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# **PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

Co-Editor, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2018-Interim Director, Executive MPA Program, School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University, 2017-Research Fellow, Global Labor Organization (GLO), 2017-Visiting Professor, Department of Economics & Business Economics, Aarhus University, 2017 Visiting Scholar, School of Public Policy, Central European University, 2016 Associate Professor (with tenure), School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University, 2014-Director, MPA and MPP Programs, School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University, 2013-2016 Research Fellow, Institute for Labor Economics (IZA), 2012-Faculty Affiliate, School of Social Work, Arizona State University, 2010-Faculty Affiliate, Center for Population Dynamics, Arizona State University, 2009-Assistant Professor, School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University, 2009-Assistant Professor, School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University, 2008-2014 Research Fellow, Jacob France Institute, University of Baltimore, 2006-

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Policy, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 2007 M.P.P., Public Policy, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, 2002 M.S., Social Work/Policy, Columbia University, New York, New York, 2000 B.A., Psychology, Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut, 1998

# Awards & Fellowships

Distinguished Faculty Research Award: School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University, 2016 Training Certificate: Institute of Education Sciences Summer Institute on Cluster Randomized Trials, 2014 Distinguished Faculty Research Award: School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University, 2012 Ph.D. Dissertation Award: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2006-2007 Fulbright Fellow: Centre for Comparative Welfare Studies, Aalborg University, Denmark, 2007-2008

## PROJECTS & MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Herbst, C.M. & Tekin, E. Effects of District of Columbia's New Child Care Staff Training and Education Requirements.

Ali, U. & Herbst, C.M. The Impact of Low-Skilled Immigration on the Market for Early Care and Education.

Boyd-Swan, C., Desouza, K., Herbst, C.M., & Kandala, S. Characteristics of the Early Care and Education Workforce: New Evidence from Resumes Posted on Indeed.com.

Borowsky, J., Herbst, C.M., & Sojourner, A. Is There Cream-Skimming in the Market for Early Care and Education? Evidence from a Randomized Email Audit Study.

## WORKING PAPERS

Herbst, C.M., Desouza, K., Alashri, A., Kandala, S., & Khullar, M., & Bajaj, V. (2018). What Do Parents Value in a Child Care Provider? Evidence from Yelp Consumer Reviews. IZA Discussion Paper No. 11741. Revision Requested at *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*.

- Desouza, K., Herbst, C.M., Kandala, S., Bajaj, V., & Wei, F. A Design Science Approach to Mining Social Data to Inform Public Policy: The Case of Yelp.com and Childcare Centers. Revision requested at *Journal* of the Association for Information Science and Technology.
- Boyd-Swan, C. & Herbst, C.M. Influence of Quality Credentialing Programs on Teacher Characteristics in Center-Based Early Care and Education Settings. Revision Requested at *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*.
- Gordon, J., Herbst, C.M. & Tekin, E. (2018). Who's Minding the Kids? Experimental Evidence on the Demand for Child Care Quality. NBER Working Paper No. 25335. Under review.

