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EDUCATION

PhD, Policy Analysis, RAND Graduate School, 2004
 MPhil, Policy Analysis, RAND Graduate School, 2001
 MPP, Public Policy, The College of William & Mary, 1996
 BA, Economics, Colgate University, 1994

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018 - present Professor (with tenure), Department of Public Administration and Policy,
 School of Public Affairs, American University, Washington, DC
 2010 - 2018 Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Public Administration
 and Policy, School of Public Affairs, American University, Washington,
 DC
 2004 - 2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration and Policy,
 School of Public Affairs, American University, Washington, DC

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

2018 - present Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Public Affairs,
 American University, Washington, DC
 2017 - 2018 Interim Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Public
 Affairs, American University, Washington, DC
 2015 - 2017 Department Chair, Department of Public Administration and Policy,
 School of Public Affairs, American University, Washington, DC
 2014 - 2015 Interim Department Chair, Department of Public Administration and
 Policy, School of Public Affairs, American University, Washington, DC
 2013 - 2014 Associate Department Chair, MPP and MPA Program Director,
 Department of Public Administration and Policy, School of Public
 Affairs, American University, Washington, DC
 2009 - 2013 MPP Program Director, Department of Public Administration and Policy,
 School of Public Affairs, American University, Washington, DC

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1999 - 2004 Doctoral Fellow, RAND Graduate School, Santa Monica, CA
 Summer 2002 Economics Assistant, Economic Research Service, US Department of
 Agriculture, Washington, DC
 2000 - 2001 Senior Research Assistant, UCLA Center for the Study of Evaluation,
 Westwood, CA

- 1998 - 1999 Research Analyst, Quantum Research Corporation (A division of Macro International), Bethesda, MD
- 1996 - 1998 Research Associate, Economists Incorporated, Washington, DC

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Gershenson, Seth, Alison Jacknowitz, and Andrew Brannegan (2017). "Are Student Absences Worth the Worry in U.S. Primary Schools?" *Education Finance and Policy* 12(2): 137-165.
- Jacknowitz, Alison, Taryn W. Morrissey, and Andrew Brannegan (2015). "Food Insecurity Across the First Five Years: Triggers of Onset and Exit." *Children and Youth Services Review* 53: 24-33.
- Morrissey, Taryn W., Alison Jacknowitz, and Katherine Vinopal (2014). "Local Food Prices and Their Associations with Children's Weight and Food Security." *Pediatrics* 133(3): 422-430.
- Snelling, Anastasia, Maya Maroto, Alison Jacknowitz, and Elaine Waxman (2014). "Key Factors for School-Based Food Pantries: Perspectives from Food Bank and School Pantry Personnel." *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition* 9(3): 350-361.
- Cannon, Jill, Alison Jacknowitz, and Gary Painter (2011). "The Effect of Attending Full-Day Kindergarten on English Learner Students." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 30(2): 287-309.
- Datar, Ashlesha, and Alison Jacknowitz (2009). "Birth Weight Effects on Children's Mental, Motor, and Physical Development: Evidence from Twins Data." *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 13(6): 780-794.
- Hernandez, Daphne, and Alison Jacknowitz (2009). "Transient, but not Persistent, Adult Food Insecurity Influences Toddler Development." *Journal of Nutrition* 139(8): 1517-1524.
- Jacknowitz, Alison, and Laura Tiehen (2009). "Transitions into and out of the WIC Program: A Cause for Concern?" *Social Service Review* 83(2): 151-183.
- Tiehen, Laura, and Alison Jacknowitz (2008). "Why Wait?: Examining Delayed WIC Participation Among Pregnant Women." *Contemporary Economic Policy* 26(4): 518-538.
- Jacknowitz, Alison (2008). "The Role of Workplace Characteristics in Breastfeeding Practices." *Women & Health* 47(2): 87-111.
- Jacknowitz, Alison (2007). "Increasing Breastfeeding Rates: Do Changing Demographics Explain Them?" *Women's Health Issues* 17(2): 84-92.
- Jacknowitz, Alison, Daniel Novillo, and Laura Tiehen (2007). "Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children and Infant Feeding Practices." *Pediatrics* 119(2): 281-289.
- Cannon, Jill, Alison Jacknowitz, and Gary Painter (2006). "Is Full Better than Half? Examining the Longitudinal Effects of Full-day Kindergarten Attendance." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 25(2): 299-321.
- Haider, Steven J., Alison Jacknowitz, and Robert F. Schoeni (2003). "Food Stamps and the Elderly: Why is Participation so Low?" *The Journal of Human Resources* 38(S): 1080-1111.
- Haider, Steven J., Alison Jacknowitz, and Robert F. Schoeni (2003). "Welfare Work Requirements and Child Well-Being: Evidence from the Effects on Breastfeeding." *Demography* 40(3): 479-497.

