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### CREDENTIALS AND EXPERIENCE

#### Education

- 1994 Ph.D. in Economics, The University of Pennsylvania  
Dissertation: "Essays on the Incentive Effects of U.S. Welfare Programs"  
Committee: Alan J. Auerbach (chair), David Neumark, Stephen P. Zeldes
- 1986 B.A. in Economics, Vassar College (*cum laude*, departmental honors)

#### Professional Experience

- 2018-present Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
- 2012-present Faculty Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Economics, UIUC
- 2003-2018 Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
- 1996-2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Institute of Government and Public Affairs, UIUC
- 1993-1996 Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
- 1989-1990 Junior Staff Economist, Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President
- 1988-1989 Research Assistant to Alan J. Auerbach
- 1985 Intern, Economic Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture

#### Affiliations

- 2018-present Senior Scholar, Institute of Government & Public Affairs
- 2016-present Affiliate, Family Resiliency Center, UIUC
- 2010-present Faculty Affiliate, Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program, UIUC
- 2007-present Faculty Associate, Center for Business and Public Policy, College of Business, UIUC.
- 2004-present Affiliated Researcher, University of Michigan Retirement Research Center

#### Past affiliations:

National Poverty Center, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

Sloan Work and Family Research Network at Boston College, 2008.

Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research

Aging Initiative, UIUC

Disability Research Institute, UIUC

## Editorial Service

Editorial board member, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*. Spring 2021-present.

Editorial Boards of *National Tax Journal* and *Economic Development Quarterly: The Journal of American Economic Revitalization*

## Referee and Grant Reviews

*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, American Journal of Economics and Sociology, B.E. Journal of Economics Analysis & Policy, Child Development, Child Welfare Journal, Demography, Economic Development Quarterly, Economica, Health and Social Care in the Community, Health Services Research, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Consumer Affairs, Journal of Disability Policy Studies, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Labor Research, Journal of Medical Ethics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Socio-Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Labour Economics, National Science Foundation, National Tax Journal, The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics of the Household, Social Science and Medicine, Social Science Quarterly, Social Science Research, Social Service Review, Southern Economic Journal, U.S. Census Bureau, Chicago Census Research Data Center proposal.*

## Fellowships and Awards

The 2008 Applied Consumer Economics Award for the paper "Child Support across State Lines: Distance, Interstate Enforcement, and Welfare Reform."

Sloan Work and Family Research Network at Boston College, "Who's Who in Work and Family 2008"

The Dean's Award for Excellence in Research ( untenured division). College of Commerce Office of Research, 2002.

Arnold O. Beckman Award. Research Board of the University of Illinois at Urbana, 1999.

Georges Lurcy Research Fellow in Economics of the Brookings Institution, 1990-1991

Norman and Rosita Winston Fellow of the Institute for Law and Economics, The University of Pennsylvania, 1988-1989

Mary Louise Wells Graduate Fellow of Vassar College, 1986-1987

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### Research Areas

Safety net programs and social insurance, Parenting, Child development, Childcare, Family economics, Caregiver workforce, Disability, Retirement, Labor Supply.

### Journal Articles

1. Speirs, Katherine E., Rachel A. Gordon, Elizabeth T. Powers, Brenda D. Koester, & Barbara H. Fiese, 2019. "Licensed Family Child Care Providers' Participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program: Greater Benefits and Fewer Burdens in Highly Urban Areas?" *Early Education and Development* 31(2):153-176.
2. McMillen Daniel P. and Powers, Elizabeth T. 2017. "The eldercare landscape: Evidence from California." *Health Economics* 26(S2):139–157. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.3567>

