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PERSONAL

Born May 29, 1967

Married (Jeannette), four children (Amanda, Olivia, Nicholas, Sophie)

POSITIONS HELD:

University of Chicago Department of Economics

Director, Initiative on Chicago Price Theory, Sept. 2004-present

Alvin H. Baum Professor, July 2002-present

Professor, June 1999-June 2002

Associate Professor with tenure, August 1998-May 1999

Assistant Professor, July 1997-July 1998

American Bar Foundation

Research fellow, July 1997-present

Harvard Society of Fellows

Junior Fellow, July 1994-June 1997

Corporate Decisions, Inc.

Management Consultant, August 1989-July 1991

EDUCATION:

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Ph.D., Economics, 1994

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship (1992-94)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

B.A., Summa Cum Laude, Economics, 1989

Phi Beta Kappa (1989)

Young prize for best undergraduate thesis in economics

EDITORIAL POSITIONS:

Editor, *Journal of Political Economy* (August 1999-present)

Associate Editor, *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (1998-1999)

HONORS, AWARDS, and ACTIVITIES:

John Bates Clark Medal, 2003

Garvin Prize (given annually to the most outstanding presentation in the University of California at Berkeley Law and Economics Workshop), 2003

Economic Journal Lecture, Royal Economic Association Meetings, 2003

Fellow, Center for Advanced Study of Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, CA. (In residence, September 2002-May 2003)

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected April 2002)

Panel Member, National Academy of Sciences Panel Evaluating Guns (2001-2004)

AEA Program Committee, 2001

National Science Foundation Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (February 2000)

Faculty Appreciation Award from the graduate students in the University of Chicago Department of Economics (April 2000)

AEA Program Committee, 2000

Duncan Black Prize (given annually to the paper published in *Public Choice* judged to be most outstanding), for a paper written jointly with James Poterba (April 2000)

Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow (May 1999)

National Science Foundation CAREER Award (April 1999)

National Fellow, Harvard University Program in Inequality and Social Policy (September 1998-present)

Quantrell Award (recognizing outstanding undergraduate teaching at the University of Chicago, May 1998)

Review of Economic Studies European Tour, Presenter (May 1997)

John M. Olin Research Fellow in Law and Economics, Harvard Law School (July 1995-June 1997)

Faculty Research Fellow/Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (October 1994-Present)

BOOKS

"Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything," April 2005, published by William Morrow (a Harper Collins imprint). Co-written with Stephen Dubner.

PUBLICATIONS IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS

"The Black-White Test Score Gap Through Third Grade"; Forthcoming, *American Law and Economics Review*, 2005. (with Fryer, Roland G.)

"How do markets function? an empirical analysis of gambling on the National Football League", 2004, *Economic Journal* 114, 495: 2043-2066

"The Impact of School Choice on Student Outcomes: An Analysis of the Chicago Public Schools", 2004, Forthcoming *Journal of Public Economics*

"Testing Theories Of Discrimination: Evidence From Weakest Link." *Journal of Law and Economics*, 2004, 47(2), pp. 431.

"The Causes and Consequences of Distinctively Black Names." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2004, 119(3), pp. 767-805. (with Fryer, Roland G., Jr.)

"Understanding Why Crime Fell in the 1990s: Four Factors That Explain the Decline and Six That Do Not." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2004, 18(1), pp. 163-90.

"Why Are Gambling Markets Organised So Differently from Financial Markets?" *Economic Journal*, 2004, 114(495), pp. 223-46.

"An Empirical Analysis of Imprisoning Drug Offenders." *Journal of Public Economics*, 2004, 88(9-10), pp. 2043-66. (with Kuziemko, Ilyana)

"Understanding the Black-White Test Score Gap in the First Two Years of School." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2004, 86(2), pp. 447-64. (with Fryer, Roland G., Jr.)

"Further Evidence that Legalized Abortion Lowered Crime: A Reply to Joyce." *Journal of Human Resources*, 2004, 39(1), pp. 29-49. (with Donohue, John J., III)

"Prison Conditions, Capital Punishment, and Deterrence." *American Law and Economics Review*, 2003, 5(2), pp. 318-43. (with Katz, Lawrence and Shustorovich, Ellen)

"Rotten Apples: An Investigation of the Prevalence and Predictors of Teacher Cheating."

- Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2003, 118(3), pp. 843-77. (with Jacob, Brian A.)
- "Catching Cheating Teachers: The Results of an Unusual Experiment in Implementing Theory." *Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs*, 2003, pp. 185-209. (with Jacob, Brian A.)
- "An Examination of the Influence of Theory and Individual Theorists on Empirical Research in Microeconomics." *American Economic Review*, 2003, 93(2), pp. 151-55. (with Chiappori, Pierre-Andre)
- "Honoring James Heckman's Contributions to Economics: Identification, Heterogeneity, and Economic Models." *Law & Social Inquiry*, 2002, 27(Issue 1), pp. 35.
- "Testing the Economic Model of Crime: The National Hockey League's Two Referee Experiment." *Contributions to Economic Analysis and Policy*, 2002, 1(1), pp. na.
- "Using Electoral Cycles in Police Hiring to Estimate the Effects of Police on Crime: Reply." *American Economic Review*, 2002, 92(4), pp. 1244-50.
- "Winning Isn't Everything: Corruption in Sumo Wrestling." *American Economic Review*, 2002, 92(5), pp. 1594-605. (with Duggan, Mark)
- "Testing Mixed-Strategy Equilibria When Players Are Heterogeneous: The Case of Penalty Kicks in Soccer." *American Economic Review*, 2002, 92 : 1138-1151 (With Chiappori, Pierre-Andre and Groseclose, Timothy)
- "Alternative Strategies for Identifying the Link Between Unemployment and Crime." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 2001, 17(Issue 4), pp. 377.
- "Growing Up in the Projects: The Economic Lives of a Cohort of Men Who Came of Age in Chicago Public Housing." *American Economic Review*, 2001, 91(2), pp. 79-84. (with Venkatesh, Sudhir A.)
- "Sample Selection in the Estimation of Air Bag and Seat Belt Effectiveness." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2001, 83(4), pp. 603-15. (with Porter, Jack)
- "How Dangerous Are Drinking Drivers?" *Journal of Political Economy*, 2001, 109(6), pp. 1198-237. (with Porter, Jack)
- "The Impact of Legalized Abortion on Crime." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2001, 116(2), pp. 379-420. (with Donohue, John J., III)
- "The Impact of Race on Policing and Arrests." *Journal of Law and Economics*, 2001, 44(2), pp.

367-94. (with Donohue, John J., III)

- "Are we a family or a business?" History and disjuncture in the urban American street gang." *Theory & Society*, 2000, 29(Issue 4), pp. 427. (with Venkatesh, Sudhir A.)
- "An Economic Analysis of a Drug-Selling Gang's Finances." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2000, 115(3), pp. 755-89. (with Venkatesh, Sudhir A.)
- "The Limited Role of Changing Age Structure in Explaining Aggregate Crime Rates." *Criminology*, 1999, 37(Issue 3), pp. 581.
- "Congressional Distributive Politics and State Economic Performance." *Public Choice*, 1999, 99(1-2), pp. 185-216. (Poterba, James M.)
- "The Changing Relationship between Income and Crime Victimization." *Federal Reserve Bank of New York Economic Policy Review*, 1999, 5(3), pp. 87-98.
- "Using Sentence Enhancements to Distinguish between Deterrence and Incapacitation." *Journal of Law and Economics*, 1999, 42, pp. 343-63. (with Kessler, Daniel)
- "Comparing Interest Group Scores across Time and Chambers: Adjusted ADA Scores for the U S Congress." *American Political Science Review*, 1999, 93(1), pp. 33-50. (with Groseclose, Tim and Snyder, James M., Jr.)
- "Crime, Urban Flight, and the Consequences for Cities." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 1999, 81(2), pp. 159-69. (with Cullen, Julie B.)
- "The Hazards of Moral Hazard: Comment on Goff, Shughart, and Tollison." *Economic Inquiry*, 1998, 36(4), pp. 685-87.
- "Are PACs Trying to Influence Politicians or Voters?" *Economics and Politics*, 1998, 10(1), pp. 19-35.
- "Why Do Increased Arrest Rates Appear to Reduce Crime: Deterrence, Incapacitation, or Measurement Error?" *Economic Inquiry*, 1998, 36(3), pp. 353-72.
- "The relationship between crime reporting and police: Implications for the use of uniform crime reports." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 1998, 14(1), pp. 61-81.
- "Juvenile Crime and Punishment." 1998, *Journal of Political Economy*, 106 (December): 1156-1185
- "Guns, Violence, and the Efficiency of Illegal Markets." *American Economic Review*, 1998, 88:

- pp. 463-67. (with Donohue, John J., III)
- "Measuring Positive Externalities from Unobservable Victim Precaution: An Empirical Analysis of Lojack." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 1998, 113(1), pp. 43-77 (with Ayres, Ian)
- "The relationship between crime reporting and police: Implications for the use of uniform crime reports." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 1998, 14(1), pp. 61-81.
- "Using Electoral Cycles in Police Hiring to Estimate the Effect of Police on Crime." *The American Economic Review*, 1997, 87(3), pp. 270-90.
- "The Impact of Federal Spending on House Election Outcomes." *Journal of Political Economy*, 1997, 105(1), pp. 30-53. (with Snyder, James M., Jr.)
- "Is no News Bad News? Information Transmission and the Role of "Early Warning" in the Principal-Agent Model." *The Rand Journal of Economics*, 1997, 28(4), pp. 641-61. (with Snyder, Christopher M.)
- "Incentive compatibility constraints as an explanation for the use of prison sentences instead of fines." *International Review of Law and Economics*, 1997, pp. 179-92.
- "A skeptical but sympathetic appraisal of the prospects for nurturant crime-control policies." *Politics & the Life Sciences*, 1997, 16(Issue 1), pp. 34.
- "Decomposing the Sources of Incumbency Advantage in the U. S. House." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 1997, 22(1), pp. 45-60. (with Wolfram, Catherine D.)
- "The Effect of Prison Population Size on Crime Rates: Evidence from Prison Overcrowding Litigation." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 1996, 111(2), pp. 319-51.
- "How Do Senators Vote? Disentangling the Role of Voter Preferences, Party Affiliation, and Senator Ideology." *The American Economic Review*, 1996, 86(3), pp. 425-41.
- "Political Parties and the Distribution of Federal Outlays." *American Journal of Political Science*, 1995, 39(4), pp. 958-80. (with Snyder, James M., Jr.)
- "Optimal Incentive Schemes when Only the Agents' "Best" Output Matters to the Principal." *The Rand Journal of Economics*, 1995, 26(4, Symposium on the Economics of Organization), pp. 744-60.
- "Policy Watch: Congressional campaign finance reform." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 1995, 9(Issue 1), pp. 183.

"Using Repeat Challengers to Estimate the Effect of Campaign Spending on Election Outcomes in the U.S. House." *Journal of Political Economy*, 1994, 102(4), pp. 777-98.

"An Empirical Test of Competing Explanations for the Midterm Gap in the U S House." *Economics and Politics* , 1994, 6(1), pp. 25-37.

OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

"Review of Drug War Heresies by MacCoun and Reuter." *Journal of Economic Literature*, 2003, 41(2), pp. 540-44.

"To Catch a Cheat." *Education Next* . Winter 2004. (with Jacob, Brian)

"Falling Behind." *Education Next*. Fall 2004. (with Fryer, Ronald)

"Aging in an American Street Gang: Toward a Life-Course Perspective on Gang Involvement." Forthcoming, in collection of articles to be published by American Bar Foundation. (with Sudhir Venkatesh).

"Comment on Ludwig and Raphael's Analysis of 'Project Exile.'" in *Evaluating Gun Policy: Effects on Crime and Violence*, edited by Jens Ludwig and Phil Cook, November 2002, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.

"Deterrence." In *Crime*, edited by James Q. Wilson and Joan Petersilia. San Francisco: ICS press. 2001.

"Understanding Colombia's Crime Situation and the Institutional Reforms Required to Alleviate the Problem." For a volume edited by Alberto Alesina, 2000. (with Mauricio Rubio)

"The Determinants of Juvenile Crime." in *Risky Behavior by Youths*, edited by Jonathan Gruber, University of Chicago Press, 2000. (with Lance Lochner)

"The Economics of Inmate Labor Participation." 1999.

POPULAR WRITING

"The Seat-Belt Solution", New York Times, July 11, 2005 (with Stephen J. Dubner).

"Monkey Business" New York Times, June 5, 2005 (with Stephen J. Dubner).

OP-Ed in Los Angeles Times on Gangs

"The Search for 100 Million Missing Women." Slate Magazine, May 24, 2005 (with Stephen J. Dubner).

"A Roshanda by Any Other Name" Slate Magazine, April 11, 2005 (with Stephen J. Dubner)

"Trading Up", Slate Magazine, April 12, 2005 (with Stephen J. Dubner)

"What the Bagel Man Saw," New York Times Magazine, June 6, 2004 (with Stephen J. Dubner)

"O Preco da Violencia" (On Preventing Violence) Exame, March 21, 2001, pp 90-94 (with Rodrigo Soares, published in Portuguese)

"Pools More Dangerous than Guns." Editorial published in Chicago Sun Times, July 28, 2001

"Does Abortion Prevent Crime?" Slate Magazine, August 23, 1999 (with Steve Sailer)

WORKING PAPERS AND UNPUBLISHED PAPERS

"Evidence that Child Safety Seats are no more Effective than seat Belts for Children Age Two and Older." Unpublished paper, July 2005.

"Measuring the Impact of Crack Cocaine." NBER Working Papers Series no. 11318; Cambridge: National Bureau of Economic Research, 2005. (with Fryer, Roland G., Heaton, Paul S. and Murphy, Kevin M.)

"Market Distortions when Agents are Better Informed: The Value of Information in Real Estate Transactions" NBER Working Paper Series No. 11053; National Bureau of Economic Research, 2005. (with Syverson, Chad)

"The effect of school choice on student outcomes evidence from randomized lotteries" NBER working paper series ; no. 10113; National Bureau of Economic Research, 2003. (with Cullen, Julie B. and Jacob, Brian A.)

"The impact of legalized abortion on teen childbearing" ABF working paper ; #2112;; Chicago, Ill.: American Bar Foundation, 2002. (with Donohue, John J. and Grogger, Jeff)