PEER-REVIEWED MONOGRAPHS

- Cannon, Jill, Alison Jacknowitz, and Lynn Karoly (2012). "Preschool and School Readiness: Experiences of Children with Non-English-Speaking Parents." CA: Public Policy Institute of California.
- Jacknowitz, Alison, and Laura Tiehen (2010). "WIC Participation Patterns: An Investigation of Delayed Entry and Early Exit." DC: US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, ERR 109.
- Cannon, Jill, Alison Jacknowitz, Gary Painter, and Shannon McConville (2009). "Full-Day Kindergarten in California: Lessons from Los Angeles." CA: Public Policy Institute of California.
- Quigley, Denise D., Jorge Muñoz, and Alison Jacknowitz (2003). "Using a Matched Sampling Methodology to Evaluate Program Effects: An Illustration from the University of California Outreach Program." CA: UCLA Center for the Study of Evaluation, CSE Technical Report 598.
- Jacknowitz, Alison (2002). "Estimating Eligibility for WIC: The Role of Breastfeeding." [Prepared for the National Academy of Sciences Panel to Evaluate the USDA's Methodology for Estimating Eligibility and Participation for the WIC Program]
- Beckett, Megan, Angela Hawken, and Alison Jacknowitz (2001). "Accountability for After-School Care: Devising Standards and Measuring Adherence to Them." CA: RAND, MR-1411.
- Hawken, Angela, Alison Jacknowitz, Megan Beckett, and James Chiesa (2001). "Measuring Stone Soup's Adherence to After-School Care Practices." CA: RAND, MR-1412.

NEWSLETTERS & RESEARCH BRIEFS

- Morrissey, Taryn W., Alison Jacknowitz, and Katherine Vinopal (2013). "Local Food Prices and Their Associations with Children's Weight and Food Security." *Fast Focus* 16-2013.
- Tiehen, Laura, and Alison Jacknowitz (2009). "Why Wait?: Examining Delayed WIC Participation Among Pregnant Women." DC: US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, ERS Research Summary.
- Jacknowitz, Alison, and Laura Tiehen (2008). "Children Leaving WIC: A Cause for Concern?" *Insights on Southern Poverty: The Newsletter of the University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research* 6(1): 7-8, 10.
- Haider, Steven J., Alison Jacknowitz, and Robert F. Schoeni (2002). "Food Stamps and the Elderly: Why is Participation so Low?" *Focus* 22(2): 66-67.
- Beckett, Megan, Angela Hawken, and Alison Jacknowitz (2001). "Evaluating After-School Care." CA: RAND, RB-2505.

OTHER INVITED WORK

- Jacknowitz, Alison (2006). "Understanding Gains in Breastfeeding Rates: Promising Policies and Programs." *Women's Health Issues* 16(3): 101-103. [Journal editorial]

WORKING PAPERS

- Amirkhanyan, Anna, Alison Jacknowitz, Amy Crumbaugh, and Michael Hatch. "Exploring the Challenges and Coping Strategies in Households Relying on SNAP and Food Pantries." [Under review]
- Amirkhanyan, Anna, Alison Jacknowitz, Jane Palmer, Amy Crumbaugh, and Michael Hatch. "Combining SNAP and Community Food Assistance: A Mixed Methods Study."