3. Slade, Alexander N., Beller, Andrea H., and Powers, Elizabeth T., 2017. "Family Structure and Young Adult Health Outcomes." *Review of Economics of the Household* 5(1): 175-197. DOI 10.1007/s11150-015-9313-x.
4. \*\*Powers, Elizabeth T. and Powers, Nicholas J., 2011. "Should Government Subsidize Caregiver Wages? Some Evidence on Worker Turnover and the Cost of Long-Term Care in Group Homes for Persons with Developmental Disabilities" *Journal of Disability Policy Studies* 21(March), 195-209. DOI: 10.1177/1044207310389176
5. Powers, Elizabeth T. and Powers, Nicholas J., 2010. "Causes of Caregiver Turnover and the Potential Effectiveness of Wage Subsidies for Solving the Long-Term Care Workforce 'Crisis'," *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy: Vol. 10: Iss. 1 (Contributions)*, Article 5. DOI: 10.2202/1935-1682.2277. Available at: <http://www.bepress.com/bejeap/vol10/iss1/art5>.
6. Powers, Elizabeth T., 2009. "The Impact of Minimum Wage Increases: Evidence from Fast-Food Establishments in Illinois and Indiana." *Journal of Labor Research* 30(4,December):365-394.(DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s12122-009-9068-3>).
7. \*\*Neumark, David, and Elizabeth T. Powers, 2006. "Supplemental Security Income, Labor Supply, and Migration." *Journal of Population Economics* 19 (3,July):447-480.
8. Elder, Todd E., and, 2006. "The Incredible Shrinking Program: Will Cash Welfare for the Elderly Disappear?" *Research on Aging* 28(3,May):341-358.
9. \*\*Powers, Elizabeth T. and David Neumark, 2005. "The Supplemental Security Income Program and Incentives to Claim Social Security Retirement Early." *National Tax Journal* LVIII (1, March):5-26.
10. Neumark, David and Elizabeth T. Powers, 2005. "The Effects of Changes in State SSI Supplements on Pre-Retirement Labor Supply." *Public Finance Review* (33,January):3-35.
11. Neumark, David and Elizabeth T. Powers, 2003/2004. "The Effect of the SSI Program on Labor Supply: Improved Evidence from Social Security Administrative Files." *Social Security Bulletin* 65(3):45-60. (post-dated; appeared March 2005).
12. Powers, Elizabeth T., 2003. "Children's Health and Maternal Work Activity: Estimates under Alternative Disability Definitions." *The Journal of Human Resources* 38 (3, Summer).
13. \*Powers, Elizabeth T. and David Neumark, 2003. "The Interaction of Public Retirement Programs in the U.S." *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings* 93 (2, May):261-265.
14. \*Powers, Elizabeth T., 2001. "New Estimates of the Impact of Child Disability on Maternal Employment." *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* 91 (2, May):135-139.
15. Powers, Elizabeth T. and Nicholas J. Powers, 2001. "The Size and Frequency of Price Changes: Evidence from Grocery Stores," *Review of Industrial Organization* 18 (4, June):397-416.
16. Powers, Elizabeth T., 2000. "Block Granting Welfare: Fiscal Impact on the States." *Economic Development Quarterly* 14(4, November):323-339.
17. Neumark, David, and Elizabeth T. Powers, 2000. "Welfare for the Elderly: The Effects of SSI on Pre-Retirement Labor Supply (with David Neumark)." *Journal of Public Economics* 78(1-2, October):51-80.
18. Neumark, David and Elizabeth T. Powers. 1998. "The Effect of Means Tested Income Support for the Elderly on Pre-Retirement Saving: Evidence from the SSI Program in the United States (with David Neumark)." *Journal of Public Economics* 68(2), 181-206.
19. Powers, Elizabeth T. 1998. "Does Means Testing Welfare Discourage Saving? Evidence from a Change in AFDC Policy in the United States." *Journal of Public Economics* 68(1), 33-53.
20. Powers, Elizabeth T. 1995. "Inflation, Unemployment, and Poverty Revisited." *Economic Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland* (2). (N.B. Publication of this journal ceased effective with the fourth quarter of 2001).

### Book Chapters

Powers, Elizabeth T. "Full Circle: Changes in the Supplemental Security Income Program for Children and Youth." 2003. pp. 37-58 in Rachel Gordon and Herbert J. Walberg, editors, *Changing Welfare* (New York: Kluwer Publications).

Neumark, David and Elizabeth T. Powers. 1999. "Means Testing Social Security: A Review and Evidence on Labor Supply Effects" in Olivia Mitchell, R.J. Myers, and H. Young, editors, *Prospects for Social Security Reform* (Philadelphia: Wharton Pension Research Council Publications, University of Pennsylvania Press). Pp. 243-267.

### **Book Reviews**

Powers, Elizabeth T., 2010, Book Review of *Ageing Labour Forces: Promises and Prospects*. Edited by Philip Taylor. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2008, Pp. 227. *Journal of Pension Economics and Finance* 9(3, July).

Powers, Elizabeth T. *Demographic Change and Fiscal Policy*. Edited by Alan J. Auerbach and Ronald E. Lee. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, 2001, Pp. 446. *National Tax Journal* (December) 2002.

### **(Selected) Monographs, Reports, etc...**

IGPA Policy Spotlight: "Child care is Foundational for Economic Recovery." June 19, 2020. (Read into the Congressional Record during the Session of the Worker and Family Support Subcommittee "THE CHILD CARE CRISIS AND THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC". 116th Congress. June 23, 2020.

<https://waysandmeans.house.gov/legislation/hearings/child-care-crisis-and-coronavirus-pandemic>).

Written testimony to the Education Committee of the Illinois General Assembly on a bill to lower the mandatory age of school entry. Fall, 2021.

