

# KATHLEEN McGARRY

## Curriculum vitae

### Office Address:

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### Current/Past Positions:

Chair, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2013-present  
Professor, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2004-present  
Joel Z. and Susan Hyatt '72 Professor, Department of Economics, Dartmouth College,  
2007-2009  
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1999-present  
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, UCLA, 1999-2004  
Senior Economist, White House Council of Economic Advisers, 2000-2001  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, UCLA, 1992-1999  
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1993-1999

### Education:

Ph.D. Economics, State University of New York, Stony Brook  
B.S. Mathematics (*summa cum laude*), State University of New York, Stony Brook

### Major Fields of Concentration:

Public Economics, Health Economics, Economics of Aging

### Fellowships and Awards:

Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, 2014-2015  
Warren C. Scoville Distinguished Teaching Award, 1994, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2010, 2011  
NBER National Fellowship, 2001-2002  
Dean's Marshal Award, Outstanding Assistant Professor in the Social Sciences, 1997  
Brookdale Fellowship, 1995-1998  
NBER Fellowship in Aging and Health Economics, 1994-1995  
Kalman Fellowship for Graduate Study, 1987, 1988, 1989  
Stony Brook Foundation Award for the Outstanding Student in Mathematics, 1986  
Stony Brook Foundation Award for the Outstanding Student in Economics, 1986  
Phi Beta Kappa, 1984

## Publications:

- “Dynamic Aspects of Family Transfers,” 2016. *Journal of Public Economics*, 137 : 1-13.
- “Consumption and the Extended Family” (with Hwajung Choi and Robert Schoeni), 2016. *Economic Letters*, 140 : 34-38.
- “Living Arrangements of Mothers and Their Adult Children over the Life Course” (with Emily Wiemers, V. Joseph Hotz, and Vladislav Slanchev), forthcoming, *Research on Aging*.
- “Heterogeneity in State-Dependent Utility: Evidence from Strategic Surveys”(with Jeffrey R. Brown and Gopi Shah Goda), 2016. *Economic Inquiry*, 54 (2) : 847-861.
- “The Burden of Health Care Costs for Patients with Dementia in the Last 5 Years of Life” (with Amy Kelley, Rebecca Gorges and Jonathan Skinner), 2015. *The Annals of Internal Medicine*, 163 (10): 729-736.
- “The Estate Tax and Inter Vivos Transfers over Time,” 2013. *The American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, 103 (3) : 478-483.
- “The Social Safety Net for the Elderly,” 2013. In *The Legacy of the War on Poverty*, Martha Bailey and Sheldon Danziger, eds. New York: Russell Sage, 179-205
- “Out-of-Pocket Spending in the Last Five Years of Life” (with Amy Kelley et al.), 2013. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 28 (2) : 304-309.
- “Long-Term Care Insurance Demand Limited by Beliefs About Needs, Concerns About Insurers, And Care Available From Family” (with Jeff Brown and Gopi Shah Goda), 2012. *Health Affairs*, 31 (6): 1294-1302.
- “State of the Science: Risk Factors and Therapeutic Interventions for Alzheimer Disease” (with Martha Daviglus et al.), 2011. *Archives of Neurology*, 68 (9): 1185-1190.
- “The Risk of Out-of-Pocket Health Care Expenditures at the End of Life” (with Samuel Marshall and Jonathan S. Skinner), 2011. *Explorations in the Economics of Aging*, David A. Wise, ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press: 101-128.
- “Preventing Alzheimer Disease and Cognitive Decline” (with Martha Daviglus et al.), 2011. *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 154 (3): 176-181.
- “Preference Heterogeneity and Insurance Markets: Explaining the Puzzle of Insurance” (with David Cutler and Amy Finkelstein), 2008. *The American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, 98 (2): 157-162.
- “Intergenerational Ties: Theories, Trends, and Challenges”(with Suzanne Bianchi, V. Joseph Hotz, and Judith Seltzer), 2008. In *Intergenerational Caregiving*, Alan Booth, Ann Crouter, Suzanne Bianchi and Judith Seltzer eds. Washington DC: Urban Institute Press, 3-43.

