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**EDUCATION:**

B.A., Economics and Physics, Kalamazoo College, 1972  
M.A., Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1975  
Ph.D., Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1980  
Major Field: Public Finance  
Minor Field: Economic Theory and Econometrics  
Third Field: Labor Economics

**DISSERTATION:** "Labor Supply Functions and Their Implicit Expenditure Functions:  
Theoretical Derivation and Application in Microsimulation"

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

National Institute of Mental Health Doctoral Dissertation Grant, 1975-1976.

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Superior Service Award from Department of Health, Education and Welfare, 1978.

National Associate, National Academy of Science, 2004

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

January 2011 to present: Member of the National Academy of Science Panel on Redesigning the Consumer Expenditure Survey

January 2011 to present: Member of the National Academy of Science Panel on Measuring Medical Care Risk

September 2010 to present: Visiting Scholar at the Urban Institute, Washington DC

July 2010 to present: Associate Professor of Public Policy and Economics, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

December 2009 to June 2010: Consultant to the State of California's review of child support guidelines

August 2009 to present: Member of the National Academy of Science Panel on Estimating Children Eligible for School Nutrition Programs.

February 2009 to June 2010: Advisor to the State of New York's project on measuring poverty

June 2008 to June 2010: Member of the external Advisory Board for the Stanford Poverty Project.

August 2007 to September 2008: Appointed by the Governor of Washington to the Washington State Commission on Child Support Guideline Review.

January 2007 to present: External Advisor to the New York City Poverty Measurement Project.

August 2000 to June 2003: Chair of the National Academy of Science Panel on National Estimates of the Number of WIC Participants and the Impact on Child Health and Nutrition.

January 1999 to June 2003: Research Affiliate with the Joint Center for Poverty Research at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University

January 1997 to June 1997: Visiting Professor at the Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago and Visiting Scholar at the Joint Center for Poverty Research at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University.

September 1997 to September 1998: Management consultant to the US Department of Health and Human Services for supervision of the Urban Institute TRIM contract.

December 1996 to January 1998: Consultant to the Indiana Judicial Council and the Indiana Supreme Court for the State's review of their child support guidelines.

September 1995 to January 1997: on leave to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services.

June 1996 to August 2000: Panel member of the National Academy of Science review of small area estimates of poverty for allocation of Title 1 federal education grants.

September 1995 to present: Research Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin - Madison.

June 1992 to August 1995: Director of the Hesburgh Program in Public Service, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.

June 1992 to May 1995: Panel member of the National Academy of Science review of poverty measurement and family assistance.

May 1989 to December 1991: Panel member of the National Academy of Science review of the use of microsimulation models for the analysis of social welfare policy.

August 1987 to June 2010: Associate Professor of Economics, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.

August 1982 to August 1987: Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.

August 1982 to December 1992: Research Fellow, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

September 1981 to June 1982: Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

August 1979 to August 1982: Research Associate, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

September 1976 to August 1979: Economist in the Division of Research, Office of Income Security Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C.

While employed at HEW, I along with David Greenberg and Richard Kasten developed a large microsimulation model (denoted as the KGB model) which was used by the Carter Administration and the Congressional Budget Office to estimate the costs and distributional implications of the Program for Better Jobs and Income. One novel feature of the model was that it was the first attempt to estimate the potential demand for the provision of guaranteed jobs by the government. In addition to the responsibility of developing the model, I also represented the Department in meetings with other executive departments and congressional committees. Apart from my involvement with the welfare reform effort, I provided technical assistance in the monitoring of the analysis of the Seattle-Denver Income Maintenance Experiments.

September 1972 to September 1976: Research Assistant to Robert Haveman and Irv Garfinkel, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

### ***PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:***

Referee for National Science Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Economic Journal*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Income and Wealth*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Economic Development*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Quarterly Review of Economics*, *World Development*, *American Sociological Review and Growth and Change*.

Chairman of the Review Panel for the Department of Health and Human Services regional policy simulation modeling project. (1984 to 1987).

Member of the Review Panel for the Department of Agriculture's Food Stamp policy simulation modeling project. (1985 to 1987).

Presentations to Child Support Committees in the states of Ohio, Indiana, Arizona, and New Jersey.

Advisor to Justice Ministry of Canada on the formation of child support guidelines.