*Market Rate Survey of Licensed Child Care Programs in Illinois: Fiscal Year 2018*. Prepared by Elizabeth Powers, Joellyn Whitehead, and Kevin Anderson for the Illinois Department of Human Services. 91 pp.

*Expert Declaration of Elizabeth T. Powers, Ph.D. in Support of the Motion of Plaintiffs and Intervenors to Require Compliance with the Consent Decree*. Stanley Ligas, et al., v. Felicia Norwood, et al., Case No. 05 C 4331. Filed April 7, 2017.

*Market Rate Survey of Licensed Child Care Programs in Illinois: Fiscal Year 2016*. Prepared by Elizabeth Powers, Joellyn Whitehead, and Kevin Anderson for the Illinois Department of Human Services. 89 pp.

*Market Rate Survey of Licensed Child Care Programs in Illinois: Fiscal Year 2014*. Prepared by Elizabeth Powers, Joellyn Whitehead, and Kevin Anderson for the Illinois Department of Human Services. 91 pp.

*Market Rate Survey of Licensed Child Care Programs in Illinois: Fiscal Year 2012*. Prepared by Elizabeth Powers, Joellyn Whitehead, and Kevin Anderson for the Illinois Department of Human Services. 94 pp.

*The Adequacy of State Payments to Community-Based Agencies for Services Provided to Illinois Residents with Mental Illness and/or Developmental Disabilities: Preliminary Report to the Illinois General Assembly Requesters Pursuant to Public Act 93-842* (with Nicholas J. Powers and David Merriman). July 2005.

### **Articles Currently under Review**

*Revise & resubmit*: "Family Child Care Providers' Participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program: Greater Benefits and Fewer Burdens in Highly Urban Areas?" (with Katherine Speirs, Rachel Gordon, Barbara Fiese, and Deborah Koester). *Early Education and Development*, resubmitted April 2019.

### **Work in Progress**

Halim, Daniel, Elizabeth T. Powers, and Rebecca Thornton, "Gender Differences in Economics Course-Taking and Majoring: Findings from an RCT" (with Daniel Halim & Rebecca Thornton). World Bank Working Paper, forthcoming (June 2021).

“How Do Children's School Experiences Affect How They Are Parented? Evidence for the U.S (with Eunhye Kwak)”  
“Ensuring Nutrition Supports for Young Children: Impacts of the Child and Adult Care Food Program on Family Child Care Providers” with Jian Zou

World on Fire: The Impacts of Widespread Biomass Burning on Respiratory Morbidity and Fetal and Infant Mortality (with Dan McMillen & Jacob Diloa Athias)

The impact of management companies on worker wages.

## **MAJOR GRANTS**

- 2020: “The Role of CACFP Program Rules and Sponsor Intermediation in Geographic Inequities: A Participatory approach using Primary and Secondary Data.” Elizabeth Powers (PI). Brenda Koester (co-PI), Kate Speirs, Rachel Gordon. \$250,000. 3/15/2020-3/15,2022.
- 2018: “FY18 Research Project Data Analysis and Consultation.” Elizabeth Powers (PI). Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. \$58,653.
- 2017: “FY17 Research Project Data Analysis and Consultation.” Elizabeth Powers (PI) and Angela Wiley. Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. \$58,653.
- 2016: “Intervention to Encourage College Women to Major in Economics.” Elizabeth Powers (PI), Rebecca Thornton, Melissa Newell, and Daniel Halim. Accepted. UIERA#2016-00929. Sloan Foundation via NBER (Claudia Goldin). \$12,000.
- 2015: “FY15 Research Project Data Analysis and Consultation.” Elizabeth Powers (PI) and Angela Wiley. Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. \$58,653.
- 2013: “Parenting Practices and Parent Attitudes: Children’s Food Insecurity and Hunger in the Nexus of Parent Behavior.” Elizabeth Powers. PI. ‘Research Program on Childhood Hunger,’ Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture via the University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research. \$50,000.
- 2008: “Did UIFSA Close the ‘Black Hole’ of Interstate Enforcement? Evidence from the Survey of Income and Program Participation” with Yunhee Chang. Co-PI. National Poverty Center (NPC) at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan. \$17,500.
- 2007: “A Longitudinal Analysis of Entry of the Low-Income Elderly into the Supplemental Security Income Program” with Todd Elder. Principal Investigator. Michigan Retirement Research Center (Year 9), “University of Illinois Rate Study.” Project Director. \$75,000.
- 2006: “Impacts of the Illinois Minimum Wage: Employment, Hours and Labor Substitution in the Fast Food Industry,” with Joe Persky (PI), Ron Baiman. Co-Principal Investigator. Russell Sage Foundation. \$89,000.
- 2005: "Incentive Effects of Supplemental Security Income (SSI)." Senior Investigator Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute on Aging. \$430,089.
- 2005: Direct appropriation of the state General Assembly to the University of Illinois. \$300,000.
- 2005: “Changing Health Insurance Options and SSI Participation Among the Elderly” with Todd Elder. Co-PI. Michigan Retirement Research Center, \$50,000.

