

Curriculum Vitae
ELIZABETH E. DAVIS

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics, University of Michigan, 1988
Dissertation: "Compensation Gains of Faculty Unions and the Unemployment Effect of Extending Unemployment Insurance Coverage."
Major advisor: Professor Gary Solon.
Fields: Labor economics, public finance.
- M.A. Economics, University of Michigan, 1986
- B.A. Economics and Environmental Studies, Bowdoin College, 1981
Summa cum laude and with honors in Economics
- General Course Student, London School of Economics, 1979-80

CURRENT POSITION

University of Minnesota
Associate Professor, Department of Applied Economics, 2005-present
Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Economics, 1999 - 2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Guest researcher, Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University, Sweden, 2008-09

Oregon State University, 1995 - 1999
Research Associate, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Willamette University
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, 1994 - 1995

Abt Associates Inc. Cambridge, Massachusetts
Senior Analyst, 1988 -1993

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences, Distinguished Teaching Award (non-tenured faculty), May 2005
- Parker Prize in Labor Economics, University of Michigan, 1988
- James Bowdoin Cup, Bowdoin College, 1978

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Labor economics
- Economics of child care
- Low-wage labor markets, poverty, and welfare reform
- Rural labor markets
- Retail food employment and human resource practices

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Elizabeth E. Davis, Deana Grobe & Roberta B. Weber. In press. "Rural-Urban Differences in Child Care Subsidy Use and Employment Stability." *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy*. Forthcoming.

Elizabeth E. Davis & NaiChia Li. In press. Regional Variation in Child Care Prices: A Cross-State Analysis." *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*. Forthcoming.

Elizabeth Davis, Matthew Freedman, Julia Lane, Brian McCall, Nicole Nistoriak and Tim Park. 2009. "Product Market Competition and Human Resource Practices: An Analysis of the Retail Food Sector." *Industrial Relations* 48 (2, April): 350-371.

Deana Grobe, Roberta B. Weber and Elizabeth E. Davis. 2008. Why Do They Leave? Child Care Subsidy Use in Oregon, *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* v.29 (1, March): 110-127

Elizabeth E. Davis and Marcie Jefferys. 2007. Child Care Subsidies, Low-Wage Work and Economic Development. *International Journal of Economic Development*, v.9 (3).

Elizabeth E. Davis and Stacie A. Bosley. 2007. "The Impact of the 1990s Economic Boom on Less-Educated Workers in Rural America: Did the Rising Tide Lift All Boats?" *Journal of the Community Development Society*, v.38 (1, Spring): 59-73.

Elizabeth Davis, Matthew Freedman, Julia Lane, Brian McCall, Nicole Nistoriak and Tim Park. 2006. "Supermarket Human Resource Practices and Competition from Mass Merchandisers." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, v.88 (5, December): 1289-1295.

Elizabeth E. Davis and Rachel Connelly. 2005. "The Influence of Local Price and Availability on Parents' Choice of Child Care." *Population Research and Policy Review*, v. 24 (4, August): 301-344.

Deborah Ceglowski and Elizabeth E. Davis. 2004. "Where Child Care is Above Average? Licensing, Legislation, and Indicators of Quality of Care in Minnesota," *Early Education & Development*, v.15 (3, July): 343-358.

Deborah Ceglowski and Elizabeth E. Davis. 2004. "Assessing Structural Indicators of Child Care Quality at the Local Level: Lessons from Four Minnesota Counties," *Youth and Child Care Forum*, v.33 (4, April): 71-93.

Elizabeth E. Davis, Laura Connolly and Bruce Weber. 2003. "Local Labor Market Conditions and the Jobless Poor: How Much Does Local Job Growth Help in Rural Areas?" *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, v.28 (3, December): 503-518.

Elizabeth E. Davis and Bruce A. Weber. 2002. "How Much Does Local Job Growth Improve Employment Outcomes of the Rural Working Poor?" *Review of Regional Studies*, v. 32 (2): 255-274.

Elizabeth E. Davis and Roberta B. Weber. 2001. "The Dynamics of Child Care Subsidy Use by Rural Families in Oregon." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, v.83 (5, December): 1293-1301.

James P. Ziliak, David N. Figlio, Elizabeth E. Davis and Laura S. Connolly. 2000. "Accounting for the Decline in AFDC Caseloads: Welfare Reform or the Economy?" *Journal of Human Resources*, v.35 (Summer): 570-586.