### ***MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:***

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

American Economic Association

**PUBLICATIONS:**

***Books and Book Length Reports:***

*Developing and Evaluating Method for Using American Community Survey Data to Support the School Meals Programs: Interim Report* (co-authored with members of the NAS Panel). National Research Council, Washington, D.C., May 2010

*Parental Expenditures on Children: Rothbarth Estimates.* Final report to the State of California in support of their review of child support guidelines. April, 2010

*Estimating Eligibility and Participation for the WIC Program: Final Report* (co-authored with the members of the NAS Panel). National Research Council, Washington, D.C., June 2003

*Estimating Eligibility and Participation for the WIC Program: Phase I Report* (co-authored with the members of the NAS Panel). National Research Council, Washington, D.C., August 2001

*Small-Area Estimates of School-Aged Children in Poverty: Evaluation of Current Methodology*, (co-authored with members of the NAS panel). National Academy Press, Washington, D.C., 2000.

*Small-Area Estimates of School-Aged Children in Poverty: Priorities for 2000 and Beyond*, (co-authored with members of the NAS panel). National Academy Press, Washington, D.C., 2000.

*Small-Area Estimates of School-Age Children in Poverty: Evaluation of Revised 1995 County Estimates for Title I Allocations -- Interim Report 3* (co-authored with members of the NAS Panel). National Academy Press, Washington, D.C., 1999.

*Small-Area Estimates of School-Age Children in Poverty: Evaluation of Revised 1993 County Estimates for Title I Allocations -- Interim Report 2* (co-authored with members of the NAS Panel). National Academy Press, Washington, D.C., 1998.

*Small-Area Estimates of School-Age Children in Poverty: Evaluation of 1993 County Estimates for Title I Allocations -- Interim Report 1* (co-authored with members of the NAS Panel). National Academy Press, Washington, D.C., 1997.

*Measuring Poverty: A New Approach*, (co-authored with members of the NAS panel). National Academy Press, Washington, D.C., 1995.

*Improving the Tools of Policy Analysis: Better Information for Making Public Policy Choices*, (co-authored with members of the NAS panel). National Research Council, Washington, D.C., 1991.

*Earnings Capacity, Poverty, and Inequality*, with Irv Garfinkel and Robert Haveman, Academic Press, New York, New York, 1977.

**Published Articles:**

- “Does the Popularity of a Poverty Program Imply Its Success?” In *Perspectives in Poverty Alleviation* edited by Sedmak and Böhler, LIT Verlag, 2008, pp. 85 to 104.
- “Measuring Poverty” with Jennifer L. Warlick. In *Methods in Social Epidemiology* edited by Oakes and Kaufman, Jossey-Bass Press, 2006, pp. 112 to 133.
- “Public and Private Responsibility for the Financial Costs of Raising Children.” In *Zukunftsperspektiven der Finanzierung öffentlicher Aufgaben*. Edited by Theurl and Thoni. Bohlau Wein. 2002, pp. 191to 208.
- “Estimating the Relative Poverty Status of Children and the Elderly using a Comprehensive Measure of Poverty.” In *Crossing the Mainstream: Ethical and Methodological Issues in Economics*, edited by Dutt and Jameson, University of Notre Dame Press, 2001, pp. 170-192.
- “Recent Developments for Poverty Measurement in U.S. Official Statistics” with Connie Citro and Robert T. Michael. *Journal of Official Statistics*. Vol. 16., No. 2, 2000, pp. 87 to 111.
- “Alternative Historical Trends in Poverty” with Jennifer L. Warlick. *American Economics Review*, May 1998, Vol. 88, No. 2, and pp. 348-351.
- “‘Ties that Bind’: The Fate of the Family in an Ever Increasing Global Economy.” in *Economic Effects of Globalization*, edited by John-ren Chen, Ashgate, 1998, pp.167-182.
- "Why are so many children poor?" with Robert T. Michael. *The Future of Children*, Vol. 7, Number 2, Summer 1997.
- "Fair Shares: Meeting the Financial Needs of Children after Divorce." In *Child Support: The Guideline Option* by Ross Finnie, Institute for Research on Public Finance, Montreal, Canada, 1994.
- "Rising Tides or Crashing Breakers? The Impact of NAFTA on US Income Inequality." In *Economic Effects of Regional Integration in Europe and North America* edited by Chen and Smekal, Veröffentlichungen der Universität Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria, 1994, p. 57-83.
- "Tradeoffs Implicit in Child Support Guidelines," with Erik Evenhouse, Siobhan Reilly, and Eugene Smolensky. *Journal of the Association of Public Analysis and Management*, Volume 11, Number 1, Winter 1992, p. 1 - 20.
- "The Panel's Validation Experiment with the TRIM2 Model," with Cohen, Billard and Ericksen. In Volume Two of *Improving the Tools of Policy Analysis: Better Information for Making Public Policy Choices*, 1991.
- "How Reliable are Conclusions Derived from Microsimulation Models?" In *Simulation Models in Tax and Transfer Policy: Proceedings of an International Symposium*, edited by Brunner and Petersen, Campus Verlag, 1990, p. 423-446.
- "The Effects of Taxing Unemployment Insurance Benefits Accounting for Induced Labor Supply Responses", with Jennifer Warlick and Timothy Smeeding. In *The Distributional*