- “Inheritance and Bequests,” 2008. In *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*. Steven Durlauf and Lawrence Blume, eds. MacMillian, 1-11.
- “Recent Trends in Resource Sharing among the Poor” (with Steven Haider), 2006. In *Working and Poor*, edited by Rebecca Blank, Sheldon Danziger, and Robert Schoeni, New York: Russell Sage, 205-232.
- “Multiple Dimensions of Private Information: Evidence from the long-term care insurance market” (with Amy Finkelstein), 2006. *The American Economic Review* 96 (4): 938-958.
- “Does Caregiving Affect Work? Evidence Based on Prior Labor Force Experience,” 2006. In *Health Care Issues in the United States and Japan*, David A. Wise and Naohiro Yashiro (Eds.), Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 209-228.
- “Dynamic Inefficiencies in Insurance Markets: Evidence from Long-Term Care Insurance” (with Amy Finkelstein and Amir Sufi), 2005. *The American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, 95 (2): 224-228.
- “Medicare Gaps and Widow Poverty” (with Robert Schoeni), 2005. *The Social Security Bulletin*, 66 (1): 58-74.
- “Widow(er) Poverty and Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenses Near End of Life” (with Robert Schoeni), 2005. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, 60B (3): S160-S169.
- “Why Parents Play Favorites: Explanations for Unequal Bequests” (with Audrey Light), 2004. *The American Economic Review*, 94 (5): 1669-1681.
- “Health and Retirement: Do Changes in Health Affect Retirement Expectations?” 2004. *Journal of Human Resources*, 39 (3): 624-648.
- “Estate and Gift Tax Incentives and Inter Vivos Giving” (with David Joulfaian), 2004. *National Tax Journal*, LVII (2): 429-444.
- “Public Policy and the U.S. Health Insurance Market: Direct and Indirect Provision of Insurance,” 2002. *National Tax Journal*, LV (4): 789-827.
- “The Predictive Validity of the Subjective Probabilities of Survival,” (with Michael D. Hurd), 2002. *Economic Journal*, 112 (482): 966-985.
- “Guaranteed Income: SSI and the Well-Being of the Elderly Poor,” 2002. In *The Distributional Aspects of Social Security and Social Security Reform*, Martin Feldstein and Jeffrey Liebman eds. Chicago: University of Chicago Press: 49-79.
- “The Cost of Equality: Unequal Bequests and Tax Avoidance,” 2001. *Journal of Public Economics*, 79 (1): 179-204.
- “Inter Vivos Transfers or Bequests? Estate Taxes and the Timing of Parental Giving,” 2001. *Tax Policy and the Economy*, 14: 93-121.

- “Behavioral Responses to the Estate Tax: Inter Vivos Giving,” 2000. *National Tax Journal*, 53 (4): 913-932.
- “Social Security, Economic Growth, and the Rise in Elderly Widows Independence in the 20th Century,” (with Robert F. Schoeni), 2000. *Demography*, 37 (2): 221-236.
- “Inter Vivos Transfers and Intended Bequests,” 1999. *Journal of Public Economics*, 73 (3): 321-351.
- “Job Change Patterns and the Wages of Young Men,” (with Audrey Light), 1998. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 80 (2): 276-286.
- “Pensions and the Distribution of Wealth” (with Andrew Davenport), 1998. In *Frontiers in the Economics of Aging*, David A. Wise ed., Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 463-485.
- “Caring for the Elderly: The Role of Adult Children,” 1998. In *Inquiries in the Economics of Aging*, David A. Wise ed., Chicago: University of Chicago Press: 133-166.
- “Transfer Behavior Within the Family: Results from the Asset and Health Dynamics Study,” (with Robert F. Schoeni), 1997. *The Journals of Gerontology*, 52B: 82-92.
- “Medical Insurance and the Use of Health Care Services by the Elderly,” (with Michael D. Hurd), 1997. *Journal of Health Economics*, 16 (2): 129-154.
- “Factors Determining Participation of the Elderly in Supplemental Security Income,” 1996. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 30 (2): 331-358.
- “Evaluation of the Subjective Probabilities of Survival in the Health and Retirement Study” (with Michael D. Hurd), 1995. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 30: s268-s292.
- “Transfer Behavior in the Health and Retirement Study: Measurement and the Redistribution of Resources within the Family,” (with Robert F. Schoeni), 1995. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 30: s184-s226.
- “Measurement Error and Poverty Rates of Widows,” 1995. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 30 (1): 113-134.

