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RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Social Insurance and Welfare Policies
How Government Policies Interact with Each Other and How They Influence Individual Behavior

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

2010-present Boston College, Center for Retirement Research
Research Economist

2004-2005 LECG, LLC, Evanston, IL
Research Analyst

EDUCATION:

2010 University of Chicago
Ph.D. in Public Policy
Committee: Bruce Meyer (chair), Kerwin Charles, Robert Lalonde, Dan Black

2004 Indiana University at Bloomington
Master of Public Administration
Pi Alpha Alpha

2001 Fudan University, China
M.A. in Philosophy
Highest Distinction

1999 Fudan University, China
B.A. in Literature
Highest Distinction

HONORS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS:

2009-2010 University of Chicago Dissertation Awards

2008	University of Chicago Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship
2008	Distinction on Public Economics Exam (Doctoral Preliminary Exam)
2005-2009	University of Chicago, Harris School Ph.D. Fellowship
2004	Academic Excellence Award, Indiana University at Bloomington
2003	Starr Fellowship, Indiana University at Bloomington
2001	Dean's Fellowship, Indiana University at Bloomington
1999	Chinese National Top-Ten College Students Award
1998	Chinese National May 4th Excellent Students Award
1996-1999	Excellent Student Fellowship (First Class), Fudan University (four times)
1996-1997	Unilever, GE China Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS:

Referred Journal Articles:

“What Impact Does Social Security Have on the Use of Public Assistance Programs among the Elderly?” with Norma B. Coe. *Research in Labor Economics*, forthcoming.

“How Do the Disabled Cope While Waiting for SSDI?” with Norma B. Coe, Stephan Lindner, and Kendrew Wong. 2013. *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, 3:1.

“How Do Trends in Women's Labor Force Activity and Marriage Patterns Affect Social Security Replacement Rates?” with Nadia Karamcheva, Alicia H. Munnell, and Patrick Purcell. 2013. *Social Security Bulletin* 73(3).

“Who Pays for Seniors Housing and Care Communities? Evidence from the Residents Financial Survey” with Norma B. Coe. *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*, forthcoming.

“Is Gender-Based Policymaking Relevant in the 21st Century?” with Nancy Staudt and Wendy Wang. 2012. *The Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law* 13(1): 59-.

Working Papers:

“How Do Subjective Longevity Expectations Influence Retirement Plans?” with Matthew S. Rutledge and Mashfiqur R. Khan. Working Paper 2014-1. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Lower Income Workers Without Pension: Where Do They Miss Out?” with Matthew S. Rutledge. 2014. Working Paper. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Do Older Workers Squeeze Out Younger Workers?” with Alicia H. Munnell. 2013. Working Paper. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Why Do SSI and SNAP Enrollments Rise in Good Economic Times and in Bad?” with Matthew S. Rutledge. Working Paper 2013. University of Michigan, Retirement Research Center.

“SSI at 62: Protecting the Vulnerable When Increasing Social Security’s Early Entitlement Age,” with Norma B. Coe. 2013. Working Paper 2013-21. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Poor by Any Measure: How does Cutting Social Security Benefits Impact Poverty Incidence among the Elderly?” with Rebecca Cannon Fraenkel. 2013. Working Paper. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“How Does Increased Longevity for Men Affect Well-being for Older Women,” with Matthew S. Rutledge. 2013. Working Paper 2013. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Overcoming Barriers to Life Insurance Coverage: A Behavioral Approach,” with Norma B. Coe and Anek Belbase. 2013. Working Paper. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Geographic Mobility among Residents in Seniors Housing and Care Communities: Evidence from the *Residents Financial Survey*,” with Norma B. Coe. 2012. Working Paper 2012-9. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Costs and Concerns among Residents in Seniors Housing and Care Communities: Evidence from the *Residents Financial Survey*,” with Norma B. Coe. 2012. Working Paper 2012-8. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Financial Well-being of Residents in Seniors Housing and Care Communities: Evidence from the *Residents Financial Survey*,” with Norma B. Coe. 2012. Working Paper 2012-7. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Residents in Seniors Housing and Care Communities: Overview of the *Residents Financial Survey*,” with Norma B. Coe. 2012. Working Paper 2012-6. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Who is Eligible for the Senior Community Service Employment Program, Now and in the Future?” 2011. Working Paper.

“Is the Food Stamp Program Being Crowded out by the Elderly Nutrition Program?” 2010. Working Paper.

