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**EDUCATION**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
Ph.D. in Economics, 2002; M.A. in Economics, 1998

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
B.S. in Policy Analysis, 1995

**EMPLOYMENT**

Hunter College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, New York, NY  
2010- Faculty Associate, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute  
2007- Associate Professor, Department of Economics,  
2002-2007, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics,

Research Associate, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan (1998-2002)

Research Assistant, The Lewin Group, Fairfax VA (1995-1997)

**PUBLICATIONS**

Sevak, Purvi and Shamima Khan “Psychiatric vs. Physical Disabilities: A Comparison of Barriers and Facilitators to Employment.” *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Bulletin*, forthcoming 2017.

Farnham, Martin and Purvi Sevak. “Housing Wealth and Retirement Timing,” *CEsifo Economic Studies*, vol 62, issue 1, 26-46, 2016.

Sevak, Purvi, Andrew Houtenville, Debra Brucker, and John O’Neill. “Individual Characteristics and the Disability Employment Gap.” *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, Volume 26, Issue 1, 2015.

Etz S Rebecca, Keith E Rosalind, Maternick M Anna, Stein L Karen, Sabo T Roy, Hayes S Melissa, Sevak Purvi, Holland John, Crosson C Jesse, “Supporting Practices to Adopt Registry-Based Care (SPARC): protocol for a randomized controlled trial.” *Implementation Science*, vol. 10, issue 46, 2015

Sevak, Purvi, and Lucie Schmidt. “Immigrants and Retirement Resources.” *Social Security Bulletin*, vol. 74, no. 1, 2014.

Clarke, Geoff, and Purvi Sevak. "The Disappearing Gay Income Penalty." *Economics Letters*, vol. 121, issue 3, pp. 542-545, December 2013.

Sevak, Purvi, A. Houtenville, J. O'Neill and E. Cardoso. "Disability, Prevalence and Economic Outcomes," in D. Strauser (Ed.), *Career Development, Employment and Disability: From Theory to Practice*. New York: Springer, 2013.

Farnham, Martin, L. Schmidt, and P. Sevak. "House Prices and Marital Stability," *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* Volume 101 (3): 615-619, 2011.

Sevak, Purvi and Lucie Schmidt. "Taxes, Wages, and the Labor Supply of Older Americans." *Research on Aging* Volume 31 (2): 207-232, 2009.

Farnham, Martin and Purvi Sevak. "State Fiscal Institutions and Empty Nest Migration: Are Tiebout Voters Hobbled?" *Journal of Public Economics* Volume 90 (3): 405-550, 2006.

Schmidt, Lucie and Purvi Sevak. "Gender, Marriage and Asset Accumulation in the United States." *Feminist Economics*. Volume 12 (1): 139-160, 2006.

Charles, Kerwin and Purvi Sevak. "Can Family Caregiving Substitute for Nursing Home Care?" *Journal of Health Economics* Volume 24 (6): 1174-1190, 2005.

Sevak, Purvi, Weir, D, and Willis, R. "The Economic Consequences of a Husband's Death," *Social Security Bulletin* Volume 65 (3), 2003/2004.

Schmidt, Lucie and Purvi Sevak. "AFDC, SSI, and Welfare Reform Aggressiveness: Caseload Reductions vs. Caseload Shifting," *Journal of Human Resources* Volume 39 (3), 2004.

Sevak, Purvi and Lois M. Verbrugge. "Disability Symptoms and the Price of Self-Sufficiency," *Journal of Aging and Health* Volume 16 (5), 2004.

Verbrugge, Lois M., and Purvi Sevak. "Use, Type, and Efficacy of Assistance for Disability," *Journals of Gerontology*, 57: S366-S379, 2002.

## **WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS UNDER REVIEW**

Schmidt, Lucie and Purvi Sevak. "Child Participation in Supplemental Security Income: Cross- and Within-State Determinants of Caseload Growth." 2016. (under review).

Jaszczak, Angela, Purvi Sevak, and Debra Wright. "Personal Characteristics of VR Applicants: Findings from the Survey of Disability and Employment." 2016 (under review).

Sevak, Purvi, John O'Neill, Andrew Houtenville, and Debra Brucker. "State and local determinants of employment outcomes among individuals with disabilities" (under review).

Nichols, Austin, Lucie Schmidt, and Purvi Sevak. "Economic Conditions and SSI Applications" [Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2014-318](#), 2014 (under review).

Altindag, Onur, Lucie Schmidt, and Purvi Sevak. “The Great Recession, Workers with Disabilities, and Implications for Retirement Security” [Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2012-277](#), 2012.

