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Current Position

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, San Diego State University,
July 2005-Present

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara, June 1996

Dissertation: *Essays on Community College Transfer Students*

Fields of Concentration: Labor Economics, Public Finance

Primary Advisor: Jon Sonstelie

M.A., Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara, March 1993

B.A., Economics, California State University, Northridge, May 1991.

Previous Academic Positions

Lecturer, Department of Economics, Virginia Tech, August, 2004-July, 2005.

Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Virginia Tech,
August, 2001-July, 2004

Visiting Assistant Professor, Brigham Young University August, 2000-July, 2001

Assistant Professor, University of Louisville, August, 1997-July, 2000.

Lecturer, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, August, 1996-May, 1997.

Teaching Associate, Department of Economics, UC Santa Barbara, September, 1994-June,
1995.

Lecturer, Ventura College, August, 1994-May, 1995.

Teaching Assistant, UC Santa Barbara, 1991-1994.

Professional Service

1. Associate Editor, *Economics of Education Review*, January 2004-Present
2. Content Expert, US Department of Education, The New ERIC, August 2004-Present

Publications in Refereed Journals

1. Hilmer, Michael J. and Hilmer, Christiana E., "Fishes, Ponds, and Productivity: Student-Advisor Matching and Early Career Productivity for Economics Ph.D.s," Accepted for Publication, *Economic Inquiry*.
2. Hilmer, Michael J. and Hilmer, Christiana E., "How Does a 48-Hour Test-Taking Window Affect Performance?" Accepted for Publication, *Applied Economics Letters*.
3. Hilmer, Christiana E. and Hilmer, Michael J. (2007) "Women Helping Women, Men Helping Men? Same-Gender Mentoring, Initial Job Placements, and Early Career Research Productivity for Economics Ph.D.s," *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings* 97(2): 422-426.
4. Hilmer, Christiana E. and Hilmer, Michael J. (2007) "On the Relationship between the Student-Advisor Match and Early Career Research Productivity for Agricultural and

- Resource Economics Ph.D.s" *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 89(1): 162-175.
5. Hilmer, Michael J. and Hilmer, Christiana E. (2007) "Dissertation Advisors and Initial Job Placements for Economics Ph.D. Recipients." *Applied Economics Letters* 14(4-6): 311-314.
 6. Gonzalez, Arturo, Hilmer, Michael J. and Sandy, Jonathon (2006) "Alternative Paths to College Completion: The Effect of Attending a Two-Year School on the Probability of Completing a Four-Year Degree," *Economics of Education Review* 25(4): 463-471.
 7. Gonzalez, Arturo, and Hilmer, Michael J. (2006) "The Role of Two-Year Colleges in the Improving Situation of Hispanic Postsecondary Education." *Economics of Education Review* 25(3): 249-257.
 8. Hilmer, Christiana E. and Hilmer, Michael J. (2005) "How Do Journal Quality, Co-Authorship, and Author Order Affect Agricultural Economists' Salaries?" *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 87(2): 509-523.
 9. Hilmer, Michael J. (2002) "Human Capital Attainment, University Quality, and Entry-Level Wages for College Transfer Students," *Southern Economic Journal*, 69(4), 603-636.
 10. Hilmer, Michael J. (2002) "Student Migration and Institutional Control as Screening Devices," *Economics Letters* 76(1), 19-25.
 11. Hilmer, Michael J. (2001) "Redistributive Fee Increases, Net Attendance Costs, and the Distribution of Students at the Public University," *Economics of Education Review*, 20(6), 551-562.
 12. Hilmer, Michael J. (2001) "A Comparison of Alternative Specifications of the College Attendance Equation with an Extension to Two-Stage Selectivity-Correction Models," *Economics of Education Review*, 20(3), 263-278.
 13. Hilmer, Michael J. (2000) "Does the Return to Quality Differ for Transfer Students and Direct Attendees?" *Economics of Education Review*, 19(1), 47-61.
 14. Hilmer, Michael J. (1998) "Post-Secondary Fees and the Decision to Attend a University or a Community College," *Journal of Public Economics*, 67(2), 329-348.
 15. Hilmer, Michael J. (1997) "Does Community College Attendance Provide a Strategic Path to a Higher Quality Education?" *Economics of Education Review*, 17(1), 59-68.

Articles Under Review By Refereed Journals

1. "Is it Where You Go or Who You Know? "Program Effects", "Advisor Effects", and the Production of Economics Ph.D.s," Under Review at the *Review of Economics and Statistics* (with Christiana E. Hilmer).
2. "Women Helping Women in Agricultural Economics? Same-Gender Mentoring, Initial Job Placements, and Early Career Research Productivity for Agricultural Economics Ph.D.s," Under Review at the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (with Christiana E. Hilmer).

