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Education

- 1999 PhD in Economics, University of California, Berkeley
Dissertation: The Changing Structure of U.S. Labor Markets
Principal Advisor: Professor George Akerlof
Other committee members: Professor David Card and Professor Paul Gertler.
Concentrations: Labor and Advanced Theory.
Other fields: Econometrics; Public Sector; and Health.
- 1991 A.B. in Economics, *cum laude*, Princeton University
- 1987 Lincoln Park High School, Chicago, Illinois, International Baccalaureate Diploma

Professional Experience

- 1999–present **Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy**
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 1999–present **Faculty, Department of Economics**
Teaching Graduate Applied Econometrics; Labor in the American Economy;
Economics of Health
Advising Faculty Advisor and Co-Founder, Labor Economics Graduate Student
Seminar; Faculty Advisor, Environmental Working Group;
Dissertation Committees for Ph.D. Students in Economics: Rachel Bouvier
(2002–2003) ; Minsik Choi (2000–2002); Rosa Luz Duran (2000–); James Heintz (2000);
Minqi Li (2001); Lynn Hatch (2001–); James Henninger-Voss (2001–); Arjun Jayadev
(2002–); Malcolm Keswell (2000–2003); Justine Keswell Burns (2000–2003); Minqi Li
(2001); Jeannette Lim (2001–); Mary Osirich (2000–) Eugene Reilly (2001–); Maliha
Safri (2001–); Russell Williams (2000–03);
Master's Thesis Committees: Dorothy Power, Economics (2002–2003); Rob Fetter,
Resource Economics (2000–01)
Bachelor's Degree with Individual Concentration Advisor: Jessica Noodell (2001–02);
Mark Dukas (2002–03)
Internship supervisor for undergraduate economics majors: Matthew Donaldson
(2004); Sara Petrofsky (2004); Steffany Litch (2003); Erik Abel (2002); Thomas Surette
(2002); Danielle Sommers (2002); Myungwon Sur (2002); Erik Olsen (2002); Jay Miller
(2002); Wachmide Labranche (2001); Camille Stangel (2001)
Independent study supervisor; James Anderson (2004)
Senior thesis chair: Scott D. Song (2002–03)
Service
- 2001–2003 Member, Undergraduate Committee
- 1999–present Chair, Computer Committee
- 1999–present **Faculty, Center for Public Policy and Administration**
Teaching Microeconomics for Public Policy and Administration; Political Economy
of Public Policy; Introduction to Statistics for Public Policy and Administration;
Economics of Health; Labor in the American Economy

Advising Capstone Project Advisor: Vivian Saravelas (2001); Victoria Groves (2002); Emily Hopta (2002); Tatiana Ivanyuk (2002). Undergraduate Certificate Advisor: Lisa Bolduc (2003–04). Independent Study Advisor: Nancy deProse, Analysis of Effect of Boston Living Wage on the Child Care Industry (2002–). Jacquelyn Brousseau, Report to Mayor Sullivan, Holyoke, Massachusetts, on Grocery-Store Price Differences, 8 May 2000.

Service

2003–2004	Chair, Colloquium Series
2002–03	Chair, Curriculum and Student Affairs Committee
2001–02	Chair, Planning Committee for Speaker Series on Inequality
2000–02	Member, Planning Committee for Speaker Series on Inequality
2000–01	Member, Planning Committee for “Policy Partnerships: Opportunities and Dilemmas for Cities and Universities,” a conference sponsored by the Center for Public and Administration
2000–01	Member, Tenure Subcommittee of the Executive Committee
2000–present	Member, Faculty Committee (Formerly Executive Committee)
1999–2000	Member, Curriculum Committee, Center for Public Policy and Administration

Other University of Massachusetts Affiliations

2000–present	Affiliated faculty, Labor Relations and Research Center
1999–present	Research Fellow, Political Economy Research Institute (PERI)

Other Professional Service and Experience

1999–present	Staff Economist, Center for Popular Economics
May–July 2001	Grant reviewer, Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP), Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
May–July 2000	Grant reviewer, Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP), Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
1999–present	Consultant, Center for California Health Workforce Studies, University of California, San Francisco. Research on shortages of registered nurses and the effect of the organization of nursing work on health outcomes.
1998–99	Graduate Student Researcher, Center for California Health Workforce Studies, University of California, San Francisco. Research on shortages of registered nurses.
1993–99	Graduate Student Researcher, Department of Economics and Institute of Business and Economic Research, University of California, Berkeley. Research for George Akerlof and Janet Yellen on a series of papers on marriage, fertility, and labor market and social problems.
1995–96	Staff Labor Economist, Council of Economic Advisers/Executive Office of the President. Policy analysis on labor, education, and income security. Research on labor-market trends for the members of the Council and others in the Executive Office of the President. Research and writing for the Economic Report of the President 1996.
1993, 94, 97, 99	Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Economics University of California, Berkeley. Economics 1 (Introduction to Economics); Economics 202A (Graduate Macroeconomics).
1991–1992	Research Fellow, Trenton Office of Policy Studies Research and policy design on a variety of urban issues, including taxation, public health, crime, government operations, and intergovernmental relations for a newly formed urban policy office in Trenton, New Jersey.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Michael Ash and Jean Ann Seago, “Do Unionized Registered Nurses Reduce Heart Attack Mortality?” *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*. Vol. 57, No. 3, 2004.

