

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Education and Degrees

B. A. Williams College, 1964  
Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1970, Dept. of Economics  
M. A. (honorary) Amherst College, 1978

## Academic Employment

1990-	Ward H. Patton Professor of Economics, Amherst College
1978-1990	Professor, Dept. of Economics, Amherst College
1982-1983	Visiting Scholar, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan
1974-1978	Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, Amherst College
1976-1977	Visiting Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley
1968-1973	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, Amherst College

## Other Employment

1994-1997	Board of Directors, Mathematica Incorporated
1973-	Senior Fellow, Mathematica Policy Research
1980-1989	Board of Examiners, Graduate Record Examination in Economics (Chair, 1986-89)
1982-1984	Senior Fellow, Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation
1971-1972	Director of Economic Research, Urban Opinion Surveys Division of Mathematica, Princeton, New Jersey

## Publications

### Books:

- Microeconomic Theory: Basic Principles and Extensions*, Dryden Press, 1972, Tenth Edition, 2008 (coauthored with Christopher Snyder). Translations in Bulgarian, Chinese (2), Greek, Indonesian, Romanian, Spanish.
- Intermediate Microeconomics and Its Application*, Dryden Press, 1975, Tenth Edition, 2007 (with Christopher Snyder). Translations in Bulgarian, Chinese, Indonesian, Spanish
- The Federal Supplemental Benefits Program: An Appraisal of Emergency Extended Unemployment Benefits* (with W. Corson), W. E. Upjohn Institute, 1982.

### Published Papers and Research Reports:

- "General Equilibrium Models: Improving the Microeconomics Classroom" (with Frank Westhoff) *R+R Journal of Economic Education*.
- An Overview of the Summative Evaluations of the EBSM Program in Canada* (Draft Research Report of Human Resources and Skills Development, Canada)
- "The Evolution of Unemployment Insurance in the United States" *Comparative Labor Law and Policy Journal* (forthcoming)
- "Unemployment Insurance: Strengthening the Link between Theory and Policy" *Journal of Economic Perspectives* (Summer, 2006) with Karen Needels.
- "Left Out of the Boom Economy: UI Recipients in the Late 1990s" *ETA Occasional Paper USDOL*, May, 2002 (with Walter Corson, Karen Needels)
- "Comments" in O'Leary and Wandner (Eds.) *Targeting Employment Services* W.E. Upjohn Institute, 2002
- "The Design of Summative Evaluations for the Employment Benefits and Support Measures" Human Resources Development Canada, September 2001..
- "Measuring the Effects of Short-time Compensation on Workforce Dynamics," in G. Wong and G. Picot (Eds) *Changes in Working Time in Canada and the United States* W.E. Upjohn Institute for Economic Research, 2001 ( with Karen Needels).
- "Assessing the Feasibility of Measuring Medium Term Net Impacts of the EBSM Program in Nova Scotia" Working Paper prepared for Human Resources Development Canada, February 2000.
- "An Analysis of Unemployment Insurance Durations since the 1990-92 Recession" Unemployment Insurance Occasional Papers 99-6 United States Department of Labor, 1999 (With K. Needels)..
- "Emergency Unemployment Compensation: The 1990's Experience" Unemployment Insurance Occasional Paper 99-4, United States Department of Labor, 1999 (with W. Corson, K. Needels) .
- Evaluation of Short-Time Compensation Programs*, Unemployment Insurance Occasional Papers 97-3 U.S. Department of Labor, March 1997, (co-authored).
- "A Time Series Model of the WIC Program," U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service, September 1996.
- "Initial Eligibility," Chapter 3 in C.J. O'Leary and S. Wandner Eds., Unemployment Insurance in the United States: Analysis of Policy Issues, Kalamazoo, MI, W.E. Upjohn Institute, 1996.
- "An Examination of Alternative Error Rate Estimators for the Food Stamp Program," Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, November 1994 (with P. Gleason and K. Lewis).
- "International Trade and Worker Dislocation: Evaluation of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program," Washington, DC, U.S. Department of Labor, April 1993 (with W. Corson, P. Decker, and P. Gleason).
- "Breaking the Cycle of Poverty: The Effectiveness of Mandatory Services for Welfare-Dependent Teenage Parents, Washington, DC, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, September 1992 (with R. Maynard and A. Rangarajan).