### **Submitted and Presented Papers:**

- “Parental Investments in Education and Later Cash Transfers,” (with Steven Haider) NBER Working Paper 18485, October 2012. Revised June 2016. Under review.
- “Post-Secondary Schooling and Parental Resources: Evidence from the PSID and HRS,” (with Steven Haider), July 2016.
- “Women Working Longer: Labor Market Implications of Providing Family Care,” (with Sean Fahle), June 2016.

“Understanding Participation in SSI,” (with Robert Schoeni), August 2014. Presented at the 2014 Retirement Research Consortium Annual Meeting, National Press Club, Washington, DC.

“State-Dependent Utility and Insurance Purchase Decisions,” (with Jeffrey R. Brown and Gopi Shah Goda), August 2013. Presented at the 2013 Retirement Research Consortium Annual Meeting, National Press Club, Washington DC.

“The Importance of Private and Government Safety Nets: A Comparison of Approved and Denied SSDI Applicants,” (with Jonathan Skinner), August 2012. Presented at the Retirement Research Consortium Annual Meeting, National Press Club, Washington, D.C.

#### **Working Papers:**

“Gender Differences in Parental Investment and Intergenerational Transfers in China,” (with Xiaoyan Lei, Xiaoting Sun and Yaohui Zhao), July 2016.

“Determinants of Household Wealth at Older Ages: A Life Course Analysis,” (with Audrey Light), August 2016.

#### **Published Comments:**

Comment on “Noncompliance with the Federal Estate Tax,” (by Martha Britton Eller, Brian Erard, and Chih-Chin Ho), in *Rethinking Estate and Gift Taxation*, William Gale, James Hines, and Joel Slemrod, eds. Washington D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2001: 411-421.

Comment on “Private Transfers within the Family: Mothers, Fathers, Sons, and Daughters,” (by Donald Cox), in *Death and Dollars*, Alicia Munnell and Annika Sunden, eds. Washington D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2001: 202-209.

#### **Editorial Service:**

Editorial Boards: *American Economic Journal: Public Policy*, *American Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Pension Economics*.

#### **Referee/Reviewer for:**

American Economic Review, American Journal of Health Economics, Berkeley Economic Journals, Contemporary Policy Issues, Demography, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economic Letters, Health Affairs, Inquiry, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journals of Gerontology, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of

Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Risk and Insurance, Labour Economics, Millbank Memorial Foundation Quarterly, National Institutes on Health, National Science Foundation, National Tax Journal, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Social Security Bulletin, Southern Economic Journal.

**Grants and Additional Support:**

- “Supporting Family Elder Care: An Analysis of the Labor Force Participation Effects and the Potential to Assist Caregivers through Public Support” (with Sean Fahle), *Sloan Foundation*, 2016-2018.
- “Examining the Relationship between Caregiving and Work” (with Sean Fahle), *Social Security Administration*, 2015-2016.
- “Do Extended Family Linkages Reduce Retirement Wealth and Consumption?” (with Robert Schoeni), *Social Security Administration*, 2013-2014.
- “Understanding Participation in SSI” (with Robert Schoeni), *Social Security Administration*, 2013-2014.
- “How Much Do Retirees Value Consumption When Sick? State-Dependent Utility and Demand for Insurance” (with Jeffrey Brown and Gopi Shah Goda), *Social Security Administration*, 2012-2013.
- “Health and Retirement Study” *National Institute on Aging*, 2012-2017.
- “The Importance of Private and Government Safety Nets: A Comparison of Approved and Denied SSDI Applicants,” (with Jonathan Skinner), *Social Security Administration*, 2011-2012.
- “Why Don’t Retirees Insure Against Long-Term Care Expenses? Evidence from Survey Responses” (with Jeffrey Brown and Gopi Shah Goda), *Social Security Administration*, 2010-2011.
- “Geographic Dispersion and the Well-Being of the Elderly” (with Suzanne Bianchi and Judith Seltzer), *Social Security Administration*, 2009-2010.
- “For Better or Worse: Disability Benefits and Outcomes in Later Life” (with Jonathan Skinner), *Social Security Administration*, 2008-2009.
- “Out of Pocket Medical Expenses and Retirement Security” (with Jonathan Skinner), *Social Security Administration*, 2007-2008.
- “Non-Pecuniary Aspects of Retirement,” principal investigator, *National Institutes of Health*, 2003-2008 (extended) R01.
- “Understanding Old Age Poverty Rates of the Divorced and Never Married” (with Robert Schoeni), *Social Security Administration*, 2002-2003.
- “Changes in Income, Wealth, or Medical Expenses? A New Look at the Causes of Poverty among Widows,” (with Robert Schoeni), *Social Security Administration*, 2002-2003.
- “Aging and Intergenerational Assistance within Families,” principal investigator, *National Institutes of Health*, 1998-2006 (extended) R29.
- “The Effects of Pre-Retirement Expectations on Retirement Age,” *Retirement Research Foundation* (through the UCLA Center on Aging), 1993-1994.
- “Labor Market Rigidities and the Retirement Behavior of the Elderly,” *UCLA Center on Aging*, 1992-1993.

