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**Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population,**  
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**Education**

1983            Ph.D., Economics, University of Chicago  
1980            M.A., Economics, University of Chicago  
1978            B.A., Economics, University of Washington (with honors)

**Career Experience**

2012-present    Senior Fellow, The Urban Institute  
2008-2011      Senior Research Associate, The Urban Institute  
2007-2011      Independent Consultant  
1996-2007      Vice President, National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago  
1986-1996      Division Chief, National Longitudinal Surveys and Director of Longitudinal Research, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics  
1983-1986      Research Economist, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Selected Publications, Papers, and Reports**

“Analysis Plan for Impact Study: Supportive Housing for Child Welfare Families Research Partnership,” (June 2016), Urban Institute, Washington, DC (with M. Cunningham, J. Gelatt, and D. Hanson), available at <http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/alfresco/publication-pdfs/2000802-Analysis-Plan-for-Interim-Impact-Study-Supportive-Housing-for-Child-Welfare-Families-Research-Partnership.pdf>

“Denver Supportive Housing Social Impact Bond Initiative: Evaluation and Research Design,” (March 2016), Urban Institute, Washington, DC (with M. Cunningham, S. Gillespie, D. Hanson, and S. Kooragayala), available at <http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/alfresco/publication-pdfs/2000690-Denver-Supportive-Housing-Social-Impact-Bond-Initiative-Evaluation-and-Research-Design.pdf>

“Embarking on College and Career: Interim Evaluation of Urban Alliance,” Interim Report, September 2015 (with B. Theodos, D. Hanson, S. Edelstein, and R. Daniels), available at <http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/alfresco/publication-pdfs/2000788-Urban-Alliance-Evaluation-Interim-Report.pdf>

“Using Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Data in Earned Income Tax Credit Administration: A Case Study of Florida SNAP Data Linked to IRS Tax Return Data,” Urban Institute Research Report, September 2015 (with E. Maag, D. Hanson, C. Ratcliffe, S. Edelstein, and S. Minton), available at <http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/alfresco/publication-pdfs/2000788-Urban-Alliance-Evaluation-Interim-Report.pdf>

[pdfs/2000438-using-snap-data-in-eitc-administration.pdf](#)

“Solutions for Youth: An Evaluation of the Latin American Youth Center’s Promotor Pathway Program,” Final Report, September 2015 (with B. Theodos, A. Derian, S. Edelstein, and A. Stolte) available at <http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/alfresco/publication-pdfs/2000742-Solutions-for-Youth-An-Evaluation-of-the-Latin-American-Youth-Center%27s-Promotor-Pathway-Program.pdf>

“Impact of Housing on Child Welfare: Does providing housing help reduce child abuse and neglect?” Final Report to the MacArthur Foundation, June 2015 (with M. Cunningham and D. Hanson).

“Helping Families Involved in the Child Welfare System Achieve Housing Stability.” February 2015. Urban Institute, Washington, DC (with M. Cunningham, A. Baum, and J. Luna), available at <http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/2000105-Helping-Families-Involved-in-the-Child-Welfare-System-Achieve-Housing-Stability.pdf>

“Preparing for a “Next Generation” Evaluation of Independent Living Programs for Youth in Foster Care,” December 2014, OPRE Report No. 2014-71, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC, (with M. McDaniel, M. Courtney, and C. Lowenstein), available at [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/chafee\\_overview\\_brief\\_final\\_to\\_opre\\_012015.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/chafee_overview_brief_final_to_opre_012015.pdf)

“Supportive Housing for High-Need Families in the Child Welfare System,” November 2014, Urban Institute, Washington, DC, (with M. Cunningham, M. McDaniel, M. Gearing, S. Zhang, and B. Howell), available at <http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/2000010-Supportive-Housing-for-High-Need-Families-in-the-Child-Welfare-System.pdf>

“The Impact of Family Unification Housing Vouchers on Child Welfare Outcomes,” Paper presented at meetings of the American Public Policy Administration and Management, November 2015 (with M. Cunningham and D. Hanson)

