

## Curriculum Vitae

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#### **Appointments and Affiliations**

*Associate Professor* (with tenure), Robert Day School of Economics and Finance, Claremont McKenna College, March 2010 – present.

*Research Fellow*, IZA (Institute for Study of Labor), June 2009 – present.

*Research Affiliate*, National Poverty Center - Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan, November 2008 – present.

*Assistant Professor*, Robert Day School of Economics and Finance, Claremont McKenna College, July 2007 – February 2010.

*Research Fellow in Population Studies*, RAND Corporation, May 2005-April 2007.

*Assistant Professor of Economics*, McMaster University, July 2003 – June 2007.

#### **Education**

Ph.D., Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2003.

M.S., Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2000.

B.A., Economics, Carleton College, 1995.

#### **Research Fields of Interest**

Law and Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics.

#### **Publications (Peer Reviewed)**

Bjerk, David. (2010). "Thieves, Thugs, and Neighborhood Poverty." *Journal of Urban Economics* 68: 231-246.

Bjerk, David. (2009). "How Much Can We Trust Causal Interpretations of Fixed Effects Estimators in the Context of Criminality?" *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 25(4): 391-417.

Bjerk, David. (2009). "Beauty vs. Earnings: Gender Differences in Human Capital, Earnings, and Priorities Over Spousal Characteristics in a Matching Model." *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 69: 248-259.

Bjerk, David. (2008). "Glass Ceilings or Sticky Floors? Statistical Discrimination in a Dynamic Model of Promotion and Hiring," *The Economic Journal* 118(July): 961-982.

Bjerk, David. (2008). "On the Role of Plea Bargaining and the Distribution of Sentences in the Absence of Judicial System Frictions." *International Review of Law and Economics* 28(1): 1-7 (Lead Article).

Bjerk, David. (2007) "Guilt Shall Not Escape or Innocence Suffer: The Limits of Plea Bargaining When Defendant Guilt is Uncertain," *American Law and Economics Review* 9(2):305-329 (Lead Article).

Bjerk, David and Seungjin Han. (2007). "Assortative Marriage and the Effects of Government Homecare Subsidy Programs on Gender Wage and Participation Inequality," *Journal of Public Economics* 91(5-6): 1135-1150.

Bjerk, David. (2007). "Racial Profiling, Statistical Discrimination, and the Effect of a Colorblind Policy on the Crime Rate," *Journal of Public Economic Theory* 9(3): 543-567.

Bjerk, David. (2007). "The Differing Nature of Black-White Wage Inequality Across Occupational Sectors." *Journal of Human Resources* 42(2): 398-434.

Bjerk, David. (2007). "Measuring the Relationship Between Youth Criminal Participation and Household Economic Resources," *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 23(1): 23-39.

Bjerk, David. (2005). "Making the Crime Fit the Penalty: The Role of Prosecutorial Discretion Under Mandatory Minimum Sentencing." *Journal of Law and Economics* 48(2): 591-627.

### **Other Publications**

Bjerk, David. (2008). "What will it take to shatter the glass ceiling? Maybe remodeling the basement." voxEU.org (Oct 15, 2008).

### **Working Papers**

Bjerk, David. "Re-examining the Longer-term Impact of Dropping Out on Criminal and Labor Market Outcomes"

Bjerk, David. "Willful Ignorance and the Market for News"

### **Work in Progress**

"An Experimental Analysis of Inefficiency in the Allocation of Benefits to Others."

“The Effects of Adolescent Gender Role Attitudes on Family and Career Decisions.”  
(joint with Francisco Martorell and Pierre-Carl Michaud)

“Did Welfare Reform Affect Female Criminal Activity?” (joint with Serkan Ozbeklik)

“Behind-the-Veil of Ignorance: An Experimental Analysis”

### **Grants and Awards**

*Lowe Institute Research Grant*, May 2010, Claremont McKenna College.

*Lowe Institute Research Grant* (with Serkan Ozbeklik), May 2008, Claremont McKenna College.

*Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Research Grant*, April 2005, McMaster University.

*Arts Research Board Travel Grant*, McMaster University, December 2004.

*Arts Research Board Travel Grant*, McMaster University, May 2004.

*Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award*, University of Wisconsin, May 2002.

*Warren Beson Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award*, Carleton College, June 1995.

### **Conference Presentations and Participation**

*San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank Applied Micro Conference*, July 2010  
(presenter)

*Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Summer Research Workshop*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, June 2010 (invited participant).

*Southern California Applied Economics Workshop*, Claremont McKenna College, April 2010 (presenter)

*Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Summer Research Workshop*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, June 2009 (invited participant).

*Crime and Population Dynamics Summer Workshop*, U. of Maryland, June 2009 (discussant).

*Canadian Law and Economics Association*, University of Toronto, September 2008 (presenter, session chair).

*National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)*, Economics of Crime Working Group, July 2008 (invited participant).

*Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Summer Research Workshop*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, June 2008 (presenter).