- 2003: "Employers and Persons with Disabilities: Economic and Legal Barriers to Increasing Employment of SSA Beneficiaries and Applicants." Principal Investigator. Nicholas Powers (Co-PI). Disability Research Institute of the University of Illinois (Social Security Administration). \$106,901.48.
- 2002: "Take-Up of the Supplemental Security Income Program by the Low-Income Elderly: Interactions with the Social Security System." Principal Investigator. Todd Elder (Co-PI). Social Security Administration (University of Michigan Retirement Research Center,). \$50,000.
- 2002: "Facilitating the Transition to Employment of Childhood SSI Beneficiaries and Other Children with Disabilities." Principal Investigator. Disability Research Institute of the University of Illinois, Year 3 Funding Cycle. \$92,760.
- 2003: "Determinants of the Adult Achievements of Child SSI Beneficiaries: Evidence from Linked Public-Use Data and Social Security Administration Records." Principal Investigator. Disability Research Institute of the University of Illinois, Small Grants' Program. \$25,000.
- 2002: "Multiple Program Use by Older Americans: Social Security Early Retirement and Supplemental Security Income (with David Neumark)." Principal Investigator. Retirement Research Consortium at University of Michigan. \$50,000.
- 2002: "A Partnership with State Government to Improve Child Care in Illinois." Principal Investigator. Partnership Illinois, UIUC. \$15,000
- 2001: "The Role of the Medicaid Expansions in the Rapid Growth in Reported Child Disability (Supplement to JCPR grant)." Principal Investigator. University of Illinois Research Board. \$5,383.
- 2000: "The Role of the Medicaid Expansions in the Rapid Growth in Reported Child Disability." Principal Investigator. Northwestern/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research. \$36,049.
- 2001: "Public Retirement Programs and the Low-Income Population: The Impact of the Supplemental Security Income Program's Design on the Use of the Social Security Early Retirement Program (with David Neumark)." Principal Investigator. Steven H. Sandell Grant Program for Junior Scholars in Retirement Research (Boston College/Social Security Administration)." \$25,000.
- 2000: "Impact of Specific Childhood Disabilities on Parental Work Effort and Family Earnings." Principal Investigator. Mary Jane Neer Fund, College of Applied Life Sciences, UIUC. \$8,444.
- 1999: "Establishing Paternity under Welfare Reform in Rural Illinois Counties (with Andrea Beller)." Co-Principal Investigator and Co-Project Director. UIUC, Colleges of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, C-FAR Program. \$92,934.
- 1998: Partnership Illinois Extension Grant (with Andrea Beller). Co-principal investigator. UIUC. \$10,000.
- 1998: Child Care and Labor Market Performance." Principal Investigator. Employment Policies Institute (Washington, D.C.). \$10,000.
- 1998: "Implementation and Evaluation of the Child Support Enforcement Provisions of Welfare Reform in Illinois (with Andrea Beller)." Co-Principal Investigator. University of Illinois-Partnership Illinois. \$25,000.
- 1997: "Study of the Effect of Changes in Program Structure and Economic Recession on State Spending." Principal Investigator. Urban Institute. \$32,700.

## TEACHING

**Primary Advisor and Chair, Ph.D. Students**

Adriana Corredor-Waldron (2019), Princeton post-doctoral position with Janet Currie; Eunhye Kwak (2019), Korean Labor Institute; Jacob Athias (2017), Senior Specialist, Development Pathways, UK; Tzu-Chan "Forrest" Cheng (2015), Academia Sinica, Taiwan; Qing Wang (2014), Asst. Prof., Peking University HSBC Business School; Leonardo Lucchetti, 2011, World Bank; Jason Dunick, 2010, Undergraduate Director & Term Professor of Economics, George Mason University; Veronica Alaimo, 2007, Inter-American Development Bank; Jeffrey Hemmeter, 2004, Social Security Administration.

**Ph.D. Courses**

Economics of Health, Education, and Human Capital

**Undergraduate Courses**

Economics and Business in Costa Rica (experiential)

Women in the Economy

Economics of Poverty and Income Maintenance

Intermediate Microeconomics

**Teaching Awards**

Named to Incomplete List of Teachers Considered "Excellent" six times