“Preparing Youth for College and Career: A Process Evaluation of the Urban Alliance,” September 2014. Urban Institute, Washington DC (with B Theodos, S Edelstein, T George, and L Freiman), available at <http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/413233-Preparing-Youth-for-College-and-Career.pdf>

“Homeless LGBTQ Youth,” July 2014, Urban Institute (with M. Cunningham, N. Astone, and J. Luna), available at <http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/413209-Homeless-LGBTQ-Youth.pdf>

“Pilot Project to Assess Validation of EITC Eligibility with State Data.” Final Report to the U.S. Department of Treasury, April 2014. (with E. Maag, D. Hanson, C. Ratcliffe, S. Edelstein, and S. Minton), available at <http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/alfresco/publication-pdfs/2000244-Pilot-Project-to-Assess-Validation-of-EITC-Eligibility-with-State-Data.pdf>

Challenges to learning from experiments: Lessons from evaluating independent living services. (2014) In, A. Shlonsky & R. Benbenishty (Eds.), *From Evidence to Outcomes in Child Welfare: An International Reader*. New York: Oxford University Press (with M.E. Courtney, M. Woolverton, and M. McDaniel)

“Characteristics of Families Receiving Multiple Public Benefits,” January 2014, Urban Institute (with S. Edelstein and C. Ratcliffe, available at <http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/413044-characteristics-of-families.pdf>)

“Youth Count! Process Study,” July 2013, Urban Institute (with M. Cunningham, M. Burt, P. Lee, B. Howell, and K. Bertumen), available at <http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/412872-youth-count-process-study-2.pdf>

“Counting Homeless Youth: Promising Practices from the Youth Count! Initiative,” July 2013, Urban Institute (with M. Cunningham, M. Burt, P. Lee, B. Howell, and K. Bertumen), available at <http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/412876-counting-homeless-youth.pdf>

“Behavioral and Developmental Health Problems and Medicaid Costs for Youth Approaching Adulthood by Gender and Basis of Eligibility in Selected States: FY2006,” May 2013, Urban Institute Health Policy Center (with Embry Howell and Vicki Chen), available at <http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/412819-Behavioral-and-Developmental-Health-Problems-and-Medicaid-Costs-for-Youth.pdf>

“Becoming Adults: Do Youth in Foster Care Accurately Gauge Their Preparation for Work?” OPRE Report # 2013-02. Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, April 2013 (with Marla McDaniel), available at [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/multi\\_site\\_evaluation\\_brief\\_2\\_508\\_compliant\\_5\\_9\\_13\\_0.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/multi_site_evaluation_brief_2_508_compliant_5_9_13_0.pdf)

“Providing Medicaid to Youth Formerly in Foster Care Under the Chafee Option: Informing the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act.” Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Evaluation, USDHHS, November 2012 (with Marla McDaniel, Vicki Chen, Embry Howell, and Amelia Hawkins) available at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/13/ChafeeMedicaidReport/rpt.pdf>

“Locating and Engaging Youth After They Leave Foster Care: Experiences Fielding the Multi-Site Evaluation of Foster Youth Programs.” OPRE Report # 2012-21. Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, June 2012. Available at [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/locating\\_engaging.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/locating_engaging.pdf)

“Assessing the Impact of Differences in Implementation of the Chafee Medicaid Option on Medicaid Coverage for Youth Who Age Out of Foster Care.” Report to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Evaluation, USDHHS, June 2012 (with M. McDaniel, V. Chen, and E. Howell)

“Housing Assistance for Youth Who Have Aged Out of Foster Care: The Role of the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.” Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Evaluation, USDHHS, May 2012 (with Marla McDaniel and Amelia Hawkins). Available at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/12/chafeefostercare/rpt.pdf>

“Vulnerability, Risk, and the Transition to Adulthood,” Urban Institute Research Report, Washington, DC, August 2011. (with D. Kuehn, T. Vericker, and J. Macomber).

