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M.A. Economics, University of Virginia, 2004
B.A. Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,
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AWARDS:

Spencer Dissertation Fellowship (2006-2008)
Institute for Educational Sciences Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (2006-2008)
Bankard Fund for Political Economy Fellowship (2006-2007)
DuPont Fellowship (2005-2006)
John M. Olin Law and Economics Fellowship (2003-2005)
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Research Enhancement Fellowship (2004)
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Head Teaching Assistant: Theory of Financial Markets (Spring 2005)
Teaching Assistant: Introductory Microeconomics (Fall 2002, 2003), Introductory
Macroeconomics (Spring 2003, 2004), Health Economics (Fall 2004), Industrial
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Center for Economic Studies, RDC Researcher, Triangle Census Research Data Center
(2006-2008), Approved Researcher.
The Brookings Institution, Washington DC (August 2000 – June 2002), Research Assistant.
The University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA (2004-2006) Research Assistant to Anup
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PUBLICATIONS:

“Blurring the Boundary: Changes in the Transition from College Participation to Adulthood” with
Sarah E. Turner, forthcoming in (Eds.) Sheldon Danziger and Cecilia Rouse *The Price of
Independence: The Economics of Early Adulthood Initiatives*. New York: Russell Sage
Foundation.
“Does Happiness Pay? An Exploration Based on Panel Data from Russia” with Carol Graham,
Brookings Institution CSED Working Paper Series, No 28, May 2002.

WORKING PAPERS:

Preschoolers Enrolled and Mothers at Work? The Effects of Universal Pre-Kindergarten. October 2007.

Starting School at Four: The Effect of Universal Pre-Kindergarten on Children's Academic Achievement. Under Review. August 2007.

Public School Pre-Kindergarten Programs: Preparing the Groundwork for Reading Success? with Andrew Mashburn, Kevin Grimm and Robert Pianta. October 2007.

Revising Our Thinking about the Relationship between Maternal Labor Supply and Preschool. October 2007.

Prices and Asymmetric Information in the Child Care Industry. May 2007.

PRESENTATIONS:

Center for the Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning, University of Virginia (September 2006). "Starting School at Four: The Effect of Universal Pre-Kindergarten on Children's Academic Achievement."

Association of Public Policy and Management Conference (November 2006). "Starting School at Four: The Effect of Universal Pre-Kindergarten on Children's Academic Achievement."

Center for the Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning, University of Virginia (March 2007). "Preschoolers Enrolled and Mothers at Work? The Effects of Universal Pre-Kindergarten."

Duke University (April 2007). "Preschoolers Enrolled and Mothers at Work? The Effects of Universal Pre-Kindergarten."

Center for Economic Studies (May 2007). "Preschoolers Enrolled and Mothers at Work? The Effects of Universal Pre-Kindergarten."

Institute for Education Sciences Conference (May 2007). "Starting School at Four: The Effect of Universal Pre-Kindergarten on Children's Academic Achievement."

University of Virginia, Public Economics Workshop (September 2007). "Preschoolers Enrolled and Mothers at Work? The Effects of Universal Pre-Kindergarten."

Association of Public Policy and Management Conference (Organizer and presenter, November 2007 [Scheduled]). "Preschoolers Enrolled and Mothers at Work? The Effects of Universal Pre-Kindergarten."

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Graduate Student Representative, University of Virginia Honor Committee (2005-2007)

Graduate Student Council Representative, University of Virginia Honor Committee (2005-2007)

Editor and Treasurer, Amalgam: The Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Journal at the University of Virginia. (2005-2007)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Economic Association

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