Elizabeth E. Davis and Bruce A. Weber. 1998. "Linking Policy and Outcomes: A Simulation Model of Poverty Incidence." *Growth and Change* v. 29 (4): 423-444.

Elizabeth E. Davis. 1998. "Changing Government Policy and Local Labor Markets: Impacts on the Rural Poor: Discussion." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, v.85 (5):1017-1018.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Marcia K. Meyers, Laura R. Peck, Elizabeth E. Davis, Ann Collins, J. Lee Kreder, Annie Georges, Roberta Weber, Deanna Schexnayder, Daniel Schroeder, Jerome A. Olson. 2006. "The Dynamics of Child Care Subsidy Use: A Collaborative Study of Five States." In *From Welfare to Child Care: What Happens to Young Children When Single Mothers Exchange Welfare for Work?*, edited by Natasha J. Cabrera, Robert Hutchens and H. Elizabeth Peters. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates Publishers, pp.173-198.

TECHNICAL REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Elizabeth E. Davis, NaiChia Li, Roberta B. Weber and Deana Grobe. *Child Care Subsidies and Child Care Markets: Evidence from Three States.*" Oregon Child Care Research Partnership. March 2009.

Elizabeth E. Davis, Roberta B. Weber, Jennifer C. Albright, Eugenie Maiga and Deana Grobe. *Alternative Methods for Minnesota's Market Rate Study of Child Care Prices*. Report completed for the Minnesota Department of Human Services, February 2009.

Deana Grobe, Roberta B. Weber, Elizabeth E. Davis, J. Lee Kreader & Clara C. Pratt. *Study of market prices: Validating child care market rate surveys*. Oregon State University Family Policy Program, Oregon Child Care Research Partnership. September 2008.

Misty L. Heggeness & Elizabeth E. Davis. "When troubled youth can't stay at home: an analysis of out-of-home placements in Hennepin County" *CURA Reporter*, v.38, no.2, Summer 2008, pp.26-34, 2008.

Elizabeth E. Davis, Deana Grobe, and Roberta B. Weber. "Participation and Employment Dynamics of Child Care Subsidy Users in Rural and Urban Oregon." Working Paper 07-01, Rural Poverty Research Center. February 2007.

Roberta B. Weber, Deana Grobe, Elizabeth E. Davis, J. Lee Kreader, Clara C. Pratt. *Practices and Policies: Market Rate Surveys in States, Territories and Tribes*. Oregon Child Care Research Partnership. Oregon State University. May 2007.

Eric Hofer and Elizabeth E. Davis, *Building Family Wealth Project: A Review of the Literature*. University of Minnesota, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA), December 2006.

Deana Grobe, Roberta B. Weber and Elizabeth E. Davis. *Why Do They Leave? Child Care Subsidy Use in Oregon*. Oregon State University Family Policy Program, Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, March 2006.

Elizabeth E. Davis and Marcie Jefferys. *Still Working in Minnesota? Follow Up Study on Parents' Employment and Earnings in the Child Care Assistance Program*. Minnesota Child Care Policy Research Partnership, December 2005.

Elizabeth E. Davis and NaiChia Li. *Child Care Assistance and the Market for Child Care in Minnesota*. Minnesota Child Care Policy Research Partnership, November 2005.

Book review: *The Working Poor: Invisible in America* by David Shipler. *Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning*, December 2004.

Elizabeth E. Davis and NaiChia Li, "Child Care Affordability in Minnesota: Is There a Crisis?" *CURA Reporter*, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota, August 2004.

Marcie Jefferys and Elizabeth E. Davis. *Working in Minnesota: Parents' Employment and Earnings in the Child Care Assistance Program*. Minnesota Child Care Policy Research Partnership, July 2004.

Deana Grobe, Roberta B. Weber, and Elizabeth E. Davis. *Guidebook for implementing a study on the dynamics of child care subsidy use*. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University, Family Policy Program; Oregon Child Care Research Partnership, 2003.

Marcia K. Meyers, Laura R. Peck, Elizabeth E. Davis, Ann Collins, J. Lee Kreader, Annie Georges, Roberta Weber, Deanna Schexnayder, Daniel Schroeder, Jerome A. Olson. *"The Dynamics of Child Care Subsidy Use: A Collaborative Study of Five States."* New York: National Center for Children in Poverty, Columbia University, July 2002.

Roberta B. Weber and Elizabeth E. Davis. *"Continuity and Stability: Dynamics of Child Care Subsidy Use in Oregon."* New York: National Center for Children in Poverty, Columbia University, July 2002.

