

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## Melissa Schettini Kearney

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### Education

Ph.D., Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2002  
*Dissertation: Essays on Public Policy and Consumer Choice: Applications to Welfare and State Lotteries*

A.B., Economics, Highest Honors, Princeton University, 1996  
Phi Beta Kappa  
*Thesis: Economic Determinants of Age at First Birth - awarded Wolf Balleisen Memorial Award, thesis prize in economics*

### Professional Positions

University of Maryland, Department of Economics:  
*Associate Professor, August 2009-present*  
*Assistant Professor, August 2006 – 2009*

Brookings Institution, Economic Studies Program:  
*Non-resident Fellow, 2007 – 2009;*  
*Fellow, 2005 –2006*

National Bureau of Economic Research:  
*Research Associate, 2009-present*  
*Faculty Research Fellow, 2002- 2009*

Wellesley College, Department of Economics, *Assistant Professor, 2002 - 2005*

Joint Center for Poverty Research, *Research Affiliate, 2002-2004*

### Articles in Refereed Journals

Freedman, Seth, Melissa Kearney, and Mara Lederman. “Product Recalls, Imperfect Information, and Spillover Effects: Lessons from the Consumer Response to the 2007 Toy Recalls”, forthcoming *Review of Economics and Statistics*

Guryan, Jonathan and Melissa S. Kearney, “Is Lottery Gambling Addictive?” *AEJ: Economic Policy*, August 2010, 2(3): 90–110.

Kearney, Melissa S. and Phillip Levine. “Subsidized Contraception, Fertility, and Sexual Behavior,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2009 October 1; 91(1): 137.

Guryan, Jonathan, Erik Hurst, and Melissa S. Kearney. “Parental Education and Parental Time with Children,” *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 22(3), Summer 2008, 23-46.

Autor, David H, Lawrence F. Katz, and Melissa S. Kearney. “Trends in U.S. Wage Inequality: Re-Assessing the Revisionists,” *Review of Economics and Statistics* 90(2), May 2008, 300-323.

Guryan, Jonathan and Melissa S. Kearney. "Gambling at Lucky Stores: Evidence from State Lottery Sales," *American Economic Review* 98 (1), March 2008, 458-73.

Duggan, Mark and Melissa S. Kearney. “The Impact of Child SSI Enrollment on Household Outcomes: Evidence from the SIPP,” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2007, 26(4), 861-886.

Kearney, Melissa S. "State Lotteries and Consumer Behavior," *Journal of Public Economics*, 2005, 89: 2269-2299.

Kearney, Melissa S. "The Economic Winners and Losers of Legalized Gambling," *National Tax Journal*, June 2005, 58: 281-302.

Kearney, Melissa S. "Is There an Effect of Incremental Welfare Benefits on Fertility Behavior? A Look at the Family Cap" *Journal of Human Resources*, 2004, 39(2): 295-325.

### **Chapters in books**

Kearney, Melissa S. and Phillip Levine. "Socioeconomic Disadvantage and Early Childbearing," in ed. Jonathan Gruber, *An Economics Perspective on the Problems of Disadvantaged Youth*, University of Chicago Press, October 2009.

Kearney, Melissa S. "Teen Pregnancy Prevention," in ed. Phillip Levine and David Zimmerman, *Targeting Investments in Youth: Fighting Poverty when Resources are Limited*, Princeton University Press, October 2010.

### **Other Articles and Notes**

Kearney, Melissa S. and Phillip Levine. "Reducing Unplanned Pregnancies through Medicaid Family Planning Services," Brookings CCF Brief number 39, July 2008.

Kearney, Melissa S. "Intergenerational Mobility for Women and Minorities in the United States," *Future of Children*, Fall 2006, 16(2).

Autor, David H, Lawrence F. Katz, and Melissa S. Kearney. "The Polarization of the U.S. Labor Market," *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, May 2006, 96(2).

### **Working Papers**

Dettling, Lisa and Melisa S. Kearney. "House Prices and Birth Rates: The Impact of the Real Estate Market on the Decision to Have a Baby," NBER working paper 17485, October 2011.

Kearney, Melissa S. and Phillip Levine. "Early, Non-Marital Childbearing and the 'Culture of Despair'", NBER working paper 17157, June 2011.

Arouba, Boragan and Melissa S. Kearney. "The allocation of lottery bets: a structural investigation of competing models", University of Maryland mimeo, April 2011.

Kearney, Melissa S., Peter Tufano, Erik Hurst, and Jonathan Guryan. "Making Savings Fun: An Overview of Prize-Linked Savings," prepared for the conference volume *Financial Literacy: Implications for Retirement Security and the Financial Marketplace*, A Wharton School/Pension Research Council/Boettner Center Conference, ed. Olivia Mitchell, April 29 – 30, 2010

### **Permanent Working Paper**

Autor, David H, Lawrence F. Katz, and Melissa S. Kearney. "Rising Wage Inequality: The Role of Composition and Prices," NBER working paper 11628, September 2005.

