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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Wisconsin, 1992
M.Sc., Economics, University of Wisconsin, 1989
M.Phil., Monetary Economics, University of Glasgow, 1984
B.A., Economics and Philosophy, University of Tennessee, 1982

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

A. Working Papers

- Besharov, Douglas J. and Kenneth A. Couch. 2010. *European Measures of Income and Poverty: Lessons for the U.S.*, Eds. Kenneth A. Couch and Douglas J. Besharov, International Policy Exchange Series, Eds. Douglas J. Besharov and Neil Gilbert (New York: Oxford University Press).
- Bayaz, Gulgun and Kenneth A. Couch. 2009. "Demographic Contributions to Income Inequality of the Working Age Population."
- Couch, Kenneth A., Nicholas Jolly, and Dana Placzek. 2009. "Earnings Losses of Displaced Workers and the Business Cycle."
- Bayaz, Gulgun, Tao Chen, and Kenneth A. Couch. 2009. "Permanent and Transitory Inequality and Intra-Generational Mobility."

B. Published and Forthcoming

- Couch, Kenneth A. and Dana Placzek. 2010. "Earnings Impacts of Job Displacement Revisited." Forthcoming, *American Economic Review*.
- Kenneth A. Couch and Maureen Pirog. 2010. "Poverty Measurement in the U.S., Europe and Developing Countries." Forthcoming *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.