- The Secretary's Seminars on Unemployment Insurance*, Washington, DC, U.S. Department of Labor, 1989 (with W. Corson, S. Kerachsky).
- "An Evaluation of the Feasibility of a Substate Area Extended Benefit Program," Unemployment Insurance Occasional Paper 89-5, U.S. Department of Labor, 1989.
- "An Examination of Declining UI Claims During the 1980's," Unemployment Insurance Service Occasional Paper 88-3, U.S. Department of Labor, 1988.
- "An Evaluation of Short-time Compensation Programs" (co-authored), Industrial Relations Research Association Proceedings, December 1985, abridged version in Monthly Labor Review, May 1986.
- "An Evaluation of the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program," Unemployment Insurance Service Occasional Paper 86-3, U.S. Department of Labor, 1986.
- "Unemployment Insurance Financing: Lessons from the United States," In Final Report of the Canadian Commission of Inquiry on Unemployment Insurance, 1986.
- "An Analysis of the 1981-82 Changes in the Extended Benefit Program," with W. Corson, Unemployment Insurance Occasional Paper 85-1, U.S. Department of Labor, 1985.
- "The Effect of Unemployment Insurance Benefits on Unemployment: The Case of Federal Supplemental Benefits" (with R. Moffitt), The Review of Economics and Statistics, vol. LXIV, no. 1 (February 1982).
- "An Evaluation of the Footwear Industry Revitalization Program," U.S. Department of Commerce, 1982.
- "Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers," in R. G. Ehrenberg (ed.), Research in Labor Economics, vol. IV, JAI Press, 1981.
- "A Statistical Model of Exhaustion of Unemployment Insurance Benefits and Some Implications for Policy," Journal of Human Resources, Winter 1981.
- "Extending Benefits During Recessions: Lessons from the FSB Experience," in National Commission on Unemployment Compensation, Unemployment Compensation: Studies and Research, vol. I, Washington, D.C., 1980.
- "Welfare Reform and the Negative Income Tax" (extended book review of M. Anderson's Welfare Reform), Stanford Law Review, vol. 32, no. 2 (January 1980).
- "Participants Understanding of the Treatment in Policy Experimentation," Evaluation Quarterly, vol. 1, no. 2, May 1977 (with S. Wright).
- "The Labor Supply Response of Married Women," Journal of Human Resources, Spring 1974 (with G. Cain). Extended version appears in Watts and Rees (eds.), The New Jersey Income Maintenance Experiment, vol. II, New York, Academic Press, 1977.
- "Expenditure Patterns," in Watts and Rees (eds.), The New Jersey Income Maintenance Experiment, vol. III, New York, Academic Press, 1977.
- "Truncation Effects in Experimental Data," in Watts and Rees (eds.), The New Jersey Income Maintenance Experiment, vol. III, New York, Academic Press, 1977.
- "Statistical Biases in Income Reporting," in Watts and Rees (eds.), The New Jersey Income Maintenance Experiment, vol. III, New York, Academic Press, 1977.
- A Study of Recipients of Federal Supplemental Benefits and Special Unemployment Assistance*, report prepared for the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, January 1977, NTIS Report No. 20-34-76-12-1 (co-authored). Follow-up report on this sample also published by U.S. Department of Labor.

### **Invited Papers and Testimony:**

- "Optimal Extended Unemployment Insurance Benefits" Paper Presented to the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, October, 2004 (with K. Needels)
- "Is Random Assignment Passe?" Paper prepared for the International Methodology Conference "From Theory to Practice" Human Resources Development Canada, Ottawa, November, 2001.
- The Design of Summative Evaluations for the Employment Benefits and Support Measures (EBSM)* Review paper prepared for Human Resources Development Canada, September 2001.

- ‘The Value of Employer-Based, Linked UI Data Sets’ Paper presented to the International symposium on Linked Employer-Employee Data, Arlington, VA May, 1998. (with K. Needels)
- “Measuring the Effects of Short-time Compensation Workforce Dynamics.” Paper presented at the Conference on Changing Working Time in Canada and the United States, Canadian Employment Research Forum, Ottawa, June 1996.
- “Is Microeconomic Theory Relevant to the Mexican Experience?” Paper presented to the 17th International Symposium of Economics, Monterrey, Mexico, March 1996.
- "Statement on Unemployment Coverage of the Unemployed." Testimony before Subcommittee on Human Resources, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives, February 20, 1991.
- "Declining UI Claims During the 1980's: Causes and Policy Implications." Paper presented to the 10 Annual Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Seattle, October, 1988.
- "Statement on Extended Benefits Programs." Testimony before Subcommittee on Public Assistance and Unemployment Compensation, December 14, 1987.
- "Unemployment Insurance During the 1981-83 Recession: Were the Lessons of 1974-76 Learned Too Well?" (with W. Corson). Paper presented to the 6th Annual Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, New Orleans, October 1984.
- "Industrial Policy for Declining Industries: An Evaluation of the Footwear Industry Revitalization Program." Paper presented to the 4th Annual Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Minneapolis, October 1982.
- "Statement on Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers" (with W. Corson). Subcommittee on Oversight, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives, February 21, 1980.
- "Extending Unemployment Benefits During Recessions: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis." Paper presented to the 2nd Annual Research Conference Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Boston, October 1980.
- "The Effect of Unemployment Insurance Benefits on Unemployment: The Case of Federal Supplemental Benefits" (with R. Moffitt). Paper presented at the Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society, Atlanta, December 1979.
- "Low Income Households and the Permanent Income Hypothesis: Implications of the Urban Experiment" (with C. Metcalf). American Economic Association, 1973 (joint session with the Econometric Society).
- "A Simultaneous Model of the Demand for Consumers' Durable Goods and Consumer Credit." Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society, 1969.