Elizabeth E. Davis and Deborah A. Ceglowski, "An Assessment of Child Care Quality in Four Counties in Minnesota," Technical Report for Resources for Child Caring, St. Paul, Minnesota. March 2001.

Lynn Reinschmiedt, Mark Henry, Bruce Weber, Elizabeth Davis and Willis Lewis, "Welfare and Food Stamp Caseloads in Three States: Rural-Urban Contrasts." Rural Policy Research Institute, P99-10. December 1999.

Elizabeth E. Davis, Sian Mooney, Priscilla Salant and Bruce Weber. 1998. "Local Labor Market Conditions and the Low-Income Workforce: A Baseline for Analysis of Employment and Wage Changes in Oregon." Working Papers in Agricultural and Resource Economics No. AREc 98-101, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.

James P. Ziliak, David N. Figlio, Elizabeth E. Davis and Laura S. Connolly. 1997. "Accounting for the Decline in AFDC Caseloads: Welfare Reform or Economic Growth?" Institute for Research on Poverty Discussion Paper No. 1151-97.

Elizabeth E. Davis and Bruce A. Weber. 1997. "A Simulation of Poverty Transitions, Public Policy, and Economic Performance in Oregon." Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Oregon State University, Working Paper No. AREC 97-102.

Laura Connolly and Elizabeth E. Davis. 1996. "Those Left Behind: The Working Poor in Oregon." *Western Wire*. Corvallis, OR: Western Rural Development Center.

Elizabeth E. Davis. 1993. "The Impact of Food Stamp Cashout on Household Expenditures: The Alabama ASSETS Demonstration," in N. Fasciano, D. Hall and H. Beebout (eds.) *New Directions in Food Stamp Policy Research*. Alexandria, Virginia: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service. June 1993.

Alan Werner and Elizabeth E. Davis. 1993. *The Impacts of Food Stamp Cash-Out on Participants and Food Retailers in the Alabama ASSETS Demonstration*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Abt Associates Inc.

John Kirlin, Christopher Logan, Mark Menne, Elizabeth Davis, Alicia Distler, and Stephanie Andrews. 1993. *The Impacts of State-Initiated EBT [Electronic Benefits Transfer] Demonstrations on the Food Stamp Program*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Abt Associates Inc.

William L. Hamilton, Nancy R. Burstein, Elizabeth E. Davis and Margaret Hargreaves. 1992. *The New York Child Assistance Program: Interim Report on Program Impacts*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Abt Associates Inc.

John A. Kirlin, Charles King, Elizabeth E. Davis and Gary Silverstein. 1990. *The Feasibility of a Nationwide Electronic Benefit Transfer System for the Food Stamp Program*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Abt Associates Inc.

John Kirlin, Christopher W. Logan, Mark G. Menne, Elizabeth E. Davis, and Kit van Stelle. 1990. *The Impacts of State-Operated Electronic Benefits Transfer System in reading Pennsylvania*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Abt Associates Inc.

Gregory Mills and Elizabeth Davis. 1990. *Medicaid Negative Action Quality Control Study Conceptual Design and Feasibility Report*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Abt Associates Inc.

Gregory Mills, David Hoaglin, and Elizabeth Davis. 1990. *Medicaid Negative Action Quality Control Study Interim Report*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Abt Associates Inc.

MAJOR GRANTS AWARDED

External Funding Sources

Alternative Methods for Setting Maximum Rates for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), Minnesota Department of Human Services. Principal Investigator Elizabeth Davis, \$265,000, 2007-2008.

Guidance on Validating Child Care Market Rate Surveys. Funding from the Child Care Bureau, Field-Initiated Research Projects, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Lead organization is Oregon State University. Subgrant to University of Minnesota \$131,400 (3 years) 2004-08.

Minnesota Child Care Policy Research Partnership. Elizabeth Davis and Deborah Ceglowski, principal investigators. Grant awarded to Minnesota Department of Human Services. Funded by U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (Subgrant, \$193,683), 2000-2004.

Resources for Child Caring. "Four County Assessment of Child Care in Minnesota" (\$13,000). Elizabeth Davis and Deborah Ceglowski, principal investigators. Funded September 2000.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Elizabeth Davis (Oregon State University) and Marcia Meyers (Columbia University). "A Study of Child Care Subsidy Duration" \$287,883. September 1998-January 2001. With The National Center for Children in Poverty.