- Couch, Kenneth A. and Robert Fairlie. 2010. "Last Hired, First Fired? Black-White Unemployment and the Business Cycle." Forthcoming, *Demography*.
- Burkhauser, Richard V. and Kenneth A. Couch. 2010. "Are United States Inequality and Mobility Trends in the European Union's Future?" *United in Diversity? Comparing European And American Social Models*, Eds. Alber and Gilbert. New York: Oxford University Press: 280-307.
- Besharov, Douglas J. and Kenneth A. Couch. 2009. "European Measures of Income, Poverty, And Social Exclusion: Recent Developments and Lessons for U.S. Poverty Measurement". Forthcoming, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 28(4).
- Couch, Kenneth A. and Nicholas A. Jolly. 2009. "Wage Determination." Forthcoming, *Sage 21st Century Economics Handbook*.
- Couch, Kenneth A., Nicholas Jolly, and Dana Placzek. 2009. "Earnings Losses of Older Displaced Workers: A Detailed Analysis using Administrative Data." *Research on Aging* 21(1): 17-40.
- Burkhauser, Richard V. and Kenneth A. Couch. 2009. "Cross-sectional and Intra-Generational Mobility." *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Inequality*, Eds. Salverda, Nolan and Smeeding. New York: Oxford University Press: 522-548.
- Thomas Cooke, Paul Boyle, Kenneth Couch, and Peteke Feitjen. 2008. "Family Migration and the Gender Gap in Earnings in the United States and Great Britain: a longitudinal analysis" Forthcoming *Demography*.
- Couch, Kenneth A. 2004. "Trends in Inequality in the United States in a time of Prosperity: the Experience of the 80s and 90s." *Journal of Income Distribution* (Fall-Winter 2003-2004): 3-7.
- Couch, Kenneth A. and Mary Daly. 2004. "The Improving Relative Status of Black Men." *Journal of Income Distribution* (Fall-Winter 2003-2004): 56-78.
- Burkhauser, Richard V., Kenneth A. Couch, Andrew Houtenville, and Ludmila Roviba. 2004. "Income Inequality in the 90s: Reforging an Old Relationship?" *Journal of Income Distribution* (Fall-Winter 2003-2004): 8-35.
- Couch, Kenneth A. and Olivier Morand. 2004. "Inequality, Mobility, and the Transmission of Ability." *Journal of Macroeconomics*, 26(3): 533-545.
- Couch, Kenneth A. and Dean R. Lillard. 2004. "Nonlinearities in Intergenerational Mobility: A Comparison of Germany and the United States." In *Generational Income Mobility In North America and Europe*, ed. Miles Corak. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- Couch, Kenneth A. 2003. "Tenure, Turnover, and Earnings Profiles in Germany and the United States." *Journal of Business and Economic Research*, 1(9): 1-8.
- Couch, Kenneth A. and Mary Daly. 2002. "Black-White Wage Inequality in the 1990s: A Decade of Progress." *Economic Inquiry*, 40(1): 31-41.
- Couch, Kenneth A. 2001. "Earnings Losses and Hours Reductions of Displaced Workers in Germany." *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 54(3): 559-572.
- Couch, Kenneth A. 2001. "Individual Heterogeneity, Job Matching, and Returns to Tenure in Germany." *Vierteljahrshefte zur Wirtschaftsforschung*, 70(1): 39-43.
- Couch, Kenneth A. and David Wittenberg. 2001. "The Response of Hours of Work to Increases in the Minimum Wage." *Southern Economic Journal*, 68(1): 171-177.
- Burkhauser, Richard V., Kenneth A. Couch, and David C. Wittenberg. 2000. "A Reassessment of the New Economics of the Minimum Wage Literature Using Monthly Data from the CPS." *Journal of Labor Economics*, 18(4): 653-680.
- Burkhauser, Richard V., Kenneth A. Couch, and David C. Wittenberg. 2000. "Who Minimum Wage Increases Bite: An Analysis Using Monthly Data from the SIPP and CPS." *Southern Economic Journal*, 67(1): 16-40.
- Couch, Kenneth A. and Thomas A. Dunn. 2000. "Intergenerational Correlations in Earnings in Three Countries: The United Kingdom, Germany, and the United States." *Vierteljahrshefte zur Wirtschaftsforschung*, 68(2): 290-296.
- Couch, Kenneth A., Daly, Mary, and Douglas Wolf. 1999. "Time? Money? Both? The Allocation of Resources to Older Parents." *Demography*, 36(2): 219-232.
- Couch, Kenneth A. and Dean R. Lillard. 1998. "Sample Selection and the Intergenerational Correlation in Earnings." *Labour Economics*, 5(3): 313-329.
- Couch, Kenneth A. 1998. "Late Life Job Displacement." *The Gerontologist*, 38(1): 7-17.
- Couch, Kenneth A. and Thomas A. Dunn. 1997. "Intergenerational Correlations in Labor Market Status: A Comparison of the United States and Germany." *Journal of Human Resources*, 32(1): 210-232.
- Couch, Kenneth A. and Dean R. Lillard. 1997. "Divorce, Educational Attainment, and the Earnings Mobility of Sons." *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 18(3): 231-245.
- Burkhauser, Richard V., Kenneth A. Couch, and David Wittenberg. 1996. "'Who Gets What' from Minimum Wage Hikes: A Re-Estimation of Card and Krueger's Distributional Analysis in Myth and Measurement: The New Economics of the Minimum Wage." *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 49(3): 547-552.

Burkhauser, Richard, Kenneth A. Couch, and John Phillips. 1996. "Who Takes Early Social Security Benefits: The Economic and Health Characteristics of Early Beneficiaries." *The Gerontologist*, 36(6): 789-799.

Burkhauser, Richard V., Kenneth A. Couch, and Andrew Glenn. 1996. "Public Policies for the Working Poor: The Earned Income Tax Credit Versus Minimum Wage Legislation." *Research in Labor Economics*, 15: 65-109.

Couch, Kenneth A. 1996. "New Evidence on the Long-Term Effects of Employment Training Programs." In *The Economics of Training*, Eds. Orley Ashenfelter and Robert Lalonde, United Kingdom; Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, (reprinted from 1992 *Journal of Labor Economics*).

Couch, Kenneth A. 1994. "High School Vocational Education, Apprenticeship, and Earnings: A Comparison of Germany and the United States." *Vierteljahrshefte Zur Wirtschaftsforschung*, Heft 1.

Couch, Kenneth A. 1992. "New Evidence on the Long-Term Effects of Employment Training Programs." *Journal of Labor Economics*, 10(4): 380-388.

Makin, John H. and Kenneth A. Couch. 1989. "Saving, Pension Contributions, and the Real Interest Rate." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 71(3): 401-407.