“Do Young Mothers Work More When Grandmothers are Around: Proximity and Women’s Labor Supply,” 2010. Working Paper.

“Income, Consumption, and Leisure Before and After Retirement: How Older Women Fare in Retirement.” (earlier version 2010)

“Why Do So Few Elderly Use SNAP?” (earlier version 2010)

Research Briefs:

“How Does Women Working Affect Social Security Replacement Rates?” with Nadia S. Karamcheva, Alicia H. Munnell, and Patrick Purcell. 2013. *Issue in Brief* 13-10. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Are Aging Baby Boomers Squeezing Young Workers Out of Jobs?” with Alicia H. Munnell. 2012. *Issue in Brief* 12-18. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Why Did Poverty Drop for the Elderly?” with Alicia H. Munnell and Joshua Hurwitz. 2010. *Issue in Brief* 10-16. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

Work in Progress:

“Does the Catch-Up Contribution Provision Increase 401(k) Retirement Saving?” with Matthew S. Rutledge.

“Does Social Security Continue to Favor Couples?” with Alicia H. Munnell and Nadia Karamcheva.

“Are Younger Disability Beneficiaries Unhealthier than Ever?” with Matthew S. Rutledge.

RESEARCH FUNDING:

2013-2014	Ford Foundation: “Can Today’s Pension System Serve the Low Income?” (Co-PI)
2013-2014	U.S. Social Security Administration research grants through the Disability Research Consortium, through NBER (Co-PI)
2011-2014	U.S. Social Security Administration research grants through the Retirement Research Consortium, through Boston College (Co-PI)
2011-2013	National Institute on Aging RO1AG041105-01: “The Impact of Long-Term Care Insurance” (Co-I)
2011-2013	Prudential Financial Inc.: “Improving Employees’ Benefit Decisions.” (Co-I)
2011	National Investment Center for the Seniors Housing & Care Industry: “Survey on Economic and Health Characteristics of Individuals in Seniors House and Care Properties.” (Co-PI)
2011	The Pew Charitable Trusts: “Will Delayed Retirement by the Baby Boomers Lead to Higher Unemployment among Younger Workers?” (Co-PI)
2011	Senior Service America Inc.: “Who is Eligible for the Senior Community Service Employment Program, Now and in the Future?” (Co-PI)
2008-2009	U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service: “Exploring the

Mystery of the Missing Elderly: Low Take-up of Food Stamps among the Elderly.”
(Co-PI)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Co-Coordinator: The Seminar Series on Aging at Boston College

Referee: *Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Health Economics, Research on Aging, Demography, Journal of Population Ageing, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Management Science, Canadian Journal on Aging*

Member: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), American Economic Association (AEA), Population Association of America (PAA)

PRESENTATIONS (*invited speaker):

2014 Population Association of America Conference, Boston, MA (forthcoming)
Netspar Pension Workshop, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

2013 APPAM Research Conference, Washington, DC
*SIEPR/SCL Working Longer and Retirement Conference, Stanford, CA
*Retirement Research Consortium, Washington, DC
Population Association of America Conference, New Orleans, LA
*Aging Workforce Forum, Toronto, CA
IZA/OECD/World Bank Conference on Safety Nets and Benefit Dependence:
Evidence and Policy Implications, Paris, France

2012 *Social Security Administration Seminar, Washington, DC
APPAM Research Conference, Baltimore, MD
*Retirement Research Consortium, Washington, DC

2011 *The University of Chicago Seminar, Chicago, IL
*Retirement Research Consortium, Washington, DC
*The University of Illinois at Chicago Seminar, Chicago, IL

2010 *The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Faculty Seminar, Urbana-
Champaign, IL
*Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, Boston, MA
* Northeastern University Seminar, Boston, MA
* The University of Chicago Workshop, Chicago, IL

2009 *The University of Kentucky Faculty Workshop, Lexington, KY
APPAM Research Conference, Washington, DC
*USDA Research Grants Conference, Washington, DC
*Proximity Conference at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
*USDA Research Development Grant Workshops, Chicago, IL

2008 PSID Life Course Conference at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
APPAM Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA
*Shanghai University of Finance and Economics seminar, Shanghai, China
*Fudan University faculty workshop, Shanghai, China
Population Association of America Conference, New Orleans, LA
Midwest Economic Association Conference, Chicago, IL