- Impact of Public Policies*, edited by S. Danziger and K. Portney. St. Martin's Press, 1988, p. 149-170.
- "An Application of a Dynamic Cost-of-Living Index to the Evaluation of Changes in Social Welfare," with Eugene Smolensky, Myung-Hoon Lee and Jacques van der Gaag. *Journal of Post Keynesian Economics*, Vol. IX, No. 3, Spring 1987, pp. 364-380.
- "Labor Supply and Tax Rates: Comment," with David Greenberg. *American Economic Review*, Vol. 76, No. 3, p. 551-556.
- "Future Directions for Microanalytic Simulation Modeling of the Labor Market." In *Microanalytic Simulation Models to Support Social and Financial Policy*, edited by G. Orcutt, J. Merz and H. Quinke. North-Holland Press, 1985, p. 275-294.
- "Measuring the Benefits of Income Maintenance Programs," with Jacques van der Gaag. In *Horizontal Equity, Uncertainty, and Economic Well-Being*, edited by M. David and T. Smeeding. University of Chicago Press, 1985, PP 215-233.
- "Working Married Women and Their Impact on the Distribution of Income in the U.S.," with Jacques van der Gaag. *Journal of Human Resources*, Fall 1984, Vol. XIX, No. 4, p. 532-543.
- "The Role of Income Transfers in Reducing Inequality between and within Regions" with Robert Haveman. In *Economic Transfers in the United States* edited by M. Moon. University of Chicago Press, 1984, 283-322.
- "Uses of Microsimulation in Applied Poverty Research," with David Greenberg. In *Applied Poverty Research* edited by R. Goldstein and S. Sachs, Roman & Allanheld, 1984, p. 175-190.
- "Complementary Strategies for Policy Analysis: Combining Microeconomic and Regional Simulation Models." *Journal of Regional Science and Urban Economics*. Vol. 13, 1983. p. 213-229.
- "Cash Transfers versus Job Programs", with David Greenberg. *Journal of Socio-Economic Planning Science*. Vol. 16, No. 4, 1982. p. 147-155.
- "A Proposal for Comprehensive Reform of the Child Support System," with Tom Corbett, Irv Garfinkel and Sherwood Zink. In *The Parental Child Support Obligation*, edited by Judith Cassetty, Lexington Press, 1982, p. 263-282.
- "A Stimulation Analysis of the Economic Efficiency and Distributional Effects of Alternative Program Structures: The Negative Income Tax Versus the Credit Income Tax," with David Greenberg and Richard Kasten. In *Income Tested Transfer Programs: The Case For and Against*, edited by Irv Garfinkel, Academic Press, 1982, p. 175-203.
- "Comment on Robert Lerman's Paper, "Employer versus Worker Wage Subsidies." In *Jobs for Disadvantaged Workers: The Economics of Employment Subsidies*, edited by R. Haveman and J. Palmer, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., 1982, p. 180-183.
- "The Efficiency and Distributional Impact of Wage Rate Subsidies," with John Bishop. In *Jobs for Disadvantaged Workers: The Economics of Employment Subsidies*, edited by R. Haveman and J. Palmer, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., 1982, p. 187-208.

