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EMPLOYMENT

Department of Economics, Boston University. Associate Professor (without tenure), starting September 2007.

Department of Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Lecturer (tenure-track), October 2000 – January 2008.

Senior Lecturer (with tenure, on leave), January 2008 – present.

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Faculty Research Fellow, April 2007 – present.

Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR). Research Affiliate, January 2003 – present.

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA). Research Fellow, November 2003 – present.

Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CRAM). External Fellow, February 2007-present.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph.D. in Economics. June 2000.

Dissertation: “Job Search and Hyperbolic Discounting.”

Harvard University, A.M. in Economics. June 1996.

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, B.A. in Economics and Statistics. Graduated Summa cum Laude, July 1993.

Liceo Ginnasio Statale “Giulio Cesare”, Rome, Italy. Diploma di Maturità Classica (High School Diploma). June 1989.

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Behavioral Economics, Political Economy, Applied Econometrics.

RESEARCH

Published Papers

“The Shape of Things to Come? Assessing the Effectiveness of Suicide Attacks and Targeted Killings,” (with David Jaeger), February 2009. Forthcoming, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.

“Does Immigration Affect the Long-Term Educational Outcomes of Natives? Quasi-Experimental Evidence,” (joint with Eric D. Gould and Victor Lavy). *Economic Journal*, 119(540), October 2009, pages 1243-1269 (lead article).

“Corruption and Openness” (joint with Zvika Neeman and Avi Simhon). *Berkeley Electronic Journal for Economic Analysis and Policy*, 8(1), December 2008, (Contributions), Article 50.

“The Cycle of Violence? An Empirical Analysis of Fatalities in the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict,” (joint with David A. Jaeger). *American Economic Review*, 98(4), September 2008, pages 1591-1604.

“Job Search and Hyperbolic Discounting: Structural Estimation and Policy Implications.” *Economic Journal*, 118(531), August 2008, pages 1418-1452.

“Mass Migration to Israel and Natives’ Employment Transitions,” (joint with Sarit Cohen-Goldner). *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 59(4), July 2006, pages 630-652.

“Israel, the Palestinian Factions and the Cycle of Violence,” (joint with David A. Jaeger). *American Economic Review*, 96(2), May 2006, pages 45-49.

“Job Search and Impatience,” (joint with Stefano DellaVigna). *Journal of Labor Economics*, 23(3), July 2005, pages 527-588.

“Immigrating to Opportunity: Estimating The Effect of School Quality Using a Natural Experiment on Ethiopians in Israel,” (joint with Eric D. Gould and Victor Lavy). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 119(2), May 2004, pages 489-526.

“Waiting for Mr. Right: Rising Inequality and Declining Marriage Rates,” (joint with Eric D. Gould). *Journal of Urban Economics*, 53(2), March 2003, pages 257-281.

Other Completed Papers

“The Dynamic Impact of Immigration on Natives’ Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Israel” (joint with Sarit Cohen-Goldner). Revised, February 2009. Second revision requested by the *European Economic Review*.

“Inside the Black Box of Ability Peer Effects: Evidence from Variation in High-Achievers and Low-Achievers in the Classroom.” (joint with Victor Lavy and Analia Schlosser), August 2009. Under review.

“Sixty Years after the Magic Carpet Ride: The Long-Run Effect of the Early Childhood Environment on Social and Economic Outcomes” (with Eric Gould and Victor Lavy), June 2009. Under review.

“The Struggle for Palestinian Hearts and Minds: Violence and Public Opinion in the Second Intifada,” (with David A. Jaeger, Esteban F. Klor, and Sami Miaari), June 2009. Under review.

“Gender Interactions in Hierarchies: Evidence from the Political Arena,” (joint with Stefano Gagliarducci). April 2009. Under review.

“Do High-Skill Immigrants Raise Productivity? Evidence from Israeli Manufacturing Firms, 1990-1999.” January 2009. Under review.

“Gender Differences in Performance in Competitive Environments: Evidence from Professional Tennis Players.” Revised, February 2008.

“Bayesian Inference for Duration Data with Unobserved and Unknown Heterogeneity: Monte Carlo Evidence and an Application,” September 2004. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*.

“Overidentification Tests for Grouped Data,” (with Caroline Hoxby). NBER Working Paper No. T0223, February 1998.