Michael Ash and T. Robert Fetter. “Who Lives on the Wrong Side of the Environmental Tracks? Evidence from the EPA’s Risk Screening Environmental Indicators Model,” *Social Science Quarterly*. Vol. 85, No. 2, June 2004.

Zhu, Andong, Michael Ash, and Robert Pollin. "Stock Market Liquidity and Economic Growth: A Critical Appraisal of the Levine/Zervos Model," *International Review of Applied Economics* Vol. 18, No. 1, January 2004.

"Disciplinary Unemployment as a Public Good, or the Importance of the Committee to Manage the Common Affairs of the Whole Bourgeoisie," *Review of Radical Political Economics*. Forthcoming, 2004.

Jean Ann Seago and Michael Ash, "Registered Nurse Unions and Patient Outcomes," *Journal of Nursing Administration*, Vol. 32, No. 3, March 2002.

Jean Ann Seago, Michael Ash, Kevin Grumbach, Joanne Spetz, Janet Coffman. "Hospital registered nurse shortage: Environmental, patient and institutional predictors." *Health Services Research* 36:5 October 2001.

Kevin Grumbach, Michael Ash, Jean Ann Seago, Joanne Spetz, Janet Coffman. "Measuring Shortages of Hospital Nurses: How Do You Know a Hospital with a Nursing Shortage When You See One?" *Medical Care Research and Review*. Vol. 58, No. 4, December 2001.

Works in Progress

Michael Ash and M. V. Lee Badgett. "Separate and Unequal: The Effect of Unequal Access to Employment-Based Health Insurance on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual People." Under review at *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.

"HMO's Use Nurses Less, Not Differently." Under review at *Journal of Human Resources*.

"Measuring Downsizing." Under review at *Journal of Labor Research*.

Michael Ash and Sylvia Brandt. "Disparities in Hospital Admissions for Asthma." In preparation for *American Journal of Public Health*.

Michael Ash and M. V. Lee Badgett. "Demanding Diversity: Are Employers Consistent in 'Best Employer' Rankings?"

Michael Ash and Dean Robinson. "Inequality, Race, and Mortality in the United States: Geographic and political perspectives." In preparation for *Social Science and Medicine*.

Michael Ash and James Boyce. In preparation for invited NBER Summer Institute 2004, Workshop on Environmental Economics

Reports, Working Papers and Other Publications

Michael Ash, M. V. Lee Badgett, Nancy Folbre, Lisa Saunders, and Randy Albelda. "Same-Sex Couples and Their Children in Massachusetts: A View from Census 2000." The Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies, February 2004.

Acknowledged contributions to Chapter 7, "Imperfect Information, Risk, and Decision Analysis," *Microeconomics for Public Decisions*, Anne Steinemann with W.C. Apgar and H.J. Brown, Cincinnati, OH: South-Western (forthcoming, 2004).

Michael Ash and T. Robert Fetter. "Who Lives on the Wrong Side of the Environmental Tracks? Evidence from the EPA's Risk Screening Environmental Indicators Model," PERI Working Paper No. 50, 2002.

Zhu, Andong, Michael Ash, and Robert Pollin. "Stock Market Liquidity and Economic Growth: A Critical Appraisal of the Levine/Zervos Model," PERI Working Paper No. 47, 2002.

Jean Ann Seago and Michael Ash. Response. *Journal of Nursing Administration*, September 2002.

Michael Ash and Jean Ann Seago, "Do Unionized Registered Nurses Reduce AMI Mortality?" PERI Working Paper No. 28, 2002.

"The Tisza Chemical Spill of January 2000." in *History in Dispute, Volume 7: Global Water Issues*, Char Miller, Mark Cioc and Kate Showers, editors (Columbia, SC: Brucoli Clark Layman, 2001).

Contributing author, "Economic Analysis of Santa Monica Living Wage Proposal," PERI. <http://pen.ci.santa-monica.ca.us/cityclerk/council/pollin.pdf>, 2000.