UCLA Academic Senate Grants, 1992-2007, 2010-2013.  
Institute for Industrial Relations, various awards.

**Current Departmental and University Service:**

Chair, Department of Economics, 2013-present  
Director Kevin Albert Family Endowment, 2011-present  
Math/Econ IDP Steering Committee, 2013-present

**Recent Past Departmental and University Service:**

Review Committee for the Dean of the Anderson School of Business, UCLA, 2016  
Review Committee for the Dean of Social Sciences, 2014  
Undergraduate Council, 2011-2014  
Vice Chair of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Economics 2009-2013  
Chair's Advisory Committee, Department of Economics 2009-2013  
Personnel Committee, Department of Economics 2009-2013  
Search Committee, Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education, 2012  
Regents Scholarship Reading Committee, 2012  
Special Assistant to the Dean of Social Sciences, 2009-2010  
Graduate Council

**Professional Service:**

Chair, Study Frame Advisory Council, The HUMAN Project, 2015-present  
Co-Investigator, Health and Retirement Study, 2009-present  
National Longitudinal Survey, Technical Advisory Committee, 2012-present  
National Health and Aging Trends Study, Scientific Advisory Panel, 2009-present  
*American Economic Review*, Excellence in Refereeing Award, multiple years  
Study Section Reviewer, National Institute of Health, 2008-2014, (NIA-S and ad hoc reviews)  
Panel Study of Income Dynamics, Board of Overseers, 2008-2014  
Member, Advance Placement Exam in Economics Review Committee, 2013  
Member, NIH Behavioral Science Review Committee, Chair, 2013  
Steering Committee Member, Health and Retirement Study, 2001-2005  
International Longevity Center Program Advisory Group, 2002-2005  
RAND Summer Institute, organizer 1998, 2002  
HRS Family Data Workshop, co-organizer, 2003  
Chair, Economics of Aging Interest Group, Gerontological Society of America, 2001-2002  
Senior Economist, White House Council of Economic Advisers, 2000-2001  
Brookdale Foundation Advisory Panel

## Teaching Experience:

### Graduate:

Probability and Statistics (UCLA Econ 203a)  
Labor Economics (UCLA Econ 261a, 261b)

### Undergraduate:

Microeconomic Theory (UCLA 11/101a)  
Public Finance (UCLA Econ 130)  
Your Tax Dollars at Work (UCLA Econ 19-5)  
Microeconomics (Dartmouth Econ 21)  
Managerial Decision Making (SUNYSB)

## Invited Presentations and Discussions:

- 2016: Retirement Research Consortium Annual Meetings, Washington DC; NBER Women Working Longer Conference, NBER, Cambridge, MA; American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- 2015: Phi Beta Kappa Scholar (St. Benedict; University of Arkansas; California State University, Long Beach; University of Colorado, Boulder; University of Wyoming; University of New Hampshire); Lumen Christi Institute, Economics and Catholic Social Thought Conference; Peking University; NBER Women Working Longer Conference
- 2014: Stanford University; Phi Beta Kappa Scholar (Hendrix College; Hiram College); Retirement Research Consortium, Washington DC; RAND Summer Institute; HRS Summer Workshop, University of Michigan; Georgia State University
- 2013: University of Southern California; University of Notre Dame; Barcelona, Retirement Research Consortium Annual Meeting; NBER-CCER meeting Peking University; University of Michigan HRS Summer School; Singapore Management University; National University of Singapore; Symposium on Aging, UCLA Center for Policy Research on Aging; ESRI/Japanese Cabinet Meeting, Tokyo, Japan; Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan; American Economic Association, Annual Meeting
- 2012: Robert Day School, Claremont McKenna College; University of Toronto; CCER, Peking University; Retirement Research Consortium, Annual Meeting, Washington DC; RAND Summer Institute, Santa Monica, CA; Health Affairs Policy Briefing, Washington DC; Legacy of the War on Poverty: Implications for the Future of Anti-Poverty Policies, Ann Arbor, MI; "Aging with Disability: Demographic, Social and Policy Considerations" Washington, DC
- 2011: Heidelberg University, Germany, Keynote Address; Boston College Retirement Research Center; Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting; NBER Insurance Meeting; Harmonization of Cross-National Studies of Aging Meeting, Peking University; Health and Retirement Study Summer Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI; Michigan Retirement Research Center Annual Meeting; Texas A & M University
- 2010: American Economic Association Annual Meeting; University of Michigan Retirement Research Center Annual Workshop; National Academy of Sciences Workshop; Retirement Research Consortium Annual Meeting, Washington DC



