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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of California, Irvine, 2015

Dissertation Committee: David Neumark (chair), Marianne Bitler, Jan Brueckner

M.A. Economics, University of Toronto, 2010

B.A. Honours Economics, University of Regina, 2008

## EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS

2016 - Present	Affiliated Researcher, Michigan Retirement Research Center
2016 - Present	Affiliated Researcher, NBER Disability Research Center
2015 - Present	Assistant Professor of Economics, Tulane University
2010	Economist, Industry Canada

## PUBLICATIONS, PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

**Button, Patrick.** 2017. "Expanding Employment Discrimination Protections for Individuals with Disabilities: Evidence from California." Forthcoming in *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*

Neumark, David, Joanne Song, and **Patrick Button.** 2017. "Does Protecting Older Workers from Discrimination Make It Harder to Get Hired? Evidence from Disability Discrimination Laws." *Research on Aging*, 39(1): 29-63

Neumark, David, Ian Burn, and **Patrick Button.** 2016. "Experimental Age Discrimination Evidence and the Heckman Critique." *American Economic Review*, 106(5): 303-08

**Button, Patrick.** 2016. "Model Uncertainty and Model Averaging in Regression Discontinuity Designs." *Journal of Econometric Methods*, 5(1): 103-16

Neumark, David and **Patrick Button.** 2014. "Did Age Discrimination Protections Help Older Workers Weather the Great Recession?" *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 33(3): 566-601.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Neumark, David, Ian Burn, and **Patrick Button.** 2016. "Is it Harder for Older Workers to Find Jobs? New and Improved Evidence from a Field Experiment." Re-submitted with revisions to *Journal of Political Economy* (See also the [Online Appendix](#) and [NBER Working Paper #21669](#))

**Button, Patrick.** 2016. "Do Tax Incentives Affect Business Location? Evidence from Motion Picture Production Incentives." Under review at *Journal of Public Economics*

**Button, Patrick.** 2016. "A Replication of 'Do Voters Affect or Elect Policies? Evidence from the U.S. House' (The Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2004)." Under a third review at *Public Finance Review*

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

**Button, Patrick**, Philip Armour, and Simon Hollands\*. “A Comprehensive Analysis of the Effects of U.S. Disability Discrimination Laws on the Employment, Earnings, and Social Security Use of the Disabled Population.”

**Button, Patrick**, Philip Armour, and Simon Hollands\*. “Do State Disability Discrimination Laws Increase Employment for Individuals with Disabilities?”

Neumark, David, Ian Burn, **Patrick Button**, and Nanneh Chehras. “Do State Age Discrimination Protections Reduce Hiring Discrimination Against Older Workers? Evidence from a Field Experiment.”

**Button, Patrick**, and Brigham Walker\*. “Employment Discrimination Against Indigenous Peoples in the U.S.: Evidence from a Field Experiment.”

Burn, Ian, **Patrick Button**, Nanneh Chehras, and David Neumark. “Ageist Language in Job Ads and Age Discrimination in Hiring: Evidence from Two Field Experiments.”

Johnson, Lindsay\*, Michael Spanbauer\*, and **Patrick Button**. “The Passive Use Value of National Parks in Alaska.”

\* = Student co-author

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

See [my NBER page](#) for my NBER working papers.

Neumark, David, Ian Burn, and **Patrick Button**. 2014. “[Age Discrimination and Hiring of Older Workers](#)” *Federal Reserve Board of San Francisco Economic Letter # 2017-06*

Neumark, David and **Patrick Button**. 2014. “[Age Discrimination and the Great Recession](#)” *Federal Reserve Board of San Francisco Economic Letter # 2014-10*

**Button, Patrick**. 2014. “Think-Pair-Share: Where Does the Unemployment Rate Come From?” in The Ultimate Guide to Teaching Macroeconomics by Wayne Geerling, Lee Coppock, Kim Holder, and James Tierney

**POPULAR PRESS**

Authored:

“The Case Against the Minimum Wage” *Leader Post* (Regina, SK, Canada) (August 12, 2012)

Press featuring my research:

As of December 14, 2016, there are 22 popular press articles that cover my research (see [patrickbutton.com/popular-press](http://patrickbutton.com/popular-press))

This includes [PBS NewsHour](#), [The Washington Post](#), [The Wall Street Journal](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Forbes](#), and [Reuters](#).

**CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

2017	IZA Junior/Senior Labor Symposium (5/1), Lincoln Institute Conference (5/5)
2016	Ohio State (2/19), Michigan Retirement Research Center (4/15), Tulane (4/27), Western Econ. Assoc. (6/30), National Tax Assoc. (11/11)
2015	RAND (1/29), UW-Stout (2/3), Huron University College (2/9), Tulane (2/18, 10/7), Boston College Center for Retirement Research (11/18), National Tax Assoc. (11/19), Southern Economic Assoc. (11/22)
2014	UC Irvine (4/29, 5/23, 10/7, 12/1), Southern Economic Assoc. (11/22), Assoc. for Public Policy Analysis & Management (11/6), Canadian Economic Assoc. (6/1)
2012	UC Irvine (5/30)

**EXTERNAL GRANTS**

## Received:

- 2016-2017 NBER Disability Research Consortium “The Long-Run Effects of US Disability Discrimination Laws on the Earnings and Social Security Disability Insurance Participation of the Disabled Population?” (Co-PI with Philip Armour) (\$75,000)
- 2015-2016 NBER Disability Research Consortium “A Comprehensive Analysis of the Effects of U.S. Disability Discrimination Laws on the Employment of the Disabled Population” (Co-PI with Philip Armour) (\$75,000)
- 2014-2015 Haynes Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)
- 2008-2009 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$17,500)

