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Education

Ph.D., 1994, Economics, University of Pennsylvania.

B.A., 1986, Economics (cum laude, departmental honors), Vassar College.

Experience

Associate Professor of Economics and Faculty Member, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, AY 2003-AY 2018

Assistant Professor of Economics and Faculty Member, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, AY 1996-AY 2002

Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, August 1993-August 1996

Junior Staff Economist, Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President, July 1989-August 1990

Research Assistant to Alan Auerbach, University of Pennsylvania, June 1988-June 1989

Teaching Assistant to Michael Wachter, Wharton M.B.A. Introductory Economics, Spring 1988

Teaching Assistant to James Dow, Undergraduate Microeconomics, Fall, 1988.

Teaching Assistant to Menachem Spiegel, Undergraduate Microeconomics, Fall 1987

Intern, Economic Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, Summer 1985, Winter 1985

Affiliations

Senior Scholar/Partnering Scholar, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois at

Urbana-Champaign

Affiliate, Family Resiliency Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Faculty Affiliate, Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Member, Health Transitions in Immigrant Families Initiative, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Affiliate, National Poverty Center, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

Affiliate, Sloan Work and Family Research Network at Boston College

Faculty Associate, Center for Business and Public Policy, College of Business, University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign

Affiliated Researcher, University of Michigan Retirement Research Center

Research Affiliate of the Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research

Aging Initiative Faculty, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Research Fellow, Disability Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

Six-time Incomplete List of Teachers Considered "Excellent" (based on University teaching rating system)

The 2008 Applied Consumer Economics Award, the American Council on Consumer Interests, July 2008

Sloan Work and Family Research Network at Boston College, "Who's Who in Work and Family," June 2008

The Dean's Award for Excellence in Research (untenured division), College of Commerce, April 2002

Arnold O. Beckman Award. Research Board of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 1999

Georges Lurcy Research Fellow in Economics of the Brookings Institution, 1990-1991

Norman and Rosita Winston Fellow of the Institute for Law and Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 1988-1989

Mary Louise Wells Graduate Fellow of Vassar College, 1986-1987

Editorial Boards

Quarterly Journal of Economics and Finance, 2019-present.

National Tax Journal, November 2004-2018.

Economic Development Quarterly: The Journal of American Economic Revitalization, Vols. 16-21, Sage Publications. January 2002-January 2007

Journal Articles

Halim, D, Powers, Elizabeth T., Thornton, R. (forthcoming). "Gender Differences in Economics Course-Taking and Majoring: Findings from an RCT." American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings, May 2022.

Speirs, Katherine E., Gordon, Rachel A., Powers, Elizabeth T., Koester, Brenda D. & Fiese, Barbara H. (2020). "Licensed Family Child Care Providers' Participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP): Greater Benefits and Fewer Burdens in Highly Urban Areas?" Early Education and Development, 31:2, 153-176, DOI: 10.1080/10409289.2019.1648087

McMillen Daniel P, Powers, Elizabeth T.. "The Eldercare Landscape: Evidence from California." Health Economics. 2017;26(S2):139–157. https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.3567.

Slade, A.N., Beller, A.H., and Powers, Elizabeth T. (2015). "Family Structure and Young Adult Health Outcomes." Review of Economics of the Household. ("Online First" http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11150-015-9313-x x?wt_mc=internal.event.1.SEM.ArticleAuthorOnlineFirst. DOI: 10.1007/s11150-015-9313-x

Powers, Elizabeth T. and Powers, Nicholas J. (2011). "Should Government Subsidize Caregiver Wages? Some Evidence on Worker Turnover and the Cost of Long-Term Care in Group Homes for Persons With Developmental Disabilities" Journal of Disability Policy Studies 21(March), 195-209. doi: 10.1177/1044207310389176.