#### **REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

- Boyd-Swan, C. & Herbst, C.M. (forthcoming). Racial and Ethnic Discrimination in the Labor Market for Child Care Teachers. IZA Discussion Paper No. 11140. Forthcoming at *Educational Researcher*.
- Farber, H., Herbst, C.M., Silverman, D., & von Wachter, T. (2019). Whom Do Employers Want? The Role of Recent Employment and Unemployment Status and Age. *Journal of Labor Economics, 37*, 323-349.
- Herbst, C.M. (2018). The Impact of Quality Rating and Improvement Systems on Families' Child Care Choices and the Supply of Child Care Labor. *Labour Economics*, *54*, 172-190.
- Boyd-Swan, C. & Herbst, C.M. (2018). The Demand for Teacher Characteristics in the Market for Child Care: Evidence from a Field Experiment. *Journal of Public Economics*, *159*, 183-202.
- Herbst, C.M. (2018). The Rising Cost of Child Care in the United States. A Reassessment of the Evidence. *Economics of Education Review, 64,* 13-30.
- Herbst, C.M. (2017). Universal Child Care, Maternal Employment, and Children's Long-Run Outcomes: Evidence from the U.S. Lanham Act of 1940. *Journal of Labor Economics*, *35*(2), 519-564.
- Herbst, C.M. (2017). Are Parental Welfare Work Requirements Good for Disadvantaged Children? Evidence from Age-of-Youngest-Child Exemptions. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *36*(2), 327-357.
- Guldi, M. & Herbst, C.M. (2017). Offline Effects of Online Connecting: The Impact of Broadband Diffusion on Teenage Fertility Decisions. *Journal of Population Economics*, *30*(1), 69-91.
- Herbst, C.M. & Lucio, J. (2016). Happy in the Hood? The Impact of Residential Segregation on Self-Reported Happiness. *Journal of Regional Science*, *56*(3), 494-521.
- Herbst, C.M. & Ifcher, J. (2016). The Increasing Happiness of U.S. Parents. *Review of Economics of the Household*, 14(3), 529-551.
- Herbst, C.M. & Tekin, E. (2016). The Impact of Child Care Subsidies on Child Development: Evidence from Geographic Variation in the Distance to Social Service Agencies. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 35(1), 94-116.

- Boyd-Swan, C., Herbst C.M., Ifcher, J. & Zarghamee, H. (2016). The Earned Income Tax Credit, Mental Health, and Happiness. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 126(Part A), 18-38.
- Herbst, C.M. & Tekin, E. (2014). Child Care Subsidies, Maternal Health, and Child-Parent Interactions: Evidence from Three Nationally Representative Datasets. *Health Economics*, 23(8), 894-916.
- Herbst, C.M. (2013). The Impact of Non-Parental Child Care on Child Development: Evidence from the Summer Participation "Dip". *Journal of Public Economics*, *105*, 86-105.
- Johnson, A. & Herbst, C.M. (2013). Can We Trust Parental Reports of Child Care Subsidy Receipt? *Children and Youth Services Review, 35*(6), 984-993.
- Herbst, C.M. (2013). Welfare Reform and the Subjective Well-Being of Single Mothers. *Journal of Population Economics, 26*(1), 203-238.
- Boyd-Swan, C. & Herbst, C.M. (2012). Pain at the Pump: Gasoline Prices and Subjective Well-Being. *Journal* of Urban Economics, 72(2-3), 160-175.
- Herbst, C.M. (2012). Footloose and Fancy Free? Two Decades of Single Mothers' Subjective Well-Being. *Social Service Review*, *86*(2), 189-222.
- Herbst, C.M. & Tekin, E. (2012). The Geographic Accessibility of Child Care Subsidies and Evidence on the Impact of Subsidy Receipt on Childhood Obesity. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 71(1), 37-52.
- Herbst, C.M. (2011). The Earned Income Tax Credit and Abortion. *Social Science Research, 40*(6), 1638-1651.
- Herbst, C.M. (2011). 'Paradoxical' Decline? Another Look at the Relative Reduction in Female Happiness. *Journal of Economic Psychology*, *32*(5), 773-788.
- Herbst, C.M. & Tekin, E. (2011). Do Child Care Subsidies Influence Single Mothers' Decision to Invest in Human Capital? *Economics of Education Review*, *30*(5), 901-912.
- Herbst, C.M. & Tekin, E. (2011). Child Care Subsidies and Childhood Obesity. *Review of Economics of the Household, 9*(3), 349-378.
- Herbst, C.M. (2011). The Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Marriage and Divorce: Evidence from Flow Data. *Population Research and Policy Review, 30*(1), 101-128.
- Herbst, C.M. & Tekin, E. (2010). Child Care Subsidies and Child Development. *Economics of Education Review*, 29(4), 618-638.
- Herbst, C.M. (2010). The Labor Supply Effects of Child Care Costs and Wages in the Presence of Subsidies and the Earned Income Tax Credit. *Review of Economics of the Household, 8*(2), 199-230.