U.S. Department of Agriculture CSREES, NRICGP. Bruce Weber and Elizabeth Davis, Co-principal investigators. "From Welfare to Work: The Effectiveness of Policy in Rural Labor Markets" \$150,000. July 1997-June 2001.

Internal sources of funding

"Economic change and housing in rural communities." With Professor Ann Ziebarth in College of Design, Housing Studies. \$19,889.

Community Vitality Initiative, Minnesota Extension Service. Principal Investigator: Elizabeth Davis. Funding support for one graduate study research assistant for three years, 2006-09.

"Supermarket Workplace Experiences Study." Elizabeth Davis and Theresa Glomb, principal investigators. Funded by The Food Industry Center, University of Minnesota, (\$35,000) Funded March 2002.

"Child Care Demand and Affordability," Principal Investigator: Elizabeth Davis. Program for Interactive Research, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA), University of Minnesota, awarded April 2002 (\$35,808).

"Employment Stability of Low-Income Workers in Rural and Urban Areas." Grant-in-Aid program, Office of Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, University of Minnesota. Principal investigator: Elizabeth Davis. Funding approved December 1999 – January 2001 (\$17,356).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS (2006 - 2009)

Conference presentation: "Complexity of Commuting Patterns: Workforce Flows in Rural Minnesota," AAEA annual conference, Milwaukee, WI, July 2009.

Research presentation (web-based): Selection of Geographic Unit for Market Price Studies and Maximum Rate Setting. Fourth in Series of Child Care Market Rate Survey Webinars, September 18, 2008. Lead author and presenter: Elizabeth Davis, University of Minnesota. Co-authors: Bobbie Weber and Deana Grobe, Oregon State University.

Research seminar: "Child Care Subsidy Policy and Participation Dynamics in Two U.S. States" Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden. October 16, 2008.

Invited presentation: "Conducting Market Rate Surveys," State and Territory Child Care Administrators Meeting (STAM), Washington, DC, July 30, 2008

Research seminar: "Job Growth and Commuting in Rural and Urban Minnesota", Minnesota State Demographic Center, St. Paul, Minnesota, May 17, 2007.

Conference presentation: "Child Care Subsidies and Employment." Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Office of Program Evaluation and Research, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC, June 4, 2007.

Conference presentation: "Child Care Subsidy Use and the Dynamics of Participation in Multiple Work Support Programs" Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) annual research conference, Madison, Wisconsin, November 2006.

Conference presentation: "Effects of Large Discount Retailers on Existing Establishments" Minnesota Economics Association (MEA) annual meeting, St. Paul, Minnesota, October 2006.

Conference presentation: "Child Care Subsidy Use and Employment Stability in Oregon," National Association of Welfare Research and Statistics (NAWRS) annual conference, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, August 2006.

Principal Paper presentation: "Supermarket Human Resource Practices & Competition from Mass Merchandisers," American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) annual meeting, Long Beach, California, July 2006.

Invited symposium panelist: "Trickling Down: Does Local Economic Growth Reduce Poverty." American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) annual meeting, Long Beach, California, July 2006.

Conference presentation: “Still Working in Minnesota? Follow-Up Study on Parents’ Employment and Earnings in the Child Care Assistance Program.” Annual Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Employment Services conference (Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development), Duluth, Minnesota, June 2006.

Invited panelist: “Using the Evidence: Policy Implications of Recent Child Care & Early Education Research,” Minnesota Child Care Policy Research Partnership, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 2006.

Conference presentations: “Employers and the Low-Wage Workforce” and “Family Participation in the Web of Work Supports,” Child Care Bureau Annual Research Conference, March 2006.

TEACHING: Summary of Courses Taught at the University of Minnesota

- ApEc 8902 Ph.D. Graduate Student seminar, 1 credit.
Fall 2007 (9 students), Fall 2006 (9 students). Graduate course in research methodology of applied economics.
- ApEc 8404 Labor Economics and Human Capital, 2 credits
Spring 2004 (3 students), Spring 2003 (6 students). Graduate course in Consumer Behavior and Household Economics Ph.D. field.
- ApEc 5032 Economic Data Analysis for Managerial and Policy Decisions, 3 credits
Spring 2008 (15 students), Spring 2007 (15 students), Spring 2006 (14 students), Spring 2005 (14 students). Data management and econometric methods for the analysis of large data sets, including SAS programming.
- ApEc 5511 Labor Economics, 3 credits
Fall 2003 (8 students), Spring 2002 (4 students), Spring 2001 (11 students)
Spring 2000 (4 students – taught under temporary number ApEc 5991).
Course designed for MS students in applied economics and public policy.
- ApEc 3002 Managerial Economics, 4 credits
Fall 2003 (42 students), Fall 2004 (55 students). Intermediate microeconomics and statistics applied to business and public policy problem solving.
- ApEc 1101 Principles of Macroeconomics, 3 credits, Spring 2003 (90 students),
Spring 2002 (70 students), Spring 2001 (94 students)
- ApEc 4096 Professional Experience Program (PEP) supervisor
Spring 2004, Tabitha Westberg (undergraduate Applied Economics major)