Cannon, Jill, Alison Jacknowitz, and Lynn Karoly. "The Influence of Pre-Kindergarten Experiences on Kindergarten Skills Among Linguistically Isolated Children."

Jacknowitz, Alison, Tracy Fox Salmons, and Laura Tiehen. "Another Look at Whether WIC Works: The Effects of Participation on Investments in Prenatal Care and Birth Outcomes."

Jacknowitz, Alison, Anastasia Snelling, Andrew Brannegan, Maya Maroto, and Elaine Waxman. "Understanding the Factors that Influence School Food Pantry Participation."

Jacknowitz, Alison, and Lucie Schmidt. "Does Marriage Really Matter? Investments in Prenatal Care and Birth Outcomes."

EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH

Feeding America. "Health Concerns and Other Household Challenges among Charitable Pantry Clients." 2016. Amount: \$10,000. Principal Investigator: Alison Jacknowitz; Co-Principal Investigator: Anna Amirkhanyan

Feeding America. "Combining SNAP and Community Food Assistance: A Mixed Methods Study." 2014-2015. Amount: \$138,837. Principal Investigator: Alison Jacknowitz; Co-Principal Investigators: Anna Amirkhanyan and Jane Palmer

AERA Research Grant. "Linking Teacher Quality, Student Attendance, and Student Achievement: Evidence from the ECLS-K." 2013-2014. Amount: \$20,000. Principal Investigator: Seth Gershenson; Co-Principal Investigator: Alison Jacknowitz

Feeding America. "Understanding Feeding America Elementary School-Based Food Pantries." 2012. Amount: \$106,000. Principal Investigator: Anastasia Snelling; Co-Principal Investigator: Alison Jacknowitz

Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin – US Department of Agriculture Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE). "Food Assistance and Children's Eating Patterns, Food Insecurity, and Obesity: The Influence of Local Food Prices." 2011-2012. Amount: \$35,361. Principal Investigator: Taryn Morrissey; Co-Principal Investigator: Alison Jacknowitz

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation. "Pre-Kindergarten Experiences and School Readiness Among California's Children of Immigrants." 2011-2012. Amount: \$50,000. Principal Investigator: Jill Cannon; Investigators: Alison Jacknowitz and Lynn Karoly

University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research – Research Program on Child Hunger. "Food Insecurity Across the First Five Years: Triggers of Onset and Exit." 2011-2012. Amount: \$74,980. Principal Investigator: Alison Jacknowitz; Co-Principal Investigator: Taryn Morrissey

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. "Birthweight Effects in Infancy and Early Childhood." R03 HD051578. 2008-2010. Amount: \$192,957. Principal Investigator: Ashlesha Datar; Co-Investigator: Alison Jacknowitz

Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin – US Department of Agriculture Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE). "The Effect of Food Insecurity on the Physical, Cognitive, and Socio-emotional Development of Infants and Toddlers." 2007-2008. Amount: \$40,000. Principal Investigator: Alison Jacknowitz; Co-Principal Investigator: Daphne Hernandez

US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service Cooperative Agreement. "Understanding WIC Participation: A Comparison of Pregnant and Postpartum Women." 2006-2008. Amount: \$25,000. Principal Investigator: Alison Jacknowitz

University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Young Investigator Development Grant. “Why Women Postpone WIC Participation Until After Birth: An Examination of the South.” 2006-2007. Amount: \$5,000. Principal Investigator: Alison Jacknowitz

