed Fathers: Changing Roles and Emerging Policies, Robert Lerman and Theodora Ooms (eds.), Temple University Press, July 1993.
- "Building Hope, Skills, and Careers: Making a US Youth Apprenticeship System," in *Social Policies for Children*, edited by Irwin Garfinkel, Jennifer Hochschild, and Sara McLanahan, The Brookings Institution, 1996.
- "Policies to Improve Employment Outcomes for American Workers," in *The National Government and Social Welfare*, edited by John Hansan and Robert Morris, Auburn House. 1997. 29-42.
- "Helping Disconnected Youth By Improving Linkages Between High Schools and Careers," in *America's Disconnected Youth: Toward a Preventative Strategy*, edited by Douglas Besharov. 1999.

- "How Do Income Sources Affect Income Inequality?" in *Income Inequality Measurement: From Theory to Practice*. edited by Jacques Silber. Kluwer Academic Publishing, 1999.
- "Employment and Training Programs for Out-of-School Youth: Past Effects and Lessons for the Future." in *Improving the Odds: Increasing the Effectiveness of Publicly Provided Training*, edited by Burt S. Barnow and Christopher King. The Urban Institute Press. 1999.
- "Improving Job Market Outcomes for Youth: The US Experience with Demand-Side Approaches." in Preparing Youth for the 21st Century: The Transition from Education to the Labour Market. Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development. 1999.
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- (with Harry Holzer. "Employment Issues and Challenges in Post-Katrina New Orleans." *After Katrina:* Rebuilding Opportunity and Equity in the New New Orleans, Urban Institute, February 2006.
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- Keynote speaker for National Association of Private Industry Councils, Washington, DC, March 5, 1996.
- Speaker for series of presentations on the US School-to-Career System in six cities in Germany, under the sponsorship of the United States Information Service, January 1997.

- Keynote speaker at Learning for Life Conference, sponsored by Training and Enterprise Councils of the United Kingdom, London, September 4, 1996. Speech on "The Future of Work and Implications for Training Policy."
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- Keynote speaker at the 8th European Forum, Berlin, co-sponsored by the Financial Times and the BMW Foundation on: "Globalization and the Gap between Rich and Poor." November 15, 2002 in Berlin (speech available at European-forum-Berlin.com and www.urban.org).
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Other Professional Activities:

- Panel Member, National Academy of Sciences, Study of Post-Secondary Training and Education for Work, 1991-93.
- Honors Examiner, Department of Economics, Swarthmore College, May 2006.
- Elected to Policy Council of the Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM), December 2007.
- Advisory Boards: National Youth Apprenticeship Initiative undertaken by Jobs for the Future; American
 Enterprise Institute Panel on Disconnected Youth; National Advisory Board of National Fatherhood
 Initiative; Joint Center for Political Studies Project on the Black Family; Board of Editors, Youth and
 Society, General Accountability Office (GAO) Panel on Promoting and Supporting Work.
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