- 2009: American Economic Association Annual Meeting; MacArthur Foundation Aging Society Network Conference, Coral Gables, FL; School of Policy, Planning and Development, University of Southern California; University of New Hampshire; NBER Aging Meeting; Families and Health, NICHD-sponsored Conference, Bethesda, MD
- 2008: NBER Public Finance Spring Research Meeting; Retirement Research Consortium Annual Meeting; Banbury Center, Cold Spring Harbor National Laboratory Conference in Honor of James Watson's 80th Birthday
- 2007: Tilburg University; International Conference for Panel Data Analysis, Seoul, South Korea; IZA Conference on Long Term Care, Bonn, Germany; Cognitive Economics Conference, University of Michigan; China Center for Economic Research/NBER Conference; American Economic Association Annual Meeting
- 2006: University of Pennsylvania, University of Michigan, CIE-ITAM, Dartmouth College, Pennsylvania State University symposium on "Caring and Exchange within and Across Generations"; NBER Insurance Meeting, Washington University St. Louis; University of Pennsylvania; Population Association of America Annual Meeting
- 2005: Michigan Retirement Research Center Workshop; Long-term Care Network Conference, Ann Arbor, MI; Syracuse University; Cornell University; Boston College; American Economic Association Annual Meeting
- 2004: HRS Conference on Older Families, Santa Fe, NM; University of Kentucky; Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting
- 2003: American Economic Association Annual Meeting; JCER-NBER Joint Conference, Nikko, Japan; RAND; NBER Conference on Taxation and Savings; Rutgers University; NBER Fall Health Care Meeting
- 2002: State University of New York, Stony Brook; The Ohio State University; Harvard/MIT Public Finance workshop; American Economic Association Annual Meeting
- 2001: Rutgers University; The Federal Reserve Bank of New York; International Longevity Center; University of North Carolina; Boston College Conference on Estates and Gifts; NBER Public Economic Meetings (fall); International Health Economics Association Meetings; University of Maryland
- 2000: National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute; Stanford University; Brookings Conference on Estate Taxation; NBER Conference on Welfare Programs; American Economic Association Annual Meetings
- 1999: Tax Policy and the Economy, annual meeting; NBER Conference on the Distributional Effects of Social Security Reform; University of Southern California, Andrus Center; Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley; UCLA, Medical School
- 1998: Gerontological Society of America, National Meetings; International Seminars in Public Economics, Université de Liège, Belgium; Brookdale Foundation Annual Retreat; University of Chicago

- 1997: Texas A&M University; University of California, San Diego; Econometrics Society Annual Meetings; UCLA/RAND Joint Workshop on Labor and Population; NBER Economics of Aging Meeting
- 1996: F. Thomas Juster Retirement Conference; Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America; NBER Summer Institute; Center for Pension and Retirement Research; Brookdale Foundation Annual Retreat; American Economic Association Annual Meetings
- 1995: Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America; Health and Retirement Survey, Wave 2 Conference, University of Michigan; NBER Economics of Aging Meeting; Population Association of America Meetings; Brookdale Foundation Annual Retreat; Boston University; Boston College; Harvard/MIT Labor Economics Seminar
- 1994: Syracuse University; NBER Summer Institute; Asset and Health Dynamics Survey, Early Results Conference, University of Michigan; Institute for Research on Poverty Conference; Center for Pension and Retirement Research Conference
- 1993: University of Arizona; Health and Retirement Survey, Early Results Conference; Western Economic Association Meetings; University of California, Santa Barbara; Institute for Industrial Relations Conference