RESEARCH GRANTS

The Maurice Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel, 2006-2007. “Peer Effects in the Classroom and at Home: Evidence from Israel,” (joint with Eric D. Gould and Victor Lavy).

The Samuel Neaman Institute at the Technion, Program on the Economics of National Security, 2006-2007. “Israel, the Palestinian Factions, and the Cycle of Violence.”

The Israeli Science Foundation, 2004-2007. “The Effect of the Initial Environment on Immigrant Outcomes: 50 Years of Immigration Absorption in Israel,” (Principal Investigator; joint with Eric Gould and Victor Lavy).

The Samuel Neaman Institute at the Technion, Program on the Economics of National Security, 2004-2005. “The Spiral of Violence in the Middle East?”

The Maurice Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel, 2004-2005. “The Effect of the Initial Environment on Long Term Economic and Social Outcomes: Evidence from the 1949 Yemenite Immigrants to Israel,” (joint with Eric D. Gould and Victor Lavy).

The Samuel Neaman Institute at the Technion, Program on Science, Technology and the Economy, 2002-2003. “New Immigrants, Innovation, Productivity and Skill Complementarities in Israeli Manufacturing Firms.” (Program on Science, Technology, and the Economy)

The Maurice Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel, 2002-2003. “Mass Migration to Israel and Natives’ Employment Outcomes.”

The Israeli Science Foundation, 2001-2003. “Job Search and Hyperbolic Discounting: Structural Estimation and Evaluation of Alternative Unemployment Insurance Policies.”

The Maurice Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel, 2000-2001. “Dynamic Inconsistency in Intertemporal Decision Making and its Implications for Job Search.”

ADVISING

Boston University, Graduate Economics Association: 2009 Graduate Advisor of the Year Award.

Boston University, dissertation committee member:

YuPing Tsai (2008).
Daulins Emilio (2008).
ChangWoo Lee (2008).
Patricia Medrano (2008).
Pinar Derin (2009).
Francesco Russo (2009).
Chao Zhou (expected graduation date: 2009).
Rene Osorio (expected graduation date: 2009).
Min Woong Ji (expected graduation date: 2010).
Marian Vidàl-Fernàndez (expected graduation date: 2010).
Mikhail Pyatigorsky (expected graduation date: 2010).

Hebrew University, dissertation committee member:

Micha Mandel (2004, Department of Statistics).
Isabel Tkatch (2005, School of Business Administration).
Analia Schlosser (2006).
Sami Miaari (2009).

TEACHING

Classes taught

Intermediate microeconomics, econometrics (undergraduate and graduate, with an emphasis on microeconomic applications), labor economics (undergraduate and graduate).
Topics in the economics of migration (mini-course taught at the Università degli Studi di Roma, Tor Vergata, October 2006, April 2009).

Evaluations and Prizes

Teaching evaluations, Boston University, 2007-2009. Mean: 4.1, median: 4 (on a 5-point scale).
Teaching evaluations, Hebrew University, 2000-2006. Mean: 17.6, median: 19 (on a 20-point scale).
Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Undergraduate Education, Harvard University, Spring 2000.
Certificate of Excellence in Teaching, Hebrew University, Faculty of Social Sciences, 2006-2007.
The Neu Family Award for Teaching Excellence in Economics, Boston University, Department of Economics, 2008-2009.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Ga'aton Prize, awarded to the best article on the Israeli economy, "The Dynamic Impact of Immigration on Natives' Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Israel," (joint with Sarit Cohen-Goldner), May 2005.
Eliot Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, 1998-99.
Department of Economics Fellowship, Harvard University, 1994-1996.
Teagle Foundation Fellowship, 1995.
Rector's Prize, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1990/91.
Dean's List, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1990/91, 1991/92, 1992/93.
"Amirim" Prize for outstanding admission credentials, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1990/91.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conferences

European Economic Association and the Econometric Society European Meeting (EEA-ESEM):
Programme Committee member, 2008 and 2009.

Editorships and Refereeing Activity

Associate Editor, *Labour Economics*.

Referee for: *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *Labour Economics*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, *European Economic Review*, *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, *B.E. Journal: Peace Economics*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Review of International Economics*, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Labour*, *German Economic Review*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *International Migration*, *The United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation*, *The Israel Science Foundation*, *The Falk Institute*.