Powers, Elizabeth T. and Powers, Nicholas J. (2010) "Causes of Caregiver Turnover and the Potential Effectiveness of Wage Subsidies for Solving the Long-Term Care Workforce 'Crisis'," The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy: Vol. 10: Iss. 1 (Contributions), Article 5. DOI: 10.2202/1935-1682.2277. Available at: http://www.bepress.com/bejeap/vol10/iss1/art5.

Powers, Elizabeth T., 2009. "The Impact of Minimum Wage Increases: Evidence from Fast-Food Establishments in Illinois and Indiana." Journal of Labor Research 30(4, December):365-394.(DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s12122-009-9068-3).

Neumark, David, and Elizabeth T. Powers, 2006. "Supplemental Security Income, Labor Supply, and Migration." Journal of Population Economics 19 (3,July):447-480.

Elder, Todd E., and, Powers, Elizabeth T., 2006. "The Incredible Shrinking Program: Will Cash Welfare for the Elderly Disappear?" Research on Aging 28(3,May):341-358.

Neumark, David and Powers, Elizabeth T. 2003/2004. "The Effect of the SSI Program on Labor Supply: Improved Evidence from Social Security Administrative Files." Social Security Bulletin 65(3):45-60. (post-dated; appeared March 2005).

Powers, Elizabeth T. and David Neumark, 2005. "The Supplemental Security Income Program and Incentives to Claim Social Security Retirement Early." National Tax Journal LVIII (1, March):5-26.

Neumark, David and Powers, Elizabeth T., 2005. "The Effects of Changes in State SSI Supplements on Pre-Retirement Labor Supply." Public Finance Review(33, January):3–35.

Powers, Elizabeth T., 2003. "Children's Health and Maternal Work Activity: Estimates under Alternative Disability Definitions." The Journal of Human Resources 38 (3, Summer).

Powers, Elizabeth T. and David Neumark, 2003. "The Interaction of Public Retirement Programs in the U.S." American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings 93 (2,May):261-265.

Powers, Elizabeth T., 2001. "New Estimates of the Impact of Child Disability on Maternal Employment." American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings 91 (2, May):135-139.

Powers, Elizabeth T. and Nicholas J. Powers, 2001. "The Size and Frequency of Price Changes: Evidence from Grocery Stores," Review of Industrial Organization 18 (4, June):397-416.

Powers, Elizabeth T., 2000. "Block Granting Welfare: Fiscal Impact on the States." Economic Development Quarterly 14(4, November):323-339.

Neumark, David, and Powers, Elizabeth T., 2000. "Welfare for the Elderly: The Effects of SSI on Pre-Retirement Labor Supply." Journal of Public Economics 78(1-2, October):51-80.

Neumark, David and Powers, Elizabeth T. "The Effect of Means Tested Income Support for the Elderly on Pre- Retirement Saving: Evidence from the SSI Program in the United States." Journal of Public Economics 68(2), 181-206, 1998.

Powers, Elizabeth T. "Does Means Testing Welfare Discourage Saving? Evidence from a Change in AFDC Policy in the United States." Journal of Public Economics 68(1), 33-53, 1998.

Powers, Elizabeth T. "Inflation, Unemployment, and Poverty Revisited." Economic Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (2), 1995.

Book Chapters

Powers, Elizabeth T. "Full Circle: Changes in the Supplemental Security Income Program for Children and Youth." 2003. pp. 37-58 in Rachel Gordon and Herbert J. Walberg, editors, *Changing Welfare* (New York: Kluwer Publications).

Neumark, David and Powers, Elizabeth T.. 1999. "Means Testing Social Security: A Review and Evidence on Labor Supply Effects" in Olivia Mitchell, R.J. Myers, and H. Young, editors, *Prospects for Social Security Reform* (Philadelphia: Wharton Pension Research Council Publications, University of Pennsylvania Press). Pp. 243-267. http://www.pensionresearchcouncil.org/publications/document.php?file=697)

Book Reviews

Powers, Elizabeth T., 2010, Book Review of Ageing Labour Forces: Promises and Prospects. Edited by Philip Taylor. Chetlenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2008, Pp. 227. Journal of Pension Economics and Finance 9(3, July).