- Herbst, C.M. & Stevens, D. (2010). The Impact of Local Labor Market Conditions on Work and Welfare Decisions: Revisiting an Old Question Using New Data. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 29(4), 453-479.
- Herbst, C.M. (2008). Do Social Policy Reforms Have Different Impacts on Employment and Welfare Use as Economic Conditions Change? *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *27*(4), 867-894.
- Herbst, C.M. (2008). Who are the Eligible Non-Recipients of Child Care Subsidies? *Children and Youth Services Review, 30*(9), 1037-1054.
- Herbst, C.M. & Barnow, B.S. (2008). Close to Home: A Simultaneous Equations Model of the Relationship Between Child Care Accessibility and Women's Labor Force Participation. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues, 29*(1), 128-151.

## **OTHER JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

- Cesur, R., Herbst, C.M. & Tekin, E. (2010). Child Care Choices and Childhood Obesity. *Contributions to Economic Analysis*, 290, 37-62.
- Herbst, C.M. (2008). Public Policy and Residential Segregation: A Critique of Iris Young's Strategy of Differentiated Solidarity. *Philosophy and Public Policy Quarterly*, 28(1/2), 13-18.

#### **GRANTS & FUNDED RESEARCH**

- "What Do Parents Value in a Child Care Provider? Evidence from Yelp Consumer Reviews" supported by the College Public Service and Community Solutions, Arizona State University, Co-Principal Investigator (with Kevin Desouza and Sri Kandala), \$30,000, 2017-2018.
- "The Demand for Teacher Characteristics in the Child Care Labor Market" supported by the Smith Richardson Foundation, Co-Principal Investigator (with Casey Boyd-Swan), \$16,369, 2016-2017.
- "Family Migration and Early Life Outcomes" supported by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Investigator, \$6,067,685 (preliminary funding total), 2015-2019.
- "Advancing Health Equity Through Multi-Level Cultural Determinants Research" supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health, Investigator, \$291,708, 2014-2015.
- "RCT Evaluation of the Arizona Person First Social Safety Net Demonstration" supported by the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Principal Investigator, \$926,054, 2013-2016.
- "Early Childhood Education and Care: A Quantitative Research Program" supported by the Norwegian Research Council for research collaboration and exchange among a group of international scholars studying early childhood care and education (Project Manager: Magne Mogstad), NOK 7,000,000 (USD 1,173,000), 2012-2015.
- "The Impact of Child Care Subsidies on the Well-Being of School-Age Children" supported by the Knowledge Enterprise Development Seed Money Investment fund (OVPREA), Arizona State University, \$3,837, 2010.

- "Child Care Subsidies and Child Development" supported by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Mini-Grant Program, \$5,000, 2009.
- "Are Child Care Subsidies Cost-Effective?" supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Child Care Bureau's Child Care Research Scholars Dissertation Grant, \$50,000, 2005-2007.

### **POLICY PAPERS (NON-TECHNICAL)**

- Herbst, C.M. (2013). Obama's Early Education Proposals Leave Federal Efforts Fragmented and Incoherent. Brown Center on Education Policy's Chalkboard Blog. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution.
- Herbst, C.M. & Tekin, E. (2010). Childcare subsidies and child wellbeing. London, United Kingdom: Centre for Economic Policy Research and VOX.
- Lopez, M.H., Kirby, E., Sagoff, J., & Herbst, CM. (2005). The Youth Vote 2004: With a Historical Look at Youth Voting Patterns 1972-2004. (2005). Working Paper No. 35. CIRCLE, University of Maryland School of Public Policy.
- Kirby, E. & Herbst, C.M. (2004). Youth Voting in the 2004 Battleground States. Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) Fact Sheet. University of Maryland School of Public Policy.