Service on Graduate Thesis Committees

Masters Thesis Committees (completed)

Andrea Coppersmith (Humphrey, M.P.P), member, 2002
Jennifer Dahlquist (Humphrey, M.P.P.), member, 2004
Rachel Dettman, (Applied Economics, M.S.) advisor, 2007
Dan Drewitz, (Applied Economics, M.S), member, 2003
Glenace Edwall (Humphey, M.A.), member, 2001
Pamela Gana, (Humphey, M.A.), member, 2000
Eric Hofer, (Applied Economics, M.S), advisor, 2007
Joshua Klick, (Humphey, M.P.P), member, 2000
Donna Leicach, (Applied Economics, M.S.), 2003
Rachel Leatham, (Humphey, M.A.), member, 2000
Marta Murray-Close (Humphrey, M.P.P.), member, 2004
Anissa Rogness (Humphrey, M.P.P), member, 2002
Jue Wang, (Applied Economics, M.S), advisor, 2007
Michelle West (Humphrey, M.P.P.), co-advisor, 2003

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees (completed)

Sayali Amarapurkar (Family Social Sciences, Ph.D.), member 2004
Ajay Behl (Applied Economics, Ph.D.), member, 2006
Stacie Bosley, (Applied Economics, Ph.D.), co-advisor, 2001
Yunhao Chen (Ph.D., Accounting), member, 2008
Hyunkuk Cho (Applied Economics, Ph.D.), chair, 2007
Catherine Huddleston-Casas (Family Social Science, Ph.D.), member, 2002
Amy Damon, (Applied Economics, Ph.D.), member, 2008
Marcia Jefferys, (Social Work, Ph.D.), co-advisor, 2004
Yonglin Ren, (Human Resources and Industrial Relations, Ph.D), member, 2001
Shwetlena Sabarwal (Ph.D., Applied Economics, member), member, 2008

Ph.D. Committees (current)

Pascal Elisabeth (Ph.D., Applied Economics, chair)
NaiChia Li (Ph.D., Applied Economics, member)
Tobias Madden (Ph.D., Applied Economics , chair/reader)
Frederik Wandey (Ph.D., Applied Economics, member)
Minh Wendt (Ph.D., Applied Economics, member)
Melissa Whitler (Ph.D., Applied Economics, advisor)

Other departments

Javier Fernandez-Blanco (Ph.D., Economics)
Monica Frazier (Ph.D., Family Social Science)
Alexandru Lefter (Ph.D., Human Resources and Ind. Relations)
Young Han Kim (Ph.D., Business Administration)

Manuscript reviewer

Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy & Society
Economics of Education Review
International Regional Science Review
Journal of Human Resources
Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics
Journal of Applied Economics
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management
Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy
Industrial Relations
Social Problems
Social Science Quarterly
Social Service Review
Southern Economic Journal
State and Local Government Review

Membership on Advisory Committees, Boards, Special Task Forces, etc.**State, local and national**

- Member, Board of Directors, Minnesota Economic Association, 2005-06
- Research Affiliate, Rural Poverty Research Center, Rural Policy Research Institute, University of Missouri-Columbia and Oregon State University
- Member, Advisory Group, Child Care Household Survey, Minnesota Department of Human Services and Wilder Research Center, 2004.
- Member, Advisory Board, Economic Impact of Child Care Industry in Minnesota, National Center for Law and Economic Development, 2003.
- Member, Advisory Group, The Child Care Industry: Supporting Jobs and Economic Development in Minneapolis, Greater Minneapolis Day Care Association, 2003.
- Member, Early Childhood Finance Committee, Ready 4 K BUILD Project, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2003-04.
- Co-Leader, Steering Committee for the National Child Care Policy Research Consortium, 2000-2001

Membership in professional organizations

- American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA)
- Community Economics Network (CNET), American Agricultural Economics Association
- American Economic Association (AEA)
- Society of Labor Economists (SOLE)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)