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EDUCATION:

- 2016** **Harvard University**
Ph.D. in Economics
- 2012** **Harvard University**
M.A. in Economics
- 2009** **Tel Aviv University**
B.A. in Economics and Psychology, *summa cum laude*

EMPLOYMENT:

- 2016-present** **Boston College, Center for Retirement Research**
Research Economist
- 2012-2016** **Harvard University**
Teaching Fellow
- 2007-2010** **Tel Aviv University**
Research Assistant
Teaching Assistant

HONORS:

- 2016 Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation
Completion Fellowship
- 2015 Center for Retirement Research at Boston College Dissertation Fellowship
- 2010-2012 Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship
- 2009 Tel Aviv University Akirov Fellowship

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2014 Introduction to Econometrics, Harvard University, teaching fellow for Professor
Eric Chaney
- 2014 Cultural Economics, teaching fellow for Professor Alberto Alesina

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- 2013 Cultural Economics, teaching fellow for Professor Alberto Alesina
- 2012 Economics of National Security Sophomore Tutorial, Harvard University
- 2012 Introduction to Econometrics, Harvard University, teaching fellow for Professor Rainer Winkelmann
- 2007-2010 Introduction to Econometrics, Tel Aviv University, teaching fellow for Dr. Chemi Gottliebovsky and Dr. Analia Schlosser

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer Reviewed Papers

“The Affordable Care Act’s Insurance Market Regulations’ Effect on Coverage.” 2018. *Health Economics*, Vol. 27: 454-464.

Working Papers

“Retirement Lock and Prescription Drug Insurance: Evidence from Medicare Part D.” 2016. Working Paper. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University. (2nd round Revise and Resubmit).

“Differential Crowd-Out among the Elderly by Risk Aversion.” 2016. Working Paper. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University.

“Health Insurance and Opioid Deaths: Evidence from the Affordable Care Act Young Adult Provision.” 2018. Working Paper.

Other Publications

“Could “Tontines” Expand the Market for Longevity Insurance?” 2018. *Issue in Brief* 18-7. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“How Do Prescription Drugs Affect the Use of Other Health Services?” 2018. *Issue in Brief* 18-3. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Dodged a Bullet? ‘Rothification’ Likely to Reduce Retirement Saving,” with Alicia H. Munnell. 2017. *Issue in Brief* 17-20. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Does Public Health Insurance Affect How Much People Work?” 2017. *Issue in Brief* 17-12. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“How Much Long-Term Care Do Adult Children Provide?” with Alice Zulkarnain. 2017. *Issue in Brief* 17-11. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

GRANTS:

- 2018-2019 The Intended and Unintended Consequences of Pension Reform
Funded by the Smith Richardson Foundation
- 2018-2019 Do Non-Traditional Jobs Help or Hurt Older Workers?
Funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
- 2018-2019 Understanding the Hidden Impacts of Medicare Part D
Funded by The Commonwealth Fund
- 2018-2019 Will Fewer Children Boost Demand for Long Term Care?
Funded by the Peter G. Peterson Foundation and the Ford Foundation
- 2017-2018 How Is the Taxable Share of Covered Earnings Likely to Change?
Funded by the Social Security Administration

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (including scheduled):

- 2018 The National Tax Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 2018 The Association for Public Policy Administration and Management Fall
Conference, Washington, DC
- 2018 The Peter G. Peterson and Ford Foundations U.S. 2050 Authors' Conference,
Washington, DC
- 2018 Social Security Administration Retirement Research Consortium, Washington,
DC
- 2018 Savings and Retirement Foundation, Washington, DC
- 2017 Social Security Administration Retirement Research Consortium, Washington,
DC
- 2017 Social Security Administration Disability Research Consortium, Washington, DC
- 2017 Tax Economists Forum, Washington, DC
- 2017 Savings and Retirement Foundation, Washington, DC
- 2016 Center for Retirement Research at Boston College Seminar Series, Chestnut Hill,
MA
- 2016 Office of Tax Analysis – U.S. Department of the Treasury Annual Conference,
Washington, DC
- 2016 Joint Committee on Taxation, Washington, DC
- 2016 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation – Department of
Health and Human Services, Washington, DC
- 2016 Social, Economic, and Housing Statistics Division – U.S. Census Bureau,
Washington, DC
- 2016 National Tax Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD
- 2015 Haifa University Economics, Haifa, Israel
- 2015 Tel Aviv University Economics, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2015 Hebrew University Economics, Jerusalem, Israel

INVITED DISCUSSANT:

- 2018 The Association for Public Policy Administration and Management Fall
Conference, Washington, DC

- 2017 Social Security Administration Disability Research Consortium Annual Meetings,
Washington, DC
- 2016 National Tax Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Journal Referee *Health Affairs, International Journal of Environmental Research and
Public Health*
- Grant Referee Social Security Administration Steven H. Sandell Grantees and Dissertation
Fellows
- Media coverage *Forbes, Newsweek, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The
Washington Post*