AFFILIATIONS, HONORS, & AWARDS

Technical Advisory Group Member, Feeding America, 2010-present

American University Faculty and Staff Collaboration Award, 2019

American University School of Public Affairs Pioneer Award, 2016-2017

Affiliate Associate Professor, Department of Economics, American University, 2011-2014

Affiliate Associate Professor, School of Education, Teaching, and Health, American University, 2011-2014

American University School of Public Affairs Award for Outstanding Service to the University Community, 2011-2012

American University, Curriculum Development Grant (\$2,000), 2010-2011

Research Affiliate, National Poverty Center, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan, November 2008-2011

Visiting Scholar, Economic Research Service, US Department of Agriculture, Summer 2009

American University Faculty Research Support Award (\$5,000) with Anna Amirkhanyan, 2009-2010

Emerging Scholar, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, April 2008

American University Faculty Research Support Award (\$5,000), 2008-2009

Visiting Scholar, National Poverty Center, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan, February 2007-April 2007

American University School of Public Affairs Outstanding Teaching in a Full-Time Appointment Award, 2005-2006

American University School of Public Affairs Innovative Use of Technology in Teaching Award, 2004-2005

RAND Graduate School Hagopian Dissertation Award (\$42,500), 2002-2004

RAND Graduate School Fellowship, 1999-2004

The College of William & Mary Thomas Jefferson Graduate Fellowship in Public Policy, 1994-1996

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Improving our Understanding of the Relationship Between Food Insecurity and Children’s Well-Being”

-Workshop on Research Gaps and Opportunities in Child Hunger and Food Insecurity, Committee on National Statistics. National Academy of Sciences, Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine, Washington, DC, April, 2013

“Pre-Kindergarten Experiences and School Readiness Among Children of Immigrants” with Jill Cannon and Lynn Karoly

-US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Washington, DC, April 2011

“The Effect of Attending Full-Day Kindergarten on English Learner Students” with Jill Cannon and Gary Painter

- American University, Department of Public Administration and Policy, Washington, DC, November 2009
- American University, Department of Economics, Washington, DC, March 2009
- “Another Look at Whether WIC Works: The Effects of Participation on Investments in Prenatal Care and Birth Outcomes” with Tracy Fox Salmons and Laura Tiehen
- US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, Washington, DC, August 2009
- Annual Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington, DC, May 2009
- “Does Marriage Really Matter? Investments in Prenatal Care and Birth Outcomes” with Lucie Schmidt
- US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Washington, DC, June 2008
- “Transitions into and out of the WIC Program: A Cause for Concern?” with Laura Tiehen
- University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, Lexington, KY, April 2008
- US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Washington, DC, June 2007
- University of Michigan, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, National Poverty Center, Ann Arbor, MI, April 2007
- “The Role of Workplace Characteristics in Breastfeeding Practices”
- RAND Seminar in Aging, Development, and Population, Los Angeles, CA, December 2003
- “Unmet Food Need Among Food Stamp Leavers” with Mark Nord
- US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, Washington, DC, September 2002
- “Estimating Eligibility for WIC: The Role of Breastfeeding”
- National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC, March 2002

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2015*: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference; National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics Annual Conference
- 2014*: American Educational Research Association*; University of Kentucky Center for Poverty’s Child Hunger Research Grantee Conference
- 2013*: National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics Annual Conference; Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration Annual Conference; Southern Economic Association Annual Conference
- 2012*: Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference; National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics Annual Conference*; Population Association of America Annual Conference; Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Annual Conference*; Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Annual Grantee Workshop*; Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit*; University of Kentucky Center for Poverty’s Child Hunger Research Grantee Conference
- 2011*: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference*; Southern Economic Association Annual Conference
- 2010*: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference; Southern Economic Association Annual Conference
- 2009*: Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference*; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference (2)*; National Association for Welfare Research and