- "A Simulation Study of the Interaction Between Transfer Policy and Employment Programs," with David Greenberg. In *Welfare Reform in America*, edited by P. Sommers, Kluwer Nijhoff Publishing, Boston, 1982, p. 230-252.
- "Reform of the Tax System to Stimulate Labor Supply: Efficiency and Distributional Effects," with John Bishop. Proceedings of the Thirty-Third Annual Meeting of the Industrial Relations Research Association, May 1981, p. 307-315.
- "Using the Work Effort Results to Simulate Welfare Reform Alternatives," with David Greenberg and Richard Kasten. In *Income Maintenance: Evidence from a Social Experiment*, edited by P. Robins et. al., Academic Press, 1980, p. 102-124.
- "The Poverty Institute Regional and Distributional Model--An Analysis of the Program for Better Jobs and Income," with Kevin Hollenbeck, Robert Haveman, and Martin Holmer. Published in *Microeconomic Simulation Models for Public Policy Analysis*, vol. 2, edited by R. Haveman and K. Hollenbeck, Academic Press, 1980, p. 137-162.
- "A Micro-Simulation Model for Analyzing Alternative Welfare Reform Proposals: An Application to the Program for Better Jobs and Income," with David Greenberg and Richard Kasten. Published in *Microeconomic Simulation Models for Public Policy Analysis* vol. 1., edited by R. Haveman and K. Hollenbeck, Academic Press, 1980, p. 153-188.
- "Earnings Capacity and its Utilization," with Irv Garfinkel and Robert Haveman, *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, August 1978, pp. 375-385.

#### ***Other Papers and Articles:***

- "What's Behind the Numbers in the Basic Child Support Obligations: An Economic Evaluation of Indiana's Child Support Guidelines." Report to the Indiana Supreme Court, 1997.
- "Review of EIA Modeling Standards," with Kevin Hollenbeck. A report to Energy Information Agency of the Department of Energy, 1992.
- "Alternative Estimates of the Cost of Children from the 1980-86 Consumer Expenditure Survey." Final Report to the Department of Health and Human Services and submitted to Congress as mandated in Family Support Act of 1988, 1990
- "Microsimulation of Policies for Low-Wage Workers: Some Suggested Extensions," with David Greenberg. Final Report on Department of Labor contract number 20-06-80-11.
- "Taxes and Transfers: The Wealth Constraint in a Simulation Model of Retirees," with Marilyn Moon and Eugene Smolensky. A paper prepared for the Brookings Conference on Retirement and Aging January, 1981.
- "Labor Supply Functions and their Implicit Expenditure Functions: Theoretical Deviation and Application to Microsimulation," Unpublished Ph.D. Thesis, University of Wisconsin, 1980

"Estimating the Regional and Distributional Impacts of Wage Rate Subsidy Policies," with Robert Haveman. Final Report for H.U.D. grant H515IRG, 1980.

"The Interim Report of the Seattle-Denver Income Maintenance Experiment," co-authored with the staff members of DHEW/ASPE/ISP, DHEW publication, 1978.

"Labor Market Discrimination and Black-White Differences in Economic Status," with Irv Garfinkel and Robert Haveman. Institute for Research on Poverty Discussion Paper, 1977.

### ***Working Papers***

#### *Poverty Papers:*

The following papers appear on the Census Bureau Web Site:

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/poverty/poverty/povmeas/papers.html>

"Poor Old Folks: Have Our Methods of Poverty Measurement Blinded Us to Who is Poor? November 1995

"The Impact of Home Ownership on the Measurement of Poverty" November 1995

"Is Everything Relative? The Role of Equivalence Scales in Poverty Measurement" December 1996

"In Search of an Elusive Truth – How much do American spend on Medical Care?" April 1997

"Response to Bavier's Critique of the NRC Panel's Recommendations" November 2000

"Imputation of Medical Out of Pocket (MOOP) Spending to CPS Records" January 2001

#### *Child Support Papers:*

"The Marginal Impact of Child Support Payments on Child Expenditures" August, 2001

"Parental Expenditures on Children" June, 2001

#### *Financing of the WIC Program*

"Impact of the WIC Program on the Infant Formula Market" Final report for DOA Grant Award 43-3AEM-3-80107, December 2008.