Powers, Elizabeth T., 2002, *Demographic Change and Fiscal Policy*. Edited by Alan J. Auerbach and Ronald E. Lee. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, 2001, Pp. 446. *National Tax Journal* (December).

Articles in Conference Proceedings

Powers, Elizabeth T., and Powers, Nicholas, Spring 2008, "Federal Fiscal Policy and the Speed of States' Conversions from Institutional to Community-Based Mental Health Service Settings." *Proceedings of the 99th Annual Conference on Taxation of the National Tax Association*, 2006 Elder, Todd, and Elizabeth T. Powers, "The Effect of Falling SSI Generosity on SSI Participation among the Aged since the 1970s." pp. 400- 406, *Proceedings of the 98th Annual Conference on Taxation of the National Tax Association*, 2005.

Chang, Yunhee, Andrea H. Beller, and Powers, Elizabeth T.. "Who Gets Sanctioned Under Welfare Reform? Evidence from Child Support Enforcement in Illinois," *Family Relations & Human Development/Family Economics & Resource Management Biennial* 4, pp. 53-61, 2001. (Award winner, Family Economics and Resource Management Division of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, winner, Graduate Student Paper, 2001).

Powers, Elizabeth T. and Andrea Beller. "Changes in Paternity Establishment and Child Support Policy under Welfare Reform: How will Rural Residents be Affected?" 2000 Annual Meeting Final Program and Abstracts, Population Association of America, p. 245, March 2000.

Powers, Elizabeth T., "Block Granting Welfare: The Outlook for State Budgets." Proceedings of the 90th Annual Conference on Taxation of the National Tax Association, 1998, pp.34-42.

Powers, Elizabeth T. "Welfare Reform and Paternity Establishment Research." Selected Proceedings of the 5th Annual LINKS Conference, 1997, pp. 52-53.

Powers, Elizabeth T. "State Tax Regressivity and State Expenditures: Are they Connected?" Proceedings of the 89th Annual Conference on Taxation of the National Tax Association, 1997, pp. 280-287.

Other Publications

IGPA Policy Spotlight: "Child care is foundational for economic recovery." June 19, 2020.

Read into the Congressional Record during the Session of the Worker and Family Support Subcommittee "THE CHILD CARE CRISIS AND THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC". 116th Congress. June 23, 2020. https://www.sandmeans.house.gov/legislation/hearings/child-care-crisis-and-coronavirus-pandemic. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3rFyGZoSao&feature=emb_title.

IGPA Technical Paper. "A Tale of Two Care Modes: The State of Child Care Affordability in Illinois." With Jacob Diloa Bailey Athias. July 15, 2015.

"Is it Possible to make 'Easy' cuts to human services spending by attacking waste, fraud, and abuse?" *Illinois Budget Policy Toolbox*, (igpa.uillinois.edu/budget-toolbox). February2014.

Featured contributor, "Room for Debate: Rising Poverty and the Social Safety Net". New York Times,

http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2010/09/16/rising-poverty-and-the-social-safety-net, September 16, 2010.

"Minimum Wages and Employment in Illinois." Institute of Government and Public Affairs Policy Forum 21(4, June), 2009.

"Illinois Families under Stress: The Looming Long-Term Care Crisis (with Peter Mulhall and Richard Winkel)."

Institute of Government and Public Affairs Policy Forum 20(5, June), 2008.

"Poverty and Inequality in Illinois (with Emilie Bagby)." pp. 49-60, The Illinois Report 2008. Institute of Government and Public Affairs.

"School's Out: After-School Programs and Policies that Work (with Rachel Gordon and Peter Mulhall)." Institute of Government and Public Affairs Policy Forum, 19(4), 2007.

