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### **EDUCATION:**

- 2017**            **Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government**  
Ph.D. in Public Policy  
Research Fields: Labor Economics, Public Finance
- 2009**            **Dartmouth College**  
B.A. with major in Economics  
Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa
- 2007-2008**    **Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)**  
Diplôme du programme international  
Félicitations du jury (Honors)

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

- 2017-present** **Boston College**  
Center for Retirement Research, Research Economist
- 2009-2012**    **Boston College**  
Center for Retirement Research, Research Associate

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

#### **Refereed Articles**

“How Would GASB Proposals Affect State and Local Pension Reporting?” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Josh Hurwitz. 2012. *Journal of Government Financial Management* 61(2): 18-24.

“Public Pension Funding in Practice,” with Alicia H. Munnell and Jean-Pierre Aubry. 2011. *Journal of Pension Economics and Finance* 10(2): 247-268.

## **Working Papers**

“Spillovers from State and Local Pensions to Social Security: Do Benefits for Uncovered Workers Meet Federal Generosity Standards?” with Alicia H. Munnell and Jean-Pierre Aubry. 2018. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Do Pensions Matter for Recruiting and Retaining High-Wage State and Local Workers?” with Geoffrey T. Sanzenbacher. 2018. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Pay for Seniority: Do Deferred Retirement Benefits Retain Government Employees?” 2017. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University.

“Does Collective Bargaining Affect Class Size? Evidence from Tennessee.” 2017. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University.

“Public Plans and Short-Term Employees,” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Josh Hurwitz. 2012. Working Paper 18448. Cambridge, MA: National Bureau of Economic Research.

“How Prepared Are State and Local Workers for Retirement?” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Josh Hurwitz. 2011. Working Paper 2011-15. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

## **Issues in Brief**

“How Have Pension Cuts Affected Public Sector Competitiveness?” with Geoffrey T. Sanzenbacher and Jean-Pierre Aubry. 2018. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 59. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“How Retirement Provisions Affect Tenure of State and Local Workers,” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Josh Hurwitz. 2012. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 27. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“The Impact of Long Vesting Periods on State and Local Workers,” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Josh Hurwitz. 2012. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 26. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Legal Constraints on Changes in State and Local Pensions,” with Alicia H. Munnell. 2012. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 25. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“The Funding of State and Local Pensions: 2011-2015,” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, Josh Hurwitz, and Madeline Medenica. 2012. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 24. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“What’s the Tax Advantage of 401(k)s?” with Alicia H. Munnell and Anthony Webb. 2012. *Issue in Brief* 12-4. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“How Would GASB Proposals Affect State and Local Pension Reporting?” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Joshua Hurwitz. 2011. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 23. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“How Prepared Are State and Local Workers for Retirement?” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Joshua Hurwitz. 2011. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 22. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Comparing Wealth in Retirement: State-Local Versus Private Sector Workers,” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Josh Hurwitz. 2011. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 21. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Comparing Compensation: State-Local versus Private Sector Workers,” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Josh Hurwitz. 2011. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 20. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Unions and Public Pension Benefits,” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Josh Hurwitz. 2011. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 19. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“An Update on Locally-Administered Pension Plans,” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Josh Hurwitz. 2011. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 18. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“The Funding of State and Local Pensions in 2010,” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Josh Hurwitz. 2011. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 17. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“A Role for Defined Contribution Plans in the Public Sector,” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Josh Hurwitz. 2011. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 16. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Can State and Local Pensions Muddle Through?” with Alicia H. Munnell, Jean-Pierre Aubry, and Josh Hurwitz. 2011. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 15. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“The Impact of Pensions on State Borrowing Costs,” with Alicia H. Munnell and Jean-Pierre Aubry. 2011. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 14. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“The Impact of Public Pensions on State and Local Budgets,” with Alicia H. Munnell, and Jean-Pierre Aubry. 2010. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 13. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Valuing Liabilities in State and Local Plans,” with Alicia H. Munnell, Richard W. Kopcke, and Jean-Pierre Aubry. 2010. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 11. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“The Funding of State and Local Pensions: 2009–2013,” with Alicia H. Munnell and Jean-Pierre Aubry. 2010. *State and Local Plans Issue in Brief* 10. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Why Did Some Employers Suspend Their 401(k) Match?” with Alicia H. Munnell. 2010. *Issue in Brief* 10-2. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Pension Coverage and Retirement Security,” with Alicia H. Munnell. 2009. *Issue in Brief* 9-26. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

### **GRANTS:**

- 2018-2019 “How Has the Medicare Part D “Clawback” Affected State Finances?”  
Funded by the Commonwealth Fund
- 2018-2019 “The Intended and Unintended Consequences of Pension Reform”  
Funded by the Smith Richardson Foundation
- 2018 “Would Greater Awareness of Social Security Survivor Benefits Affect Claiming  
Decisions?”  
Funded by the Social Security Administration
- 2018 “Spillovers to Social Security from Underfunded State and Local Pensions”  
Funded by the Social Security Administration
- 2015 “Pay For Seniority: Do Civil Servants Value Deferred Compensation?”  
Funded by the Lab for Economic Applications and Policy, Harvard University

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS:**

- 2017 Taubman Center Urban Prize  
Taubman Center for State and Local Government, Harvard University
- 2016 Dissertation Completion Fellowship  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University
- 2015 Taubman Center Urban Dissertation Fellowship  
Taubman Center for State and Local Government, Harvard University
- 2012-2016 Graduate Fellowship  
John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

- Teaching Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- Spring 2016 Economic Analysis of Public Policy, Professor Jeffrey Liebman
- Spring 2016 Empirical Methods II, Professor Joshua Goodman
- Spring 2016 Spring Policy Exercise, Professor Joshua Goodman
- Spring 2015 Analyzing Education Policy, Professor Joshua Goodman

## **CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:**

- 2018 Retirement Research Consortium Annual Meeting, Social Security Administration
- 2018 Implications of the Changes and Challenges Facing State Retirement Systems, Social Security Administration and NBER
- 2018 Teacher Pension Workshop: Connecting Evidence-Based Research to Pension Reform, RAND Corporation
- 2017 APPAM Fall Research Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2016 Center for Retirement Research Aging Seminar, Boston College
- 2016 Public Economics Seminar and Labor Economics Workshop, Harvard University

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Media coverage: *The New York Times*, *The Economist*, *Pensions and Investments*

Member: American Economic Association, Association of Public Policy Analysts and Managers

2015-present Referee, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Pension Economics and Finance*

2018 Referee, Social Security Administration Steven H. Sandell Grantees and Dissertation Fellows, Russell Sage Foundation

2013-2017 Student Representative from the Department of Public Policy, Academic Disciplinary Committee, Harvard University

2015 Participant, Conference on Retirement and Health Benefits in the Public Sector, National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA

2011 Primary Assistant to Participant Alicia H. Munnell, Governmental Accounting Standards Board User Forum, New York, NY

2011 Primary Assistant to Group Member Alicia H. Munnell, State of Rhode Island Pension Reform Advisory Group, Providence, RI