“Youths’ Connections to Relatives” OPRE Report, forthcoming. (with Erica Zielewski)

“Youth in Foster Care who Parent: Characteristics and Outcomes at Age 19” OPRE Report, forthcoming. (with Heidi Johnson and Marla McDaniel).

“Evaluation of the Independent Living – Employment Services Program, Kern County, California: Final Report.” OPRE Report # 201113. Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (with Courtney, M., Zinn, A., Koralek, R., and Bess, R.)

“Evaluation of the Massachusetts Adolescent Outreach Program for Youths in Intensive Foster Care: Final Report.” OPRE Report # 2011-14. Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (with Courtney, M., Zinn, A., Johnson, H., and Malm, K.).

“Running away from Foster Care: Youths’ Knowledge and Access of Services,” Final Report to The National Runaway Switchboard, Chicago, IL, April 2011 (with Michelle Ernst) available at [http://www.1800runaway.org/assets/1/7/NORC\\_Part\\_C\\_Final.pdf](http://www.1800runaway.org/assets/1/7/NORC_Part_C_Final.pdf)

“Youth’s Knowledge of Services for Runaways: Findings from a Survey of High School Students,” Final Report to The National Runaway Switchboard, Chicago, IL, September 2010 (with Michelle Ernst), available at [http://www.1800runaway.org/assets/1/7/school\\_survey.pdf](http://www.1800runaway.org/assets/1/7/school_survey.pdf)

“On the Lifetime Prevalence of Running Away from Home,” Urban Institute Occasional Paper, Urban Institute, Washington DC May 2010, available at <http://www.urban.org/publications/412087.html>

“Runaway Youth’s Knowledge and Access of Services,” Final Report to The National Runaway Switchboard, Chicago, IL, May 2010 (with Michelle Ernst), available at [http://www.1800runaway.org/assets/1/7/norc\\_final\\_report\\_4\\_22\\_10.pdf](http://www.1800runaway.org/assets/1/7/norc_final_report_4_22_10.pdf)

“Evaluation Design for the Next Phase Evaluation of the Assets for Independence Program: Final Evaluation Design Report,” Final Report to the Administration on Children and Families, March 2010 (with Signe-Mary McKernan and Caroline Ratcliffe).

“Extending Foster Care to Age 21: Implications and Estimates from Youth Aging out of Foster Care in Los Angeles,” Final Report to the Stewart Foundation, December 2009 (with Heidi Johnson).

“Multiple Pathways Connecting to School and Work,” ASPE Research Brief, July 2009 (with D. Kuehn, T. Vericker, and J. Macomber)

“Second Generation Latinos Connecting to School and Work,” ASPE Research Brief, July 2009 (with T. Vericker, D. Kuehn, and J. Macomber)

“Multi-site Evaluation of Foster Youth Programs: Life Skills Training (LST) Program, Los Angeles County,” final report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Children’s Bureau, July 2008 (with Mark Courtney, et al.)

“Multi-site Evaluation of Foster Youth Programs: Early Start to Emancipation Preparation (ESTEP)-Tutoring Program, Los Angeles County,” final report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Children’s Bureau, July 2008 (with Mark Courtney, et al.)

“Employment Outcomes for Youth Aging out of Foster Care Through their Middle Twenties,” Final report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, August 2007 (with Jennifer Macomber, et al.)

“Multi-Year Work Injury Rates,” *Monthly Labor Review*, May 2006 (with Parvati Krishnamurty)

“A Preliminary Analysis of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System (RHYMIS) Database,” Final Report to the Family and Youth Services Bureau, Department of Health and Human Services, January 2006. (with Michelle Ernst)

“Predicting Heavy Drug Use: Results of a Longitudinal Study, Youth Characteristics Describing and Predicting Heavy Drug Use by Adults,” Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy (publication no. NCJ 208382), 2005 (with Sam Schildhaus, Yoku Shaw-Taylor, and Steven Pedlow)

“The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort,” *Journal of Human Resources*, Vol. 36, No. 4, Fall 2001 (with Robert T. Michael)

“Initiation into the Labor Market,” *Monthly Labor Review*, August 2001 (with L. Huang and J. Shkolnik)

“Data Watch: The National Longitudinal Surveys,” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 15, No. 2, Spring 2001 (with Charles R. Pierret, Donna S. Rothstein, and Jonathan R. Veum)

“Assessing Labor Market Needs for City of Chicago Youths,” Final Report to the (Chicago) Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development,” July 2000 (with Alma Kuby and Asma Ali).