"Is there a Shortage of Child Care in Illinois (with Rachel Gordon)?" pp. 89-113 in The State of the State of Illinois 2006. Cedric Herring, Editor. Institute of Government and Public Affairs, The University of Illinois, 2006

"Relief for the Victims of 9/11," *Policy News 15* (1,2002), pp. 13-16. Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois. "Who are the SSI-Child Beneficiaries? A Closer Look using Social Security Administrative Records and Public-Use Survey Data." Disability Research Institute Technical Report P03-02s.

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA): Has it been Successful? With Robert Kaestner and Davis Jenkins. Policy Soundings series #21 (audiotape), Institute of Government and Public Affairs, May 2002.

"Reflections on Welfare Reform." Institute of Government and Public Affairs Conference Highlights Series, April 1997.

The Challenge of Welfare Reform: Now it's up to the States. With Cedric Herring and Therese McGuire. Policy Soundings series (audiotape), Institute of Government and Public Affairs, December 1996.

"Opinion Article: Welfare Reform Likely to Pain America's Working Poor." Elizabeth T. Powers, Knight-Ridder Financial News, July 25, 1996.

"Welfare Reform and the Cyclicality of Welfare Programs," Economic Commentary, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, June 1996.

"Growth and Poverty, Revisited." Economic Commentary, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, April 15, 1995.

"Understanding Regional Poverty Differentials." *Economic Commentary*, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, November 15, 1994. *Economic Trends* publications on discouraged workers, male-female wage differentials, compensation, work and welfare, labor market transitions, growth and poverty, wives' earnings and the contribution of wives' earnings to income inequality, outlook for college graduates, state tax developments, regional agriculture. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, 1993-1996.

Unpublished Monographs and Reports

Expert Declaration of Elizabeth T. Powers, Ph.D. in Support of the Motion of Plaintiffs and Intervenors to Require Compliance with the Consent Decree. Stanley Ligas, et al., v. Felicia Norwood, et al., Case No. 05 C 4331. Filed April 7, 2017.

Market Rate Survey of Licensed Child Care Programs in Illinois: Fiscal Year 2012." Prepared by Angela Wiley, Elizabeth Powers and Joellyn Whitehead for the Illinois Department of Human Services. 94 pp. (http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=70078). The Adequacy of State Payments to Community-Based Agencies for Services Provided to Illinois Residents with Mental Illness and/or Developmental Disabilities: Preliminary Report to the Illinois General Assembly Requesters Pursuant to Public Act 93-842 (with Nicholas J. Powers and David Merriman). July 2005. "Employers and Persons with Disabilities: Economic, Legal and Psychological Barriers to Increasing Employment of SSA Beneficiaries and Applicants (with Nicholas J. Powers)." Final Report to the Social Security Administration Year 4 Research Program through the Disability Research Institute. August 2004.

"Modeling and Projecting Teacher Shortages, Part I: Demand (with Jeffrey Hemmeter)." Report prepared for the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, The University of Illinois. July 14, 2004.

"The Young-Adult Outcomes of Child Supplemental Security Income Participants," Final Report to the Social Security Administration Year 3 Research Program, Small Grants Competition through the Disability Research Institute. January 2004.

"Facilitating the Transition to Employment of Childhood SSI Beneficiaries and other Children with Disabilities," Final Report to the Social Security Administration Year 3 Grants through the Disability Research Institute, January 2004.

Professional Service

Mentor, CSWEP/CeMENT National Mentoring Workshop for Junior Faculty. Mentor junior faculty at institutions where promotion is primarily based on research output in an NSF-funded program. Labor, group 2. January 6-7, 2008. New Orleans, LA.

Member, Nominating Committee, Midwestern Economics Association. Suggest and approve executive officers slate for Spring 2007 election. Member, Ronald E. McNair Research Institute, Gloria Guzman, Summer Fellow. Project "Factors that Affect Medicaid Enrollment among Latino/as." Summer 2005.