- Statistics Annual Conference, Population Association of America Annual Conference*; Society for Research in Child Development Annual Conference*
- 2008: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference; National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics Annual Conference*; Population Association of America Annual Conference*; Southern Economic Association Annual Conference; US Department of Agriculture Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Annual Conference
- 2007: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference*; National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics Annual Conference*; NICHD-NCES Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort (ECLS-B) Conference*
- 2006: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference; Food Assistance Research Conference: Emerging Issues and Recent Findings*; Population Association of America Annual Conference; University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Small Grants Conference
- 2005: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference*; First Annual SoCal Applied Micro Conference*; National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics Annual Conference*
- 2004: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference*; Population Association of America Annual Conference
- 2003: American Public Health Association Annual Conference; Association for Public Policy and Management Annual Conference; National School-Age Care Association Annual Conference; Population Association of America Annual Conference; Western Economic Association Annual Conference
- 2002: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference*; Western Economic Association Annual Conference
- 2001: Western Economic Association Annual Conference

* presented by co-author

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Master Level Classes: Foundations of Program Evaluation (Online), Public Program Evaluation, Social Policies and Programs, and Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis I
Doctoral Level Classes: Conduct of Inquiry I and Conduct of Inquiry II

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Award Selection Committee: Raymond Vernon Memorial Award, 2012; Staats Emerging Scholars Award, 2016-2020

Conference Panel Chair: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2013, 2016; Annual Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, 2010; Population Association of America, 2005, 2011; Southern Economic Association, 2008, 2011

Conference Panel Co-Organizer: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2003-2006, 2012 (2); National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, 2005

Conference Panel Discussant: Association for Education Finance and Policy, 2010 (2), 2012 (2); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2005, 2008, 2013 (2), 2016 (2); Eastern Economic Association, 2016 (1); Population Association of America, 2005, 2011 (4), 2012 (2); Southern Economic Association, 2008, 2010, 2011; Western Economic Association, 2001, 2003

Conference Panel Organizer: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2007, 2009 (2)
Conference Panel Reviewer: American Agricultural Economics Association, 2008, 2009, 2010;
American Public Health Association, 2004; Population Association of America, 2005
Conference Planning Committee: Public Management Research Conference (PMRC), 2017
Conference Program Committee: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2006, 2015;
National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics, 2013
Executive Board: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2019-2021
Grant Reviewer: American Association of University Women (AAUW), 2012, 2013, 2014; Food
Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP), 2004, 2006, 2008, 2011; Institute for
Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin – US Department of Agriculture Research Innovation
and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE), 2014; University of Kentucky Center for Poverty
Research Regional Small Grants Program, 2008
Journal Referee: *Indian Journal of Statistics; The Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Nutrition;*
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Maternal and Child Health; Pediatrics; Population
Research and Policy Review; Review of Economics of the Household; Social Science & Medicine;
Social Science Quarterly; Southern Economic Journal; Women's Health Issues
Manuscript Reviewer: Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, 2011; Urban
Institute, 2010; US Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service, 2006, 2008, 2011
Institutional Representative: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2007-present

SELECT UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Academic Technology Steering Committee, Member
Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, IAP Search Committee, Chair
Dean of Graduate Studies Search Committee, Chair
Faculty Research Support Review Committee, Member
Labor Management Committee, Member
University Retreat Planning Committee, Member

SELECT SCHOOL SERVICE

Associate Dean Search Committee, Member
Dissertation Fellowship Selection Committee, Member
Education Policy Committee, Member
Merit and Course Load Committee, Member
WIPAR Director Search Committee, Member

SELECT DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Department Chair Search Committee, Chair
Director of MSOD Search Committee, Chair
Director of MSOD Search Committee, Member
Economics Faculty Member Search Committee, Chair
Health Policy Faculty Member Search Committee, Chair
Junior Faculty Mentoring Committees (5), Member
MPP Admissions Committee, Member
PhD Admissions Committee, Member
PhD Curriculum Review Committee, Member
Policy Faculty Member Search Committee, Member