"Do HMOs Use Nurses Differently, or Just Less? Evidence from Workers and Hospitals." Working paper, 1999.

"Do Strong Men Earn Less Than They Used to? Deinstitutionalizing Labor Markets versus the Skill-Biased Technological Change Hypothesis." Working paper, 1999.

Michael Ash and Thomas J. Kane. "Is downsizing up?" Working paper, 1999.

"American Pie Charts." Co-authored with Sara Sklaroff. *Civilization*. April/May 1997. Vol. 4, No. 2, 84-85.

Presentations and Conferences

"Environmental Sustainability and Development," Discussant. *Egalitarian Development in the Era of Globalization: A Conference in Honor of Professor Keith Griffin*. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Friday 23 April 2004.

"Environmental Justice: Causes, Consequences, Controversies, and Confidence," Symposium: *Environmental Justice: Is It Working?*, Albany Law Environmental Outlook Journal, Albany Law School, Albany, New York, Wednesday 25 February 2004.

WHMP radio interview by Dennis Lee and Chris Collins on "Same-Sex Couples and Their Children in Massachusetts: A View from Census 2000" co-authored with M. V. Lee Badgett, Nancy Folbre, Lisa Saunders, and Randy Albelda. Wednesday 11 February 2004.

WFCR radio interview by Frannie Carr on "Same-Sex Couples and Their Children in Massachusetts: A View from Census 2000" co-authored with M. V. Lee Badgett, Nancy Folbre, Lisa Saunders, and Randy Albelda. Tuesday 10 February 2004.

"Stock Market Liquidity and Economic Growth: A Critical Appraisal of the Levine/Zervos Model," co-authored with Andong Zhu and Robert Pollin, Allied Social Sciences Association, Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, January 2004.

"Separate and Unequal: The Effect of Unequal Access to Employment-Based Health Insurance on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual People in Couples," co-authored with M.V. Lee Badgett, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2003.

"Unions, wages, and workplace conditions: New evidence from the hospital industry," American Public Health Association 131st Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, November 2003.

"Is your backyard a toxic dump?" Presentation to Center for Popular Economics 2003 Summer Institute, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, August 2003

"Who lives on the wrong side of the environmental tracks?" co-authored with T. Robert Fetter, U.S. Society for Ecological Economics, Albany, New York, May 2003.

"Environmental Justice and Food Systems," Presentation to Center for Popular Economics 2002 Summer Institute, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, July 2002

"Do Unionized RNs Reduce AMI Mortality?" co-authored with Jean Ann Seago, International Association for Feminist Economics, Los Angeles, California, July 2002

"Who lives on the wrong side of the environmental tracks?" co-authored with T. Robert Fetter, AERE, Monterey, California, June 2002.

Invited discussant for "Pollution Abatement Investment When Firms Lobby Against Environmental Regulation," H. Farzin and J. Zhao, AERE, Monterey, California, June 2002.

Poster session, RN Unions and Patient Outcomes, American Nurses Association Annual Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 2002

Invited participant, Conference on Health and Economic Development, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, November 1999

“Program Evaluation Methods,” Sociology 691: Policy Methods, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, October 1999.

“The Effect of HMOs on the Earnings and Employment of Nurses,” Western Economic Association, July 1999.

“Do HMOs Use Nurses Differently, or Just Less? Evidence from Workers and Hospitals.” University of California at Irvine, Case Western Reserve University, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, January 1999.

Fellowships and Honors

Finalist, Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Research Fellowship, 2004

Nominee, University of Massachusetts Distinguished Teaching Award, 2003–2004

Lloyd Ulman Graduate Student Fellowship in Labor Economics, 1997

Mellon Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 1992–93

Princeton Project 55 Fellowship, Trenton Office of Policy Studies, 1991–92

Service, Affiliations, and Other Information

2003 Reviewer, *American Economic Review*

2003 Reviewer, *Industrial Relations*

2003 Reviewer, *Feminist Economics*

2003 Reviewer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

2003 Reviewer, Blackwell Publishing

2003–present U.S. Society for Ecological Economics

2002–present International Association for Feminist Economics

2002–present Association of Environmental and Resource Economists

2000–present Reviewer, Thomson Learning, Microeconomics for Public Decisionmakers (Steinemann, Brown and Apgar)

2003 Reviewer, Health Affairs

2001 Reviewer, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management

1993–1999 Association of Graduate Student Employees/UAW Local 2165

1993–1999 Affiliated graduate student, Institute of Industrial Relations
University of California, Berkeley

1992–present American Economic Association

1992–present Union for Radical Political Economics

References

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