Teaching

Women in the Economy – Advanced Undergraduate Economics of Health, Education, and Human Capital-Ph.D. level Economics of Poverty – Advanced Undergraduate Economics 300 – Advanced Undergraduate Independent Study

Graduate Student Advising

Supervisor of over 10 Ph.D. (dissertation) students and member of over 30 dissertation committees at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Grants

"The Role of CACFP Program Rules and Sponsor Intermediation in Geographic Inequities: A Participatory Approach using Primary and Secondary Data." Elizabeth Powers (PI). Brenda Koester (co-PI), Kate Speirs, Rachel Gordon. \$250,000. 3/15/2020-3/15,2022.

"FY18 Research Project Data Analysis and Consultation." Elizabeth Powers (PI. Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. \$58,653. 12/1/2018-6/30/2019.

"FY17 Research Project Data Analysis and Consultation." Elizabeth Powers (PI). Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. \$58,653. 12/1/2016-6/30/2017.

"Intervention to Encourage College Women to Major in Economics." Elizabeth Powers (PI), Rebecca Thornton, Melissa Newell, and Daniel Halim. Accepted. UIeRA#2016-00929. Sloan Foundation via NBER (Claudia Goldin). \$12,000. 2015-2016.

"FY15 Research Project Data Analysis and Consultation." Elizabeth Powers (PI) and Angela Wiley. Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. \$58,653. 9/1/2014-6/30/2015.

"Parenting practices and Parent Attitudes: Children's Food Insecurity and Hunger in the Nexus of Parent Behavior." Elizabeth Powers. PI. Research Program on Childhood Hunger, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture via the University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research. \$50,000. June 16, 2012-August 30, 2013.

"The Effects of Adult Migration on the Cognitive Development of Children: Evidence from the Mexican Family Life Survey." Principal

Investigator. Inter-American Development Bank program "Improving Early Childhood Development in Latin America and the Caribbean." \$25,000. 6/10/09-7/30/10.

"Did UIFSA Close the 'Black Hole' of Interstate Enforcement? Evidence from the Survey of Income and Program Participation" with Yunhee Chang. Co-PI. National Poverty Center (NPC) at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan. \$17,500. 4/1/08-12/15/08.

"A Longitudinal Analysis of Entry of the Low-Income Elderly into the Supplemental Security Income Program" with Todd Elder. Principal Investigator. Michigan Retirement Research Center (Year 9, UM07-02). \$75,000. October 1, 2006-September 30, 2007.

"University of Illinois Rate Study." Project Director. Funded by a direct appropriation of the state General Assembly to the University of Illinois. \$300,000. September 1, 2004-July 1, 2005.

"Impacts of the Illinois Minimum Wage: Employment, Hours and Labor Substitution in the Fast Food Industry," with Joe Persky (PI), Ron Baiman. Co-Principal Investigator. Russell Sage Foundation. \$89,000. November 1, 2004-May 1, 2006.

"Changing Health Insurance Options and SSI Participation Among the Elderly." with Todd Elder. Co-PI. Michigan Retirement Research Center (Year 7, UM05-16), \$50,000. October 1, 2004-March 30, 2005.

"Modeling and Projecting Teacher Shortages (with Jeffrey Hemmeter)." PI. University of Illinois Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. \$15,333. Summer 2004.

"Employers and Persons with Disabilities: Economic and Legal Barriers to Increasing Employment of SSA Beneficiaries and Applicants." Principal Investigator. Nicholas Powers (Co-PI). \$106,901.48. Disability Research Institute of the University of Illinois (Social Security Administration), Year 4 Funding Cycle. August 1, 2003-July 31, 2004.

"Take-Up of the Supplemental Security Income Program by the Low-Income Elderly: Interactions with the Social Security System." Principal Investigator. Todd Elder (Co-PI). \$50,000. Social Security Administration (University of Michigan Retirement Research Center, Year 5 Funding Cycle). October 2002-September 2003. UM03-14.