Schmidt, Lucie and Purvi Sevak. “Macroeconomic Conditions and Updating of Expectations by Older Americans” [Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2011-259](#), 2011.

Schmidt, Lucie and Purvi Sevak. “Immigrant-Native Fertility and Mortality Differentials in the United States” [Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2008-181](#), 2008.

Farnham, Martin and Purvi Sevak. “Housing Wealth and Retirement Timing,” [Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2007-172](#).

Sevak, Purvi and Lina Walker. “The Responsiveness of Private Savings to Medicaid Long Term Care Policy” [Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2006-150](#), 2006.

Farnham, Martin and Purvi Sevak. “Constructing a Household Panel for the Study of Fiscal Migration among Older Households” Unpublished Manuscript, 2005.

Kezdi, Gabor and Purvi Sevak. “Economic Adjustment of Retirees to Adverse Wealth Shocks” [Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2004-075](#), 2004.

Sevak, Purvi. “Wealth Shocks and Retirement Timing: Evidence from the Nineties,” [Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2002-027](#), 2002.

## GRANTS

Co-PI, National Institute on Disability Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Employment Policy and Measurement (2015- ), through University of New Hampshire.

Co-PI and Associate Project Director, National Institute on Disability Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Individual Characteristics and Employment Outcomes (2010- ), at Hunter College and Kessler Foundation.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “The Great Recession, Workers with Disabilities, and Implications for Retirement Security” 2011.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “Recessionary Impacts on SSI Participants” 2011.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “Macroeconomic Conditions and Updating of Expectations by Older Americans” 2010.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “Immigrant-Native Fertility and Mortality Differentials in the United States” 2007.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “How Do Immigrants Fare in Retirement?” 2006.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “Housing Prices, “Bubbles” and Retirement Timing” 2006.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “The Effect of Tax Rates and Tax Treatment of Pension and Social Security Income on Labor Supply of the Elderly” 2005.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “Health Risk in Retirement” 2005.

PSC-CUNY Research Grant. “Gender, Marriage and Asset Accumulation in the United States” 2005.

Social Security Administration (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center). “Gender, Marriage and Asset Accumulation in the United States.” 2004.

PSC-CUNY Grant “Why do immigrants exhibit different saving and investment behavior?” 2004.

Sandell Junior Scholars Grant, Social Security Administration and Boston College Center for Retirement Research, for “Estimating the Wage Elasticity of Labor Supply for Older Workers.” 2003.

PSC-CUNY Research Grant “Economic Adjustment of Retirees to Adverse Wealth Shocks.” 2003.

Social Security Administration, Subcontract UM03-S2 (through the Michigan Retirement Research Center) “Do The Newly Retired Adjust Their Consumption or Labor Supply When Their Retirement Wealth Drops?” 2002.

### **FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

Brookdale Center on Aging at Hunter College, Faculty Fellow (2006-2007), (2009-2011).

Gender Equity Project Sponsorship Award, funded by the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Advance Institutional Transformation Award to Hunter College (2004-2005 and 2003-2004).

Institute for Social Research Founders’ Fellowship, University of Michigan (2001-2002).

Steven H. Sandell Dissertation Award, Social Security Administration (2000-2001).

National Institute of Aging (NIA) Economic Demography Training Fellowship (1997-2000).

### **PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH**

Sevak, Purvi. “Economic Conditions and Supplemental Security Income Applications.” Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Miami FL, November 2015.

Sevak, Purvi. "State and local determinants of employment outcomes among individuals with disabilities." Presented at the University of Missouri Population, Education, and Health Seminar, October 2015.

Sevak, Purvi. "State Trends in the Child SSI Program." Mathematica Policy Research Center for Studying Disability Policy Forum, September 2015.

The Great Recession, Older Workers with Disabilities, and Implications for Retirement Security  
 - Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management – APPAM (presenter and session organizer), November 2012

"Macroeconomic Conditions and Updating of Expectations by Older Americans"  
 - University of New Hampshire, December 2011

"House Prices and Marital Stability"  
 - Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), April 2011  
 - American Economic Association, January 2011

"Housing Wealth and Retirement Timing"/"Early Retirement and the Housing Bubble"  
 - American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA), January 2008  
 - Michigan Retirement Research Center workshop, April 2007.  
 - Midwest Economics Association, 2006.  
 - Canadian Economics Association, 2006.

"Marriage Delay and Private Saving"  
 - American Economic Association, January 2007.  
 - Society of Labor Economists, May 2007

"The Responsiveness of Private Savings to Medicaid Long Term Care Policy"  
 - Michigan Retirement Research Center workshop, April 2007.  
 - Michigan Retirement Research Center workshop, April 2006.