C. Other Publications

Couch, Kenneth, Dana Placzek, Garrett McDonald, and Adele DeFrancesco. 2005. "An Impact Evaluation of Workforce Development Activities." Connecticut Department of Labor, Occasional Paper 2005-1.

Couch, Kenneth A. 2002. "Tenure, Turnover, and Earnings Profiles in Germany and the United States." *International Business and Economics Research Conference, Program and Proceedings*, October 2002.

Couch, Kenneth A. 1999. "Distribution and Employment Impacts of Raising the Minimum Wage." *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Economic Letter*, No. 99-06, February 19.

Couch, Kenneth A. 1995. "A Review of *Myth and Measurement: The New Economics of the Minimum Wage* by David Card and Alan B. Krueger." *Journal of Economics*.

Burkhauser, Richard V. and Kenneth A. Couch. 1995. "The Minimal Logic of a Minimum Wage." *The American Enterprise*, October.

Couch, Kenneth A. 1993. "Germans and Job Training, Education and Us." *The American Enterprise*, November.

Smolensky, Eugene and Kenneth A. Couch. 1988. "The Implications for Cities of A Changing Personal Distribution of Income." In *Equilibrio Economico Ed Equilibrio Sociale In Una Metropoli Che Cambia: Quenta Conferenza Internazionale*, Franco Angeli, Milano.

Couch, Kenneth A. 1987. "Incentives and Imbalances in U.S. Fiscal Policy." American Enterprise Institute, Fiscal Policy Working Paper #12, July.

Couch, Kenneth A. 1987. "Tale of a Basket." *The Economist*, March 14.

Couch, Kenneth A. 1987. "Tracking Americans' Changing Tastes." *Public Opinion*, September/October.

Hartle, Terry and Kenneth A. Couch. 1986. "Reaping the Whirlwind." *Educational Leadership*, October.

Couch, Kenneth A. 1986. "How Economic Change Shapes New Dreams." *Public Opinion*, September/October.

Couch, Kenneth A. 1986. "How Good is E.T. in Massachusetts?" *Washington Post*, March 6.

Barnes, James and Kenneth A. Couch. 1985. "Protectionism: It Sounds Better Than It Is." *Christian Science Monitor*, Dec. 10.

EMPLOYMENT

A. Current

University of Connecticut

2001 - Associate Professor, Department of Economics
1995-2001 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
2007-2009 Director, Center for Population Research

B. Visiting

Urban Institute

Fall 2009 Visiting Fellow, Income and Benefit Program

Yale University

Fall 2008 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Economics
Fall 2007 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Economics

Syracuse University
1994-1995 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
NIA Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Policy Research

Syracuse University
1992-1994 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
Senior Research Associate, Center for Policy Research

Cornell University
1991-1992 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Consumer Economics

Courses Taught: Graduate Public Expenditures, Graduate Labor Economics, Graduate Microeconomic Theory, Graduate Policy Analysis, Graduate Econometrics, Introductory Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Wealth and Income, Law and Economics, Labor Economics, Introductory Macroeconomics, Introductory Econometrics, Labor Topics

C. Other Professional Experience

Connecticut State Department of Labor, Office of Research
2003 - Consultant. Work on program evaluation projects. Participate in data analysis and write research reports.

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
June 1998 Visiting Scholar. Worked in collaboration with bank staff on research projects. Made presentations on current research.

Wisconsin Public Service Commission, Office of Economics and Finance.
1990 Program and Policy Analyst. Aided in the development of a new pricing system for residential telephone usage.

University of Wisconsin, Department of Economics
1989 Research Assistant for Professor John Rust. Assisted in Fortran programming and debugging for a dynamic programming project.

Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin.
1988 Research Assistant for Professors Eugene Smolensky and Karen Holden. Wrote drafts of papers and did data programming and analysis in SAS and SPSS.

