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EDUCATION:

- 2021** **North Carolina State University**
Ph.D. in Economics
Dissertation title: “Dissertation on estimating school choice effects using centralized school assignments”
Research fields: Labor Economics, Economics of Education
- 2015** **Vanderbilt University**
M.A. in Economics
- 2013** **The University of Hong Kong**
B.B.A. in Accounting and Finance

EMPLOYMENT:

- 2021-present** **Center for Retirement Research at Boston College**
Research Economist

PUBLICATIONS:

Journal Article

- “Work after Retirement: Worklife Transitions of Career Public Employees,” with Robert L. Clark and Robert G. Hammond. 2021. *Journal of Pension Economics & Finance* 20(3): 341-356.
- “State and Local Government Employees Without Social Security Coverage: What Percentage Will Earn Pension Benefits That Fall Short of Social Security Equivalence?” with Jean-Pierre Aubry, Alicia H. Munnell, Laura D. Quinby, and Glenn R. Springstead. 2022. *Social Security Bulletin* 82(3): 1-20.

Book Chapter

- “Financial Well-being of State and Local Government Retirees in North Carolina,” with Robert L. Clark. 2020. In *Remaking Retirement, Debt in an Aging Economy*, edited by Olivia S. Mitchell and Annamaria Lusardi, 184-206. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Working Papers

“Has Remote Work Improved Employment Outcomes for Older People with Disabilities?” with Laura D. Quinby. 2024. Working Paper 2024-12. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Would Auto-IRAs Affect How Low-Income Households Cope with Emergency Expenses?” with Laura D. Quinby. 2024. Working Paper 2024-11. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Does Temporary Disability Insurance Reduce Older Workers’ Reliance on Social Security Disability Insurance?” with Laura D. Quinby and James Giles. 2023. Working Paper 2023-13. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“What Are the Implications of Rising Debt for Older Americans?” with Anqi Chen and Alicia H. Munnell. 2023. Working Paper 2023-11. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“How Can Social Security Children’s Benefits Help Grandparents Raise Grandchildren?” with Laura D. Quinby. 2023. Working Paper 2023-9. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“What Factors Explain the Drop in Disability Insurance Rolls from 2015 to 2019?” with Laura D. Quinby. 2023. Working Paper 2023-7. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“What Drives the Racial Housing Wealth Gap for Older Homeowners?” with Laura D. Quinby. 2023. Working Paper 2023-3. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“What Is the Risk to OASI Benefits from Unpaid Student Loans?” with Gal Wettstein. 2022. Working Paper 2022-16. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“How Does COVID-Induced Early Retirement Compare to the Great Recession?” with Anqi Chen and Alicia H. Munnell. 2022. Working Paper 2022-12. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“What Share of Noncovered Public Employees Will Earn Benefits that Fall Short of Social Security?” with Jean-Pierre Aubry, Alicia H. Munnell, Laura D. Quinby, and Glenn Springstead. 2022. Working Paper 2022-4. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

Other Articles

“Who Works After Claiming Social Security?” with Laura D. Quinby. *Issue in Brief* 25-23. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Will Auto-IRAs Help Households Cope with Emergency Expenses?” with Laura D. Quinby. 2024. *Issue in Brief* 24-21. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Does Remote Work Help Older People with Disabilities?” with Laura D. Quinby. 2024. *Issue in Brief* 24-19. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Does Temporary Disability Insurance Reduce Reliance on Social Security?” with Laura D. Quinby and James Giles. 2024. *Issue in Brief* 24-10. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Could Social Security Child Benefits Help Grandparent Caregivers?” with Laura D. Quinby. 2023. *Issue in Brief* 23-22. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“What Are the Implications of Rising Debt for Older Americans?” with Anqi Chen and Alicia H. Munnell. 2023. *Issue in Brief* 23-20. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Why Did Disability Insurance Rolls Drop from 2015 to 2019?” with Laura D. Quinby. 2023. *Issue in Brief* 23-18. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“What Drives the Racial Housing Wealth Gap for Older Homeowners?” with Laura D. Quinby. 2023. *Issue in Brief* 23-7. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“How Do Unpaid Student Loans Impact Social Security Benefits?” with Gal Wettstein. 2023. *Issue in Brief* 23-1. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Social Security Claiming: COVID-19 vs. Great Recession,” with Anqi Chen and Alicia H. Munnell. 2022. *Issue in Brief* 22-18. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“After 50 Years of Progress, How Prepared Are Women for Retirement?” with Alicia H. Munnell and Laura D. Quinby. 2022. *Issue in Brief* 22-15. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“After 50 Years of Progress, How Prepared Are Women for Retirement?” with Alicia H. Munnell and Laura D. Quinby. 2022. Special Report. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“What Do We Know About Public Teacher Compensation?” with Jean-Pierre Aubry. 2022. *State and Local Pension Plans Issue in Brief* 80. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Does School Choice Help Students in Overcrowded Schools? Evidence from a Centralized School Assignment.” 2021. Job Market Paper.

GRANTS:

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| 2026 | “Can Pre-Funded Investment Accounts Meaningfully Reduce Barriers to Stock Investing for Black Students?”
Funded by Institute of Consumer Money Management |
| 2025 | “Measuring and Mitigating Family-Related Retirement Risks.”
Funded by Jackson National Life Insurance Company |
| 2025 | “Do Emergency Savings Accounts Improve Financial Security for Participants in Debt Management Plans?”
Funded by the Institute of Consumer Money Management |
| 2023 | “Has Remote Work Improved Employment Outcomes for Older People with Disabilities?”
Funded by the Social Security Administration |
| 2022 | “Does Temporary Disability Insurance Reduce Older Workers' Reliance on SSDI?”
Funded by the Social Security Administration |
| 2022 | “What Factors Explain the Decline in DI Awards from 2010 to 2020?”
Funded by the Social Security Administration |
| 2022 | “How Can Social Security Children’s Benefits Help Grandparents Raising Grandchildren?”
Funded by the Social Security Administration |
| 2022 | “What Factors Explain the Decline in DI Awards from 2010 to 2020?”
Funded by the Social Security Administration |
| 2022 | “What Are the Implications of Rising Debt for Older Americans?”
Funded by RRF Foundation for Aging |
| 2022 | “After 50 Years of Progress, Are Today’s Women Better Prepared for Retirement?”
Funded by TIAA Institute |
| 2021 | “How Does COVID-Induced Early Retirement Compare to the Great Recession?”
Funded by the Social Security Administration |
| 2021 | “What Is the Risk to OASI Benefits from Unpaid Student Loans?”
Funded by the Social Security Administration |
| 2019 | “Financial Well-being of Older Workers Transitioning into Retirement”
Funded by the Institute of Consumer Money Management |

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Refereeing

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Public Budget and Finance; Aging and Mental Health

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2023	26th Annual Retirement and Disability Research Consortium Meeting, Washington, DC
2021	Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar, Virginia Tech
2021, 2019	Microeconomics Seminar, North Carolina State University
2019	Pension Research Council Symposium, University of Pennsylvania
2019	Summer Conference on Consumer Financial Decision Making, University of Colorado Boulder

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2015	Provost's Fellowship, North Carolina State University
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

2017-2019	Challenges to Retirement Readiness in the North Carolina Public Sector Workforce, Research Assistant, North Carolina State University
2015-2016	Student Assignment for the Magnet School Program at Wake County Public Schools, Research Assistant, North Carolina State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2018-2019	Introduction to Agricultural and Resource Economics, Independent Instructor, North Carolina State University
2016	Principles of Microeconomics, Lab Instructor, North Carolina State University