### POPULAR WRITING & OP-EDs

- Herbst, C.M. (2012). "The Good and Bad of Welfare Policy and Women's Work." Opinion-Editorial piece. *East Valley Tribune*.
- Mitra, P. & Herbst, C.M. (2004). "Medicare's Poison Pill." Opinion-Editorial piece. *The Baltimore Sun*. Sunday, February 22, 2004.
- Herbst, C.M. (2002). "Stronger Marriages Should Be U.S. Policy." Opinion-Editorial piece. *The Baltimore Sun*. Monday, September 23, 2002.

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- "What Do Parents Value in a Child Care Provider? Evidence from Yelp Consumer Reviews" with Desouza, K., Alashri, A., Kandala, S., & Khullar, M., & Bajaj, V. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, November 8-10, 2018.
- "Who's Minding the Kids? Experimental Evidence on the Demand for Child Care Quality" with Gordon, J. (presenter) and Tekin, E. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, November 8-10, 2018.
- "The Demand for Teacher Characteristics in the Market for Child Care: Evidence from a Field Experiment" with Boyd-Swan C. (presenter). Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, November 8-10, 2018.
- "Racial and Ethnic Discrimination in the Labor Market for Child Care Teachers" with Boyd-Swan C. (presenter). Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, November 8-10, 2018.

- "Racial and Ethnic Discrimination in the Labor Market for Child Care Teachers" with Boyd-Swan C. (presenter). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Labor Economists, Toronto, Canada, May 4-5, 2018.
- "Racial and Ethnic Discrimination in the Labor Market for Child Care Teachers" with Boyd-Swan C. (presenter). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Denver, CO, April 26-28, 2018.
- "The Demand for Teacher Characteristics in the Market for Child Care: Evidence from a Field Experiment" with Boyd-Swan C. (presenter). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL, April 27-29, 2017.
- "Quality Rating and Improvement Systems, Families' Child Care Choices, and the Supply of Child Care Labor." Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, November 3-5, 2016.
- "Are Parental Welfare Work Requirements Good for Disadvantaged Children? Evidence from Age-of-Youngest-Child Exemptions." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA, November 22-24, 2014.
- "Are Parental Welfare Work Requirements Good for Disadvantaged Children? Evidence from Age-of-Youngest-Child Exemptions." Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Albuquerque, NM, November 6-8, 2014.
- "Universal Child Care, Maternal Employment, and Children's Long-Run Outcomes: Evidence from the U.S. Lanham Act of 1940." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Tampa, FL, November 23-25, 2013.
- "Universal Child Care, Maternal Employment, and Children's Long-Run Outcomes: Evidence from the U.S. Lanham Act of 1940." Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, November 7-9, 2013.
- "Happy in the Hood? The Impact of Racial Segregation on Happiness" with Lucio, J. (presenter). Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, November 7-9, 2013.
- "The Impact of Non-Parental Child Care on Child Development: Evidence from the Summer Participation "Dip"." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA, April 11-13, 2013.
- "Happy in the Hood? The Impact of Racial Segregation on Happiness" with Lucio, J. (presenter). Paper presented at the Annual Urban Affairs Research Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 3-6, 2013.
- "The Impact of Non-Parental Child Care on Child Development: Evidence from the Summer Participation "Dip"." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Economic Association, San Diego, CA, January 4-6, 2013.