American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.
1985-1987 Research Assistant to Drs. Phillip Cagan, Gottfried Haberler, John Makin, Herbert Stein, and Eugene Steuerle. Performed computer support tasks and wrote economics based articles for popular outlets.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2009	Grillo Award (Departmental Research), University of Connecticut
1994-1995	National Institutes on Aging Post-Doctoral Fellow
1990-1991	Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Doctoral Fellowship
1989-1990	H.B. Earhart Foundation Doctoral Fellowship
1989-1990	Kocin Memorial Scholarship
1982	B.A. with High Honors
1980	International Student Exchange Program Fellowship

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

A. Editorial, National Grant Reviews, Conference Organization

- 2009- Section Editor, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Professional Practice and Point/Counterpoint
- 2009 Co-organized the University of Maryland/OECD conference, “Measuring Poverty, Income Inequality, and Social Exclusion: Lessons from Europe”, hosted by the OECD in Paris in March of 2009.
- 2006- National Institutes on Health – Special Emphasis Review Panel
- 2004 Editor Special Issue of the *Journal of Income Distribution*.
- 2000 Organizing committee 2000 SOEP Users Conference held in Berlin, Germany.

B. Referee

American Economic Review, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Applied Economics Quarterly, Canadian Journal of Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, Eastern Economic Review, Economic Development Quarterly, Economic Inquiry, Health Services Research Journal, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, International Economic Review, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Income Distribution, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Labor Research, Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, The Gerontologist, Labour Economics, National Institutes on Health, National Science Foundation, Research on Aging, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Political Economy, Smith Richardson Foundation, Social Science Research, Southern Economic Journal, Social Security Bulletin, Social Science and Medicine, Syracuse Law Review, International Economic Review

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2010 “Measuring Mass Layoffs with Administrative Data.” With Dana Placzek. ASSA Meetings, Atlanta 2010.
- 2009 “Earnings Losses of Displaced Workers and the Business Cycle.” With Nicholas Jolly and Dana Placzek. ASSA Meetings, San Francisco, 2009.
- 2008 “Earnings Losses of Displaced Workers and the Business Cycle.” With Nicholas Jolly and Dana Placzek. Southern Economics Association Meetings, Washington DC, November 2008.
- 2008 “Demographic Contributions to Income Inequality of the Working Age Population.” With Gulgun Bayaz and Richard V. Burkhauser. Southern Economics Association Meetings, Washington DC, November 2008.
- 2008 “Earnings Losses of Older Displaced Workers: A Detailed Analysis using Administrative Data.” 2008 Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America in New Orleans.
- 2007 “Cross-sectional and Intra-Generational Mobility.” Seville Conference on Income Inequality and Mobility. September 2007.
- 2007 “The Earnings Impact of Job Displacement Measured with Longitudinally Matched Individual and Firm Data.” Annual Wesleyan UConn Economics Conference, Middletown, CT.
- 2007 “The Earnings Impact of Job Displacement Measured with Longitudinally Matched Individual and Firm Data.” 2007 Annual Meeting of the Allied Social Sciences Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2006 “The Earnings Impact of Job Displacement Measured with Longitudinally Matched Individual and Firm Data.” 2006 Annual Meeting of the Southern Economics Association. Charleston, SC.
- 2006 “Lessons from Applied Research for Data Quality.” Presentation made to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Connecticut Department of Labor at a regional meeting in Mystic, CT.
- 2006 “The Earnings Impact of Job Displacement Measured with Longitudinally Matched Individual and Firm Data.” 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists. Boston, MA.
- 2005 “Last Hired, First Fired? Black-White Unemployment and the Business Cycle.” Presented at the 2005 Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists. San Francisco, CA.