"Taxes and the Labor Supply of the Older Americans"  
 - Midwest Economics Association, 2005  
 - National Tax Association, November, 2005.  
 - Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Seminar on Public Policy, Hunter College, 2006.

"Gender, Marriage and Asset Accumulation in the United States"  
 - International Association for Feminist Economics, June 2005  
 - Yale University, November 2004  
 - American Economic Association, January 2005

"State Policy and Local Residential Sorting: Are Tiebout Voters Hobbled?"  
 - NBER Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar (TAPES), Munich, May 2004.  
 - Population Association of American, 2004

“Economic Adjustment of Retirees to Adverse Wealth Shocks?”

- Midwest Economic Association Annual Meetings, 2003.

“Can Family Caregiving Substitute for Nursing Home Care?”

- International Longevity Center (New York) 2003.
- Institute for Social Research (Ann Arbor, MI) 2000.

“Tiebout *Non-Sorting?* Empty-Nest Migration and the Local Fiscal Bundle”

- 2003: CUNY Graduate Center, New York Women Economists.
- 2002: Midwest Economics Association.

“Wealth Shocks and Retirement Timing: Evidence from the Nineties”

- 2002: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Georgetown University, Georgia State University, Hunter College, Oxford University, Skidmore College, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S Census Bureau, Vanderbilt University
- 2001: University of Michigan Labor Seminar, Population Association of America, Retirement Research Consortium of the Social Security Administration.

“AFDC, SSI, and Welfare Reform Aggressiveness: Caseload Reductions vs. Caseload Shifting”

- Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, 2000.
- University of Michigan Public Finance Lunch Seminar, 2000.

## **DISCUSSION AT CONFERENCES**

Discussant for “Competitive Employment Outcomes of Vocational Rehabilitation” by Frank Martin, Richard Walls, Martin Brodwin, Randall Parker, Frances Siu and Ed Kurata. Association for Public Policy and Management, 2012.

Discussant for “Replacement Rates of Applicants for Social Security Disability Insurance Benefits 1977-2010” by Joyce Manchester and Jae Song. Association for Public Policy and Management, 2011.

Discussant for “Job Loss and Disability” by Doug Kruse and Sophie Mitra. Association for Public Policy and Management, 2011.

Discussant for “Crash and Wait? The Economic Crisis and the Retirement Decisions of Older Americans.” by Brooke Helpie. American Economic Association, 2011.

Discussant for “The Contribution of Obesity in Children and Working Age Adults’ in Supplemental Security Income Disability Determinations” by Anne Stahl and Harnam Singh (Social Security Administration). Association for Public Policy and Management, 2010.

Discussant for “Veteran Status, Disability, Poverty, and Material Hardship” by Colleen Heflin (University of Missouri), Andrew London and Janet Wilmoth (Syracuse University). Association for Public Policy and Management, 2010.

Discussant for “Cracking Open the Nest Egg” by Paul Smith. National Tax Association, 2005.

Discussant for “Parental Leave and Intrafamily Distribution” by Elisabeth Gugl and Linda Welling (University of Victoria). National Tax Association, 2005.

Discussant for “What Gives Rise to Changes in Marriage Penalties and Bonuses: A Panel Model Approach” by Robert Gillette, Janet Holtzblatt, and Emily Lin (Department of Treasury). National Tax Association, 2005.

Discussant for “Phased Retirement Decisions” by Steven Allen Robert Clark and Linda Ghent (Eastern Illinois University). Midwest Economics Association, 2005.

Discussant for “Informal Care and the Division of End-of-Life Transfers,” by Meta Brown (University of Wisconsin). Midwest Economics Association meetings, 2004.

## **REFEREE**

*B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*

*British Journal of Industrial Relations*

*Demography*

*Journal of Comparative Economics*

*Journal of Health Economics*

*Journal of Labor Research*

*Journal of Pension Economics and Finance*

*Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

*Labour Economics*

*Research on Aging*

*Review of Economics of the Household*

*Social Science Research*

*Southern Economic Journal*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Hunter College

- Director of Undergraduate Program in Economics, Hunter College (Spring 2011-present)
- Courses taught: Economic Statistics, Principles of Microeconomics, Labor Economics undergraduate and graduate), Public Finance
- Thesis advisor

## **SERVICE**

Public Policy Curriculum Committee, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College, 2012-present

Undergraduate Director, Department of Economics, Hunter College 2011-present

Curriculum Committee, Department of Economics, Hunter College, 2008-present

Faculty Advisory Committee for the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College, 2008-2011.

President (2006-2009) and Member of the Board of Directors of the Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association, 2004-2010.

Hunter College Faculty Senate, 2007.