- "The Earned Income Tax Credit, Health, and Happiness" with Casey Boyd-Swan, John Ifcher (presenter), and Homa Zarghamee. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Economic Association, San Diego, CA, January 4-6, 2013.
- "The Impact of Non-Parental Child Care on Child Development: Evidence from the Summer Participation "Dip"." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, LA, November 16-18, 2012.
- "The Impact of Non-Parental Child Care on Child Development: Evidence from the Summer Participation "Dip"." Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 8-10, 2012.
- "The Earned Income Tax Credit, Health, and Happiness" with Casey Boyd-Swan (presenter), John Ifcher, and Homa Zarghamee. Poster presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 8-10, 2012.
- "A Bundle of Joy: Does Parenting Really Make Us Miserable?" with John Ifcher . Paper presented at 2011 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA, May 3-5, 2012.
- "Child Care Subsidies, Maternal Well-Being and Child-Parent Interactions" with Erdal Tekin. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, D.C., November 3-5, 2011.
- "A Bundle of Joy: Does Parenting Really Make Us Miserable?" with John Ifcher (presenter). Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, D.C., November 3-5, 2011.
- "Gender and Party Preferences for Redistribution: Evidence from State Earned Income Tax Credits" with Andrea Mayo (presenter). Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, D.C., November 3-5, 2011.
- "The Impact of Child Care Subsidies on Child Well-Being: Evidence from Geographic Variation in the Distance to Social Service Agencies" with Erdal Tekin. Paper presented at 2011 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C., March 31-April 2, 2011.
- "I Guess that's Why They Call It the Blues: Macro-Economic Conditions and Subjective Well-Being." Paper presented at 2011 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C., March 31-April 2, 2011.
- "The Impact of Child Care Subsidies on Child Well-Being: Evidence from Geographic Variation in the Distance to Social Service Agencies" with Erdal Tekin. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Economics Association, Atlanta, GA, November 20-22, 2010.
- "Welfare Reform and the Subjective Well-Being of Single Mothers." Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Boston, MA, November 5-7, 2010.

- "The Impact of Child Care Subsidies on Child Well-Being: Evidence from Geographic Variation in the Distance to Social Service Agencies" with Erdal Tekin. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Boston, MA, November 5-7, 2010.
- "The Impact of Child Care Subsidies on Child Well-Being: Evidence from Geographic Variation in the Distance to Social Service Agencies" with Erdal Tekin (presenter). Paper presented at the 24<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of The European Society for Population Economics, Germany, June 9-12, 2010.
- "The Impact of Child Care Subsidies on Child Well-Being: Evidence from Geographic Variation in the Distance to Social Service Agencies" with Erdal Tekin. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, D.C., November 5-7, 2009.
- "TANF Entry Flow from Employment and Exit Flow to Employment in the Current Recession: What Performance Targets Should We Set?" with Jane Staveley (presenter). Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, D.C., November 5-7, 2009.
- "Child Care Subsidies, Child Care Arrangements, and Childhood Obesity" with Erdal Tekin (presenter). Paper presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of The European Society for Population Economics, Seville, Spain, June 11-13, 2009.
- "Child Care Subsidies, Child Care Arrangements, and Childhood Obesity" with Erdal Tekin. Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Detroit, MI, April 30-May 2, 2009.
- "Child Care Subsidies and Child Development" with Erdal Tekin. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA, November 6-8, 2008.
- "When Policy Tracks Cross: The Collision of Social Welfare and Immigration Policy in the U.S. and Denmark." Paper presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Welfare State Change. Store Restrup Herregaard, Denmark, January 30-February 1, 2008.
- "Do Social Policy Reforms Have Different Impacts on Employment and Welfare Use as Economic Conditions Change?" Poster presentation at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, D.C., November 8-10, 2007.
- "Who are the Eligible Non-Recipients of Child Care Subsidies?" Poster presentation at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Child Care Policy Research Consortium, Washington, D.C., July 30-August 2, 2007.
- "Did Welfare Reform Change Work Participation Dynamics? Evidence from Maryland" with David Stevens. Paper presented at the 10th Annual ACF/OPRE Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington, D.C., June 4-6, 2007.

- "Why is Take-up for Child Care Subsidies So Low?" Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Madison, WI, November 2-4, 2006.
- "Published Five Year Caseload Composition Findings Revisited from 10- and 20-Year Perspectives Through 2005" with David Stevens. Paper presented at the 46th Annual Workshop of the National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics, Jackson Hole, WY, August 20-23, 2006.
- "Why is Take-up for Child Care Subsidies So Low?" Paper presented at the 46th Annual Workshop of the National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics, Jackson Hole, WY, August 20-23, 2006.
- "Close to Home: A Simultaneous Equation Model of the Relationship Between Child Care Accessibility and Women's Labor Force Participation." Paper presented at Head Start's National Research Conference, Washington, D.C., June 26-28, 2006.
- "Threading Multiple Needles: Using Published Data to Determine Household Eligibility and Take-up for Child Care Subsidies." Poster presentation at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Child Care Policy Research Consortium, Washington, D.C., April 24-26, 2006.
- "Close to Home: A Simultaneous Equation Model of the Relationship between Child Care Accessibility and Women's Employment." Poster Presentation at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Dallas, TX, November 7-9, 2002.
- "Close to Home: A Structural Model of the Relationship Between Child Care Accessibility and Women's Employment." Paper presented at the One-day Interdisciplinary Workshop sponsored by the Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, April 2002.