Funded Research Grants

1. "Does Access to Community College Improve the Educational and Labor Market Outcomes of Hispanics?" Russell Sage Foundation Grant, RSF Project #: 85-00-15. July, 2000-June, 2001. Co-PI with Arturo Gonzalez, Mexican American Studies & Research Center, University of Arizona. (\$61,400)
2. "Community College Transfer Students and Labor Market Outcomes," AERA grants program. (NSF Grant #RED-9452861), 1999 – 2000. (\$20,000)

Non-Refereed Publications

1. "How College Enrollment Strategies Affect Student Labor Market Success," CHERI Working Paper WP 19, 2001 (with John J. Cheslock).
2. "Are There Too Many Students in Public Higher Education?" ERIC # ED420222, 1998 (with Dennis P. Leyden, Department of Economics UNC-Greensboro).

Academic Awards

1. pICT Fellow, San Diego State University, 2006.
2. Grant to attend the AERA Institute on Statistical Analysis for Education Policy (support provided by NCES and NSF), San Diego, CA 1997. (\$2,000)
3. Dean's Outstanding Faculty Award, College of Business and Public Administration, University of Louisville, 1998 (4 awarded out of 116 faculty)
4. President's Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara, Fall 1995.
5. Graduate Student Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1993-94 & 1994-95.
6. Regents Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1992-93 & 1993-94.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

1. "Women Helping Women, Men Helping Men? Same-Gender Mentoring, Initial Job Placements, and Early Career Research Productivity for Economics Ph.D.s" (With Christiana Hilmer), *ASSA Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, January 2007.
2. "Is it Where You Go or Who You Know? Advisors, Students and the Early-Career Productivity of Economics Ph.D.s." (With Christiana Hilmer), *Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting*, Charleston, SC, November 2006.
3. "Women Helping Women in Agricultural Economics? Same-Gender Mentoring, Initial Job Placements, and Early Career Research Productivity for Agricultural Economics Ph.D.s." (With Christiana Hilmer), *American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting*, Long Beach, CA, July 2006.
4. "Is it Where You Go or Who You Know? Advisors, Students and the Early-Career Productivity of Economics Ph.D.s." (With Christiana Hilmer), *Western Economic Association Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, July 2006.
5. "Programs, Student-Advisor Matches, Initial Job Placements and Early Career Productivity for Agricultural Economics Ph.D.s from 1987-2000." (With Christiana Hilmer), *American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting*, Providence, RI, July 2005.
6. "On the Return to Journal Quality, Coauthorship and Author Order Within Top Ranked Agricultural Economics Programs" *American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO, July 2004.
7. "So You Want to Hire a Future Star? Student-Advisor Matching as a Signal of Early Career Productivity for Economics Ph.D.s." *Western Economic Association Conference*, Vancouver, BC, July 2004.
8. "A Descriptive and Econometric Analysis of Annual Salaries, Gender, Experience, and Peer-Reviewed Publication Histories within Top-Ranked Agricultural Economics Programs," *American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Canada, July 2003.
9. "The Role of Student Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education Admissions Since 1972."

- (with Eric Eide and Dan Goldhaber), *Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management National Conference*, Dallas, TX, November 2002.
10. "Can Two-Year College Attendance Lead to Enrollment and Degree Completion at More Selective Four-Year Colleges?" (with Eric Eide and Dan Goldhaber), *ASSA Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, January 2001.
 11. "The Role of Two-Year Colleges in the Improving Situation of Hispanic Postsecondary Education." Presentation and Organizer, *Western Economic Association Conference*, Vancouver, BC, July 2000.
 12. "Human Capital Attainment, University Quality, and Entry-Level Wages for College Transfer Students," Presentation and Organizer, *Western Economic Association Conference*, Lake Tahoe, CA, July 1998.
 13. "Are There Too Many Students in Public Higher Education," *American Education Research Association National Conference*, San Diego, CA, April 1998.
 14. "Does the Return to Quality Differ for Transfer Students and Direct Attendees?" *Western Economic Association Meetings*, San Diego, CA, July 1995.
 15. "Does Community College Attendance Provide a Strategic Path to a Higher Quality Education?" *Western Economic Association Meetings*, Vancouver, BC, July 1994.

Invited Presentations

1. "Can Two-Year College Attendance Lead to Enrollment and Degree Completion at More Selective Four Year Colleges?," (With Eric Eide and Dan Goldhaber), *Cornell Higher Education Research Conference*, The Complex Community College Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, October 2003.
2. "College Quality and the Earnings of Transfer Students," *Cornell Higher Education Research Conference*, Higher Education Policy Research Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, October 1999.
3. "Post-Secondary Fees and the Decision to Attend a University or a Community College," *Department of Economics, University of Kentucky*, April 1998.
4. "Are There Too Many Students in Public Higher Education?" (With Dennis P. Leyden) *Department of Economics, University of North Carolina at Greensboro*, September 1996.
5. "Does Community College Attendance Provide a Strategic Path to a Higher Quality Education?" *Department of Economics, UCSB*, March 1994.

Referee for Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. Journal of Human Resources
2. Industrial and Labor Relations Review
3. Economics of Education Review
4. Contemporary Economic Policy
5. Review of the Economics of the Household