University Service

Boston University, College of Arts and Sciences: Member of the CAS Task Force on Undergraduate Advising, September 2009 – January 2010.
Boston University, Department of Economics: Member of the New Chair Search Committee, December 2008 - January 2009.

Boston University, candidate for CAS/GRS Academic Policy Committee, 2008-2009 (not elected),
2009/2010 (not elected).

Boston University, Department of Economics Computer Administrator, 2007-present.

Hebrew University, Department of Economics, Ph.D. Admissions Committee, 2005-2007.

Hebrew University, Department of Economics, Development Committee, 2003-2004.

Other Service

Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, member of the steering committee for the 2008 Census of
Population and Housing, 2003-2004.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Labor Studies, July 2009.

National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Political Economy, July 2009.

Econometric Society North American Summer Meetings, Boston(MA), June 2009.

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, Boston (MA), May 2009.

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, New York (NY), May 2008.

National Bureau of Economic Research, Cohort Studies Meetings, Los Angeles (CA), April 2008.

National Bureau of Economic Research, Spring Labor Meetings, Cambridge (MA), March 2008.

National Bureau of Economic Research, Fall Education Meetings, Cambridge (MA), November 2007.

National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Program on the Economics of National
Security, Cambridge (MA), July 2007.

National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Labor Studies, Cambridge (MA), July
2007.

IZA Annual Migration Meeting, Bonn, May 2007.

European Summer Symposium in Labor Economics, CEPR and IZA, Buch/Ammersee, September
2006.

Minerva-DEGIT Conference, "Globalization and Growth in a Long-Term Perspective," Jerusalem,
June 2006.

"Applications of employer-employee linked databases for labor market analysis," LABORatorio
Riccardo Revelli, Torino, May 2006.

American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Boston (MA), January 2006.

"A Conference in Honor of Reuben Gronau's Retirement," Jerusalem, December 2005.

European Summer Symposium in Labor Economics, CEPR and IZA, Buch/Ammersee, September
2005.

National Bureau of Economic Research, Program on the Economics of National Security, Cambridge
(MA), July 2005.

American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (PA), January 2005.

National Bureau of Economic Research, Education Program Meeting, Cambridge (MA), November
2004.

"Inequality in the Labour Market," CEPR, Bergen, August 2004.

Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meetings, Florence, July 2004.

"Immigration, Minorities, and Social Exclusion: A Conference in Memory of Tikva Lecker," Bar-Ilan
University, June 2004.

IZA Annual Migration Meeting, Bonn, June 2004.

Haifa Winter Workshop on Computer Science and Statistics (CSSStat 2003), Haifa, December 2003.

European Summer Symposium in Labor Economics, CEPR and IZA, Buch/Ammersee, September
2003.

Econometric Society European Meetings, Stockholm, August 2003.

National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Economics of Education, Cambridge
(MA), July 2003.

"Earnings Inequality and Educational Gaps Between Origin Related Groups in Israel," Tel Aviv, June
2003.

European Association of Labor Economics, Paris, September 2002.

European Society for Population Economics, Bilbao, June 2002.

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, Baltimore (MD), May 2002.
Econometric Society European Winter Meetings, Berlin, January 2002 (by invitation).
Econometric Society European Meetings, Lausanne, August 2001.
Econometrics in Tel Aviv, June 2001.

INVITED SEMINARS

Harvard University, Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, UC Irvine, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Bank of Israel, Bar-Ilan University, Ben Gurion University, Ente Luigi Einaudi (Rome), Université de Toulouse, European University Institute, Bocconi University, University of Helsinki, University of Uppsala, Institute for International Economic Studies (Stockholm), College of William and Mary, Northwestern University, University of Wisconsin, University of Chicago-Graduate School of Business, Tinbergen Institute, IZA, UC Berkeley, Stanford University, UC San Diego, UCLA, Princeton University, Università di Roma Tor Vergata, University of Rochester, University of Pittsburgh, UC Davis, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Boston University, Case Western Reserve University, Tufts University, Yale University, University of Connecticut, Brown University, INSIDE (Barcelona), CEMFI (Madrid), Cornell University, Boston College, Collegio Carlo Alberto.

PERSONAL

Citizenship: Italian and Israeli.

Marital Status: Married, 2 children.

Languages: Italian, English, Hebrew (fluent); French (good); Spanish, German (basic).