#### **INVITED PROFESSIONAL LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS**

- "Who's Minding the Kids? Experimental Evidence on the Demand for Child Care Quality." Paper presented at San Diego State University's Department of Economics and Center for Health Economics and Policy (CHEPS), October 18, 2018.
- "The Cost and Quality of Child Care in the U.S.: Problems and Policy Solutions." Presentation at the Innovation in Early Childhood Development and K-12 Education Conference, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN, October 23, 2018.
- "The Demand for Teacher Characteristics in the Market for Child Care: Evidence from a Field Experiment." Paper presented at TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research, Aarhus University, June 1, 2017.
- "The Demand for Teacher Characteristics in the Market for Child Care: Evidence from a Field Experiment." Paper presented at University of Virginia's Curry School of Education, March, 27, 2017.
- "Universal Child Care, Maternal Employment, and Children's Long-Run Outcomes: Evidence from the U.S. Lanham Act of 1940." Paper presented at Central European University's School of Public Policy, Budapest, Hungary, October 12, 2016.

- "Are Parental Welfare Work Requirements Good for Disadvantaged Children? Evidence from Age-of-Youngest-Child Exemptions." Paper presented at University Wisconsin-Madison's La Follette School of Public Affairs, April 13, 2016.
- "The Cost and Quality of Child Care in the U.S.: Trends and (Potential) Solutions." Invited Panelist for the 2016 Child Care Aware of America Symposium. Washington, DC, April 6, 2016.
- "Are Parental Welfare Work Requirements Good for Disadvantaged Children? Evidence from Age-of-Youngest-Child Exemptions." Paper presented at Arizona State University's Department of Economics, March 26, 2015.
- "Are Parental Welfare Work Requirements Good for Disadvantaged Children? Evidence from Age-of-Youngest-Child Exemptions." Paper presented at American University's School of Public Affairs, January 22, 2015.
- "Are Parental Welfare Work Requirements Good for Disadvantaged Children? Evidence from Age-of-Youngest-Child Exemptions." Paper presented at University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs, December 1, 2014.
- "Are Parental Welfare Work Requirements Good for Disadvantaged Children? Evidence from Age-of-Youngest-Child Exemptions." Paper presented at the Workshop on Human Capital Development in Children and Youth. Montreal, Canada: University of Quebec in Montreal, October, 4, 2014.
- "The Long-Term Impact of Publicly Subsidized Child Care: Evidence from the U.S. Lanham Act of 1940." Paper presented at the University of Arizona's Department of Sociology. Tucson, AZ, October 4, 2013.
- "The Long-Term Impact of Publicly Subsidized Child Care: Evidence from the U.S. Lanham Act of 1940." Paper presented at the University of Bergen-University College London Workshop on Child Care and Labor Market Policy. Bergen, Norway, August 16-17, 2013.
- "Happy in the Hood? The Impact of Racial Segregation on Happiness" with Lucio, J. (presenter). Paper presented at the School of Public Affairs Spring Research Colloquium, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, March 22, 2013.
- "Happy in the Hood? The Impact of Racial Segregation on Happiness" with Lucio, J. (presenter). Paper presented at the Center for Population Dynamics Spring Research Colloquium, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, January 18, 2013.
- "Can We Trust Parental Reports of Child Care Subsidy Receipt?" with Anna Johnson. Paper presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Child Care Policy Research Consortium, Washington, D.C., November 16-17, 2011.
- "Child Care Subsidies, Maternal Well-Being and Child-Parent Interactions" with Erdal Tekin. Paper presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Child Care Policy Research Consortium, Washington, D.C., November 16-17, 2011.