### **Invited Seminar and Conference Presentations**

2011 – 2012 Georgetown University PPI; Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; University of Wisconsin – Institute for Research on Poverty; Northwestern University – Institute for Policy Research

- 2010 – 2011 Brown University; APPAM Annual Conference; AEA Annual Meeting (discussant); University of British Columbia; University of Stavanger (Norway) conference on “Labor Markets, Children, and Families”
- 2009 – 2010 Syracuse University; Delaware University; Purdue University; UC-Santa Barbara; Clemson University, Federal Trade Commission
- 2008 – 2009 NBER Targeting Investments in Children; National Poverty Center Census/SIPP research conference (discussant); Southern Economic Association conference (discussant); Notre Dame; Wellesley College; Georgetown University; UC-Irvine; UC-Davis; University of Michigan
- 2007 – 2008 NBER Summer Institute 2007, American University, UMBC, AEA Annual Meeting (discussant); Mathematica Policy Research; Academy Health annual conference; Tufts University
- 2006 - 2007 University of Virginia; George Washington University; NBER Public Economics Universities Research Conference (discussant); APPAM Annual Conference; RAND Health Policy seminar; American Economic Association (AEA) annual meeting
- 2005 - 2006 Princeton; Yale; Cornell; Princeton-Brookings *Future of Children* authors conference; *Future of Children* conference on policies to reduce poverty (discussant); Brookings conference on policies to reduce poverty (discussant)
- 2004 – 2005 NBER Summer Institute 2004; Brookings Institution; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference; Econometric Society Annual Meeting; University of Maryland; Federal Reserve Board of Governors; Heinz School of Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon; St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank; Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management; Econometric Society Annual Meeting (discussant)
- 2003 – 2004 NBER Summer Institute 2003; Fundacion Ramon Areces, Madrid, Spain; University of Chicago GSB
- 2002 – 2003 NBER Summer Institute 2002; National Tax Association Annual Conference; University of Chicago; University of New Hampshire; Dartmouth College; Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
- 2001- 2002 Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Princeton; Brown; Wellesley College

### **Invited Policy Presentations**

Brookings Institution conference on unintended pregnancy – “Abortion in America,” 2006  
 Institute for Policy Research (IPR) at Northwestern, Policy Briefing - “The Evolution of the Social Safety Net: Change for the Better?” 2005  
 American Enterprise Institute – “Does SSI Enduringly Reduce Child Poverty,” 2005

### **Grants**

National Institute of Child Health and Development. Family Planning Waivers and Fertility. R03HD052528-01A1 (with Phil Levine), 2007 – 2009

National Institute of Child Health and Development. The Impact of Child SSI Enrollment. R03HD050441. (with Mark Duggan), 2005 – 2007

### **Fellowships, Prizes, Awards**

University of Maryland Graduate Teaching Award, for Public Economics, 2008, 2011  
University of Maryland Graduate Research Board research support and salary award, 2008  
Vernon Memorial Prize for best paper in Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, 2007  
Brookings Institution Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Early Career Fellowship, 2004  
National Tax Association Outstanding Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention, 2002  
MIT Department of Economics Fellowship, 1998-2002  
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 1998-2001  
Harry S. Truman Scholar, 1995  
National Coca-Cola Scholar, 1992

### **Reviewing Activities for Journals**

*American Economic Review; AEJ - Economic Policy; AEJ - Applied Economics; AEJ – Macroeconomics; B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Demography, Economic Letters, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Southern Economics, Labour Economics, National Tax Journal, Public Finance Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economics Studies*

- Recognized for “Excellence in Refereeing” for the *American Economic Review*, 2009

### **Teaching**

At University of Maryland – Public Economics (graduate), Public Finance and Public Policy (undergraduate), Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis (undergraduate), Honors Thesis Workshop

At Wellesley College (all undergraduate) - Econometrics; Intermediate Microeconomics; Economic Analysis of Social Policy

### **Research Advising, Completed, with first job placement**

Gabriel Lara Ibarra, 2011, IMPAQ international, LLC (committee chair)  
Juan Diego Bonilla, 2011, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Seth Freedman, 2010, RWJ Scholar in Health Policy at Michigan  
Lingsheng Meng, 2010 Tsinghua University  
Keith Kranker, 2010 (expected), Mathematica.  
Craig Garthwaite, 2009, Kellogg, Northwestern University  
Tamara Hayford, 2009, Congressional Budget Office  
Melissa Powell McInerney, 2008, College of William and Mary  
Melinda Sandler, 2008, North Carolina State University  
Perry Singleton, 2007, Syracuse University

### **University of Maryland service**

Executive Committee, Maryland Population Research Center, 2009-2011  
Graduate Student Admissions, committee member, 2009-10, 2010-11  
Economics Department Junior Recruiting, committee member 2007-8, 2009-10, 2011-12  
National Scholarship office, student interview preparation, 2007-present  
Search Committee, African American Studies Department Public Policy Faculty Search 2007-8  
Selection Committee, UMD BSOS George Phillips Award 2007-8

### **Professional Service**

Brookings Social Genome Project – topical advisor, 2010-  
Association of Public Policy and Management (APPAM) – Policy Council, 2009- present;  
Dissertation prize committee, 2009-10, 2010-11 chair, 2011-12  
National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy – Research Advisory Council, 2006-present

Ad hoc reviewer for research proposals: National Science Foundation (NSF), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC); Smith Richardson Foundation  
Brookings Unplanned Pregnancy Agent-Based Modeling Project, Consultant, 2007-2008

**Other Professional Experience**

M.I.T. Department of Economics Graduate Computer Lab Stata Consultant, 2001-2002  
Research Assistant to Joshua Angrist, David Autor, Jonathan Gruber, M.I.T., 1999-2000  
Research Assistant/Programmer, Mathematica Policy Research, Washington, D.C., 1996-1998  
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for courses in econometrics, Princeton University, 1995-1996  
Research Assistant to Professors David Card and Cecilia Rouse, Princeton University, 1995

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