- 2003 “Job Matching and Wage Growth in the U.S. and Germany.” American Economics Association (ASSA) annual meetings in Washington, DC in January.
- 2002 “Tenure, Turnover, and Earnings Profiles in Germany and the United States.” International Business and Economics Research Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 2002.
- 2001 “Tenure and Earnings Profiles in Germany and the United States.” Southern Economic Association 71st Annual Conference, Tampa, Fl.
- 2001 “Nonlinearities in Intergenerational Mobility: A Comparison of Germany and the United States.” Workshop on Intergenerational Mobility, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2001 “The Response of Hours of Work to Increases in the Minimum Wage.” Eastern Economics Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2000 “The Response of Hours of Work to Increases in the Minimum Wage.” Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 2000 “Returns to Seniority in Germany.” 2000 SOEP Users Conference in Berlin, Germany, July.
- 2000 “Black-White Wage Inequality in the 1990s: A Decade of Progress.” Econometric Society Meetings in conjunction with the ASSA annual meetings in Boston, MA.
- 1999 “Earnings and Employment Effects of Job Displacement: A Comparative Analysis of the United States and Germany.” 1999 Annual Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy and Management.
- 1999 “Intergenerational Correlations in Earnings and Labor Force Attachment in Three Countries: The United States, Great Britain, and Germany.” 1999 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America.
- 1998 “Research on Intergenerational Correlations in Earnings.” Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, May 1998.
- 1998 “A Reassessment of the New Economics of the Minimum Wage.” Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, May 1998.
- 1998 “The Behavioral and Redistributive Consequences of Minimum Wage Hikes: Evidence from the 1990s.” American Enterprise Institute, May.
- 1998 “Who Minimum Wage Increase Bite: An Analysis Using Monthly Data From the SIPP and CPS.” 1998 ASSA meetings.

- 1997 "Who Minimum Wage Increase Bite: An Analysis Using Monthly Data From the SIPP and CPS." 1997 annual meeting of the Eastern Economic Association.
- 1996 "The Effect of 1990 and 1991 Federal Minimum Wage Increases on Younger "At-Risk" Workers." 1996 meetings of the Southern Economic Association.
- 1996 "Public Policies for the Working Poor: The Minimum Wage Versus the EITC." RAND Conference on New Advances in Welfare Research, September 20th and 21st.
- 1996 "Characteristics of Early Beneficiaries of Social Security." Population Association of American Annual Meetings.
- 1995 "Poverty Among the Oldest Old." 1995 meeting of the Gerontological Society of America.
- 1995 "The Economic Effects of a Higher Minimum Wage." 1995 meeting of the Southern Economic Association.
- 1995 "Characteristics of Early Beneficiaries of Social Security." HRS Wave 2 Early Results Conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 1995 "Intergenerational Correlations in Labor Market Status: A Comparison of the United States and Germany." Population Association of America Annual Meetings.
- 1995 "Time? Money? Both? Modelling the Decision to Care for an Elderly Parent." Population Association of America Annual Meetings.
- 1994 "Parent's Marital History and Intergenerational Transmission of Earnings and Income." *The Allied Social Sciences Associations 1994 Meetings*, January 4.
- 1994 "High School Vocational Education, Apprenticeship, and Earnings: A Comparison of Germany and the United States." *The 1993 Conference of German Socio-Economic Panel Study Users (June 7 and 8, 1993)*, at Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2010 State of Connecticut, Department of Labor. "Employment Training and Labor Dynamics." \$150,000. Role: Principal Investigator.
- 2009 State of Connecticut, Department of Labor. "Job Displacement in Connecticut." \$57,400. Role: Principal Investigator.
- 2008 State of Connecticut, Department of Labor. "Job Displacement in Connecticut." \$25,000. Role: Principal Investigator.

- 2007 State of Connecticut, Department of Labor. "Job Displacement in Connecticut." \$25,000. Role: Principal Investigator.
- 2006 State of Connecticut, Department of Labor. "An Impact Evaluation of Workforce Development Activities: Continuance" \$25,000. Role: Principal Investigator.
- 2005 State of Connecticut, Department of Labor. "An Impact Evaluation of Workforce Development Activities." \$75,000. Role: Principal Investigator.
- 1991 D.O.L. Contract No. 99-1-3605-75-001-04. "The Long-Term Impact of the National Supported Work Demonstration on Participants' Earnings." Project Officer: Mamoru Ishikawa. Completed June 1991. Role: Principal Investigator.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Previous:

- (1.) Board of Directors, Connecticut Association of Human Services (2007-2008)
- (2.) Guardian Ad Litem, Court Appointed Special Advocate for child abuse and neglect cases in CT. (2005-2006)