## In Progress or Under Review:

- 2017-2018 Retirement Research Foundation “Ageist Language in Job Ads and Age Discrimination in Hiring: Evidence from Two Field Experiments” (Co-PI with Ian Burn and David Neumark) (\$55,000)

## Unsuccessful:

- 2016-2017 Michigan Retirement Research Center “Ageist Language in Job Ads and Age Discrimination in Hiring: Evidence from Two Field Experiments” (Co-PI with David Neumark, Nanneh Chehras, and Ian Burn) (\$75,000)
- 2016-2017 Russell Sage Foundation “Discrimination Against Indigenous Youth and the Labor Market Impacts of Indian Reservations: Evidence from a Field Experiment” (PI) (\$35,000)
- 2016-2017 William T. Grant Foundation “Discrimination Against Indigenous Youth and the Labor Market Impacts of Indian Reservations: Evidence from a Field Experiment” (PI) (\$25,000)
- 2016-2018 Haynes Foundation Major Research Grant “A Comprehensive Analysis of Motion Picture Production Incentives” (PI) (\$103,584)
- 2015-2016 NBER Disability Research Consortium “Expanding Employment Discrimination Protections for Individuals with Disabilities: Evidence from California” (PI) (\$40,000)

**INTERNAL GRANTS**

## Received:

- 2016-2017 Newcomb College Institute Faculty Grant (\$2,813)
- 2016-2017 CELT Student Engagement Grant (\$1,857)
- 2016-2017 Duren Professorship (\$4,000)
- 2016 Murphy Institute Research Seed Grant (\$2,800)
- 2015-2016 Newcomb College Institute Faculty Grant (\$2,000)
- 2015-2017 Kurzius Family Early Career Professorship in Economics (\$8,000)
- 2015-2016 Murphy Institute New Faculty Research Grant (\$3,000)
- 2014 UCI AGS Travel Grants
- 2012-2014 UCI Department of Economics Summer Research Fellowship

## In Progress or Under Review:

- 2017-2018 COR Research Grant “Discrimination Against Indigenous Peoples: Evidence from a Field Experiment” (\$7,973)
- 2017-2018 Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Grant “Discrimination Against Indigenous Peoples: Evidence from a Field Experiment” (\$7,973)
- 2017 Lurcy Award

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2016-Present	Affiliated Faculty, Tulane Center for Aging
2015	National Tax Association Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation in Government Finance and Taxation, Runner up (\$1,000)
2015-Present	Newcomb Fellow, Newcomb College Institute, Tulane University
2014	UCI School of Social Sciences' Kathy Alberti Prize for Graduate Student Excellence
2013-2014	UCI Center for Economics & Public Policy Fellow
2012-2013	UCI Pedagogical Fellow
2012	UCLA Labor and Employment Research Fund Mini-Grant
2010-2015	UCI School of Social Sciences Tuition Fellowship
2008-2009	University of Toronto Fellowship
2008-2009	Mary H. Beatty Fellowship, U. of Toronto
2008	Graduation with High Honours, U. of Regina
2006-2007	Academic Gold Scholarships, U. of Regina
2007	David L. Beattie Scholarship in Economics, U. of Regina
2006	Dean's Honours List, U. of Regina
2005	Centennial Merit Scholarship, U. of Regina

**SERVICE**

## Journal Referee:

See my [Publons](#) profile.

2017	Journal of Policy Analysis & Management, Economic Development Quarterly
2016	Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Economic Psychology, Contemporary Economic Policy, Sociological Methods and Research
2015	Economic Development Quarterly, Public Finance Review, Research on Aging
2013	Association for Institutional Research (x2)
2012	Economics of Governance

## Grant Proposal Referee:

2016	National Science Foundation - Economics
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## Conferences:

Member, Program Committee (labor sessions) - National Tax Association 2016 Annual Meeting

## Tulane University:

Member, Murphy Post-Doc Hiring Committee (2016-2017)

Member, Newcomb-Tulane College Grant Committee (2016-2017)

Co-Organizer, Department of Economics Seminar Series (2016-2017)

## **TEACHING**

Tulane University: Urban Economics (UG) (Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2017),  
Econometrics III - Causal Inference (Ph.D.) (Spring 2016)  
Labor Economics (UG) (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017)  
Experimental Methods in Labor Economics (Senior UG, M.A.) (Spring 2017)  
Interdisciplinary Seminar in Aging (Ph.D. in Aging) (Continuous since Spring 2016)

University of California, Irvine: [Social Sciences Teaching Workshop Series](#) (2012-2015),  
[Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program](#) (2013 & 2015)

University of Regina: Intermediate Microeconomics I (Summer 2011)

## **DOCTORAL DISSERTATION SUPERVISION**

Current: Jacqueline Fiore, Michael Spanbauer, Brigham Walker

\* = Chair

## **HONORS THESIS SUPERVISION**

2015-2016: Juan Fernando Gomez\*, Becca Greaney\*, Lindsay Johnson\*, Adam Yohanan

\* = First or Co-First Reader

## **PEDAGOGICAL DEVELOPMENT**

2012-2013 Pedagogical Fellows Program

A selective year long faculty development program covering course construction, active learning, online courses, classroom technology, diversity, mentoring, and many other topics.

## **LANGUAGES**

English (Native), French (Intermediate)