*Crime and Population Dynamics Summer Workshop*, U. of Maryland, June 2007 (presenter).

*Population Association of America*, New York, March 2007 (presenter).

*Canadian Law and Economics Association Meetings*, University of Toronto, Sept. 2006 (presenter).  
*Workshop on Criminology and the Economics of Crime*, U. of Maryland, June 2006 (presenter).  
*American Law and Economics Association Meetings*, U. California Berkeley, May 2006 (presenter).  
*Population Association of America*, Los Angeles, April 2006 (session chair, discussant).  
*Canadian Economics Association*, McMaster University, May 2005 (session chair).  
*Canadian Public Economics Research Group*, McMaster University, May 2005 (presenter).  
*American Law and Economics Association Meetings*, New York University, May 2005 (presenter).  
*Meetings of the Southern Economics Association*, New Orleans, Nov. 2004 (presenter).  
*CIBC Project on Human Capital and Productivity*, U. of Western Ontario (session chair).  
*Canadian Public Economics Research Group*, University of Toronto, June 2004 (presenter).  
*Meetings of the Society of Labor Economists*, San Antonio, May 2004 (presenter, discussant).  
*Meetings of the Society of Labor Economists*, Toronto, September 2003 (presenter).  
*American Law and Economics Association Meetings*, Harvard University, May 2002 (presenter).

### **Invited Seminar Presentations**

*University of California – Irvine*, Department of Economics, October 2010.  
*Vanderbilt University*, Law School, February 2010.  
*University of California – Santa Cruz*, Department of Economics, January 2010.  
*San Diego State University*, Department of Economics, April 2009.  
*University of Southern California*, Department of Economics, March 2009.  
*University of California – Berkeley*, Goldman School of Public Policy, October 2007.  
*University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)*, Department of Economics, June 2007.  
*Emory University*, Department of Economics, April 2007.  
*RAND Corporation*, November 2006.  
*Claremont McKenna College*, Department of Economics, October 2006.  
*Texas A&M University*, Department of Economics, October 2006.  
*Rice University/University of Houston*, Departments of Economics, October 2006.  
*York University*, Department of Economics, September 2006.  
*University of Quebec at Montreal*, Department of Economics, November 2005.  
*University of British Columbia*, Department of Economics, October 2005.  
*Simon Fraser University*, Department of Economics, October 2005.  
*University of Toronto*, Department of Economics, April 2005.  
*University of Waterloo*, Department of Economics, October 2004.  
*University of Western Ontario*, Department of Economics, April 2004.  
*Brown University*, Department of Economics, March 2003.

Washington and Lee University, Department of Economics, February 2003.

McMaster University, Department of Economics, February 2003.

RAND Corporation, January 2003.

University of Kentucky, Department of Economics, January 2003.

University of Wisconsin, Department of Economics, November 2002.

### **Teaching**

*Poverty, Inequality, and Discrimination* (Undergrad), Claremont McKenna College

*Intermediate Microeconomic Theory* (Undergraduate), Claremont McKenna College

*Topics in Public Economics* (Graduate Level), McMaster University.

*Economics of the Labor Market* (Undergraduate), McMaster University.

### **Professional and Departmental Service**

Associate Editor – *economics* (e-journal) (January 2007 – March 2010)

Referee:

*American Economic Review*; *American Law and Economics Review*; *Canadian Public Policy*; *Economics Bulletin*; *Economic Inquiry*; *Economic Journal*; *Empirical Economics*; *Games and Economic Behavior*; *International Migration Journal*; *International Migration Review*; *International Review of Law and Economics*; *Journal of Human Resources*; *Journal of Human Capital*; *Journal of Labor Economics*; *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*; *Journal of Legal Studies*; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*; *Journal of Public Economics*; *Journal of Urban Economics*; *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*; *Oxford University Press*; *Southern Economic Journal*; *RAND Journal of Economics*; *Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)*.

Senior Thesis Advising:

Max Sanford, Claremont McKenna College, Dec 2009.

Kristyn Ross, Claremont McKenna College, Dec 2009.

Carolyn Hill, Claremont McKenna College, May 2009.

Daniel Henriod, Claremont McKenna College, May 2008.

Laura Ragan, Claremont McKenna College, December 2007.

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member for:

Neil Buckley, McMaster University, Ph.D. December 2004. (Placed as Assistant Professor, Atkinson College at York University).

Lindsay Tedds, McMaster University, Ph.D. October 2005. (Placed as Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba).

Participant, Economic Student Association Professor/Student Debate, McMaster University, March 2005.

Hiring Committee, Robert Day School of Economics, Claremont McKenna College, 2008-2009.

Coordinator for Robert Day School of Economics Seminar Series, Claremont McKenna College 2008-2009.

Coordinator for Department of Economics Seminar Series, McMaster University, 2004-2005.

Best Thesis Committee, Robert Day School of Economics, Claremont McKenna College, 2008.