"Facilitating the Transition to Employment of Childhood SSI Beneficiaries and Other Children with Disabilities." Principal Investigator. \$92,760. Disability Research Institute of the University of Illinois, Year 3 Funding Cycle. August 1, 2002-July 31, 2003.

"Incentive Effects of Supplemental Security Income (SSI)." Senior Investigator (Note: NIA no longer allows Co-PI's on modular grants). Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute on Aging. \$430,089. February 1, 2002-December 31, 2005.

"Determinants of the Adult Achievements of Child SSI Beneficiaries: Evidence from Linked Public-Use Data and Social Security Administration Records." Principal Investigator. \$25,000. Disability Research Institute of the University of Illinois, Small Grants' Program. March 15, 2002- March 14, 2003.

"Multiple Program Use by Older Americans: Social Security Early Retirement and Supplemental Security Income (with David Neumark)."
Principal Investigator. Retirement Research Consortium at University of Michigan, Year 4. \$50,000. October 1, 2001-September 30, 2002.

"The Characteristics of SSI Child Applicants and Beneficiaries." Principal Investigator. Social Security Administration, via the Disability Research

Institute at the University of Illinois. \$5,000. July 1, 2001-December 31, 2001.

"A Partnership with State Government to Improve Child Care in Illinois." Principal Investigator. Partnership Illinois, UIUC. \$15,000. July 1,

"The Role of the Medicaid Expansions in the Rapid Growth in Reported Child Disability (Supplement to JCPR grant)." Principal Investigator. University of Illinois Research Board. \$5,383. October 16, 2000-October 31,2001.

"The Role of the Medicaid Expansions in the Rapid Growth in Reported Child Disability." Principal Investigator. Northwestern/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research. \$36,049. September 29, 2000-December 30, 2001.

"Public Retirement Programs and the Low-Income Population: The Impact of the Supplemental Security Income Program's Design on the Use of the Social Security Early Retirement Program (with David Neumark)." Principal Investigator. Steven H. Sandell Grant Program for Junior Scholars in Retirement Research (Boston College/Social Security Administration)." \$25,000. May 21, 2000-May 31, 2001.

"Impact of Specific Childhood Disabilities on Parental Work Effort and Family Earnings." Principal Investigator. Mary Jane Neer Fund, College of Applied Life Sciences, UIUC. May 15, 2000 - June 30, 2001. \$8,444.

"Child Disability and Maternal Labor Force Participation." Principal Investigator. UIUC Research Board. \$2,444. July- August 1999. Awarded as an Arnold O. Beckman award May 14, 1999.

Partnership Illinois Extension Grant (with Andrea Beller). Co-principal investigator. UIUC. \$10,000. AY 1998-1999.

2001-July 1, 2002.

"Changes in the Child SSI Recipient Caseload, 1983-1994." Principal Investigator. UIUC Research Board. \$2400. July- August 1998. Child Care and Labor Market Performance." Principal Investigator. Employment Policies Institute (Washington, D.C.). \$10,000. August 1998-August 1999.

"Study of the Effect of Changes in Program Structure and Economic Recession on State Spending." Principal Investigator. Urban Institute. 1997.

"Study of the Effects of Economic Recession on State Revenues and Budgets," Senior Researcher. Urban Institute.\$32,700. 1997.

"Establishing Paternity under Welfare Reform in Rural Illinois Counties (with Andrea Beller)." Co-Principal Investigator and Co-Project Director. UIUC, Colleges of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, C-FAR Program. \$92,934. July 1, 1997-December 31, 1999.

"Implementation and Evaluation of the Child Support Enforcement Provisions of Welfare Reform in Illinois (with Andrea Beller)." Co-Principal Investigator. University of Illinois-Partnership Illinois. \$25,000. November 1, 1996- June 30, 1998 (includes renewal). November 1996.