- "Child Care Subsidies and Family Well-Being" (session title). Organizer and Presenter at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Child Care Policy Research Consortium, Washington, D.C., November 16-17, 2011.
- "Child Care Subsidy Policy Research: Where Are We, and Where Do We Need to Go?" (session title). Invited Panelist to the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Child Care Policy Research Consortium, Washington, D.C., October 21-22, 2010.
- "Child Care Subsidies and Family Well-Being" (session title). Organizer and Presenter at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Child Care Policy Research Consortium, Washington, D.C., October 21-22, 2010.
- "Gender Preferences for Redistributive Policies: Evidence from State Earned Income Tax Credits" with Andrea Mayo (presenter). Paper presented at the School of Public Affairs Fall Research Colloquium, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, August 27, 2010.
- "Measuring Poverty: An Introduction to the Supplemental Federal Measure." (session title). Invited Panelist to the Morrison Institute for Public Policy's Discussion of the Supplemental Poverty Measure. Morrison Institute, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, May 5, 2010.
- "The Impact of Child Care Subsidies on Child Well-Being: Evidence from Geographic Variation in the Distance to Social Service Agencies" with Erdal Tekin (presenter). Department of Economics Colloquium, Deakin University, Australia, March 26, 2010.
- "The Impact of Child Care Subsidies on Child Well-Being: Evidence from Geographic Variation in the Distance to Social Service Agencies" with Erdal Tekin (presenter). Department of Economics Colloquium, Florida International University, Miami, FL, March 5, 2010.
- "The Impact of Child Care Subsidies on Child Well-Being: Evidence from Geographic Variation in the Distance to Social Service Agencies" with Erdal Tekin (presenter). Department of Public Policy Colloquium, University of Maryland - Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, February 25, 2010.
- "The Impact of Child Care Subsidies on Child Well-Being: Evidence from Geographic Variation in the Distance to Social Service Agencies" with Erdal Tekin (presenter). Department of Economics Colloquium, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, February 23, 2010.
- "Child Care Subsidies and Child Development" with Erdal Tekin. Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Child Care Policy Research Consortium, Washington, D.C., October 28-30, 2009.
- "Welfare Reform and the Subjective Well-Being of Single Mothers." Paper presented at the Center for Population Dynamics Fall Research Colloquium, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, September 25, 2009.
- "Employment and Training Dynamics for Low-Wage Individuals" (session title). Invited Discussant to the 2009 ACF/OPRE Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington, D.C., May 27-29, 2009.
- "Child Care Subsidies and Child Development" with Erdal Tekin (presenter). Department of Economics Colloquium, Hohenheim University, Stuttgart, Germany, November 17, 2009.

- "Child Care Subsidies and Child Development" with Erdal Tekin. Paper presented at the School of Public Affairs Fall Research Colloquium, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, October 24, 2008.
- "Three Reasons Why We Should be More Like the Danes: A U.S. Social Policy Wish List." Barrett Honors College Speaker Series and School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, August 29, 2008.
- "The Past and Future of the U.S. Welfare State." School of Social Work, Aarhus University, Denmark. June 24, 2008.
- "The U.S. Presidential Election and the Future of Social Policy: A New War on Poverty or a Poverty of Ideas." Department of Economics, Politics, and Public Administration, Aalborg University, Denmark. May 28, 2008.

#### PRESS COVERAGE

"Why are young people having so little sex?", The Atlantic, December 2018

"Can Yelp help you find reliable child care? ASU looks to find out", ABC 15, October 2018

"Yelp reviews reveal disparities in how rich, poor parents approach child care", KJZZ's The Show, September 2018

"Turning to Yelp for child care help", ASU Now, September 2018

"We have a child-care crisis in this county. We had the solution 78 years ago", Washington Post, July 2018

"What the average American family spends on childcare", Quartz, April 2018

"The costs of child care around the world", CNN, April 2018

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