“What is a Promotion?,” *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, July 1999 (with J. Veum).

“Assessing the Transition from School to Work in the U.S.,” *Statistical Journal of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe*, Vol. 12, Nos. 3&4, 1995.

“The Effect of Interview Length on Attrition in the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth,” (with L. Branden and R.M. Gritz), in *Bureau of the Census 1995 Annual Research Conference Proceedings*.

“Effect of Mode of Administration on Reporting of Drug Use in the NLSY,” (with S. Schober, et al), in C.F. Turner, J.T. Lessior, and J.C. Gfroerer, eds., *Survey Measurement of Drug Use: Methodological Studies*, NIDA, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1992.

“Drug and Alcohol Use at Work: A Survey of Young Workers,” (with P. Gleason and J. Veum), *Monthly Labor Review*, August 1991.

“A Comparison of Computer-Assisted Personal Interviews (CAPI) with Personal Interviews in the National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Behavior-Youth Cohort,” (with N. Bradburn, et al) in *Bureau of the Census 1991 Annual Research Conference Proceedings*, March 1991.

### **Recent Conferences and Other Presentations**

CSH Housing Summit, June 2016

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, School of Continuing Education, March 2015

Association for Public Policy and Management, November 2014

Pathways to Adulthood, August 2014, June 2012, August 2010

Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, May 2014, June 2011

National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, April 2014

State Independent Living Coordinators, June 2012, July 2010, May 2008

Webinar on Locating and Engaging Youth After Leaving Foster Care, March 2012

National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) meeting, August 2011

Panelist for *Out From the Shadows: Why Youth Run and What State Policy Can Do to Help*, Sacramento, CA Nov 2010

Society for Prevention Research, June 2010

National Association of Welfare Research and Statistics, Sept 2010, July 2009, August 2006,

Child Welfare Data Users and Technology Conference, July 2008

Conference on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NLSY97, May 2008

Society of Labor Economics, June 2005

American Risk and Insurance Association meetings, August 2002

Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Annual Meeting, June 2002

Metropolis Conference, November 2000

Early Results Conference on the NLSY97: December 1999

Southern Economic Association meetings: November 1996

American Statistical Association meetings: August 1996

Conference of European Statisticians session on Employment: June 1996

Siena Group meeting on Social Monitoring and Social Exclusion: The Case of the Youth, June 1995

Census Annual Research Conference: March 1995

American Association for Public Opinion Research meetings: May 1994

Population Association of America meetings: May 1994

Western Economic Association meetings: June 1991, June 1994  
Conference on the *Australian Longitudinal Survey: Social and Economic Policy Research*,  
December 1990  
American Economic Association meetings: December 1987

**Selected Other Professional Activities**

Member of American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists, Population Association of America, Association for Public Policy and Management  
Referee for *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *Substance Use and Misuse*, *Journal of Human Capital*  
Reviewer, National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences  
Reviewer, Disability Research Institute, University of Illinois  
Advisory Committee and Consultant on the Longitudinal Immigrant Survey of New Zealand  
Program Committee for 1997 Society of Labor Economists meeting  
Program Committee for 1995 Population Association meetings  
Co-organizer of conference on *Attrition in Longitudinal Surveys*, 1994  
Advised Australia Dept. of Labor and Australian Immigration Service on longitudinal surveys, 1990  
Member of U.S.-U.S.S.R. exchange on "Evaluation of Possibilities of Comparative Analysis of Life Cohorts on the Basis of Longitudinal Studies," 1988  
Member of Panel Data Comparability Project, 1987  
BLS representative to the Panel Study of Income Dynamics Board of Overseers, 1987-1996