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Curriculum Vita

Education

- 1972 **B.A.**, Florida State University.
- 1976 M.A., Princeton University.
- 1976 **Ph.D.**, *Princeton University*. Dissertation: "Econometric Essays in Labor Economics

Professional Positions

1996–present	Ta-Chung Liu Professor of Economics.
1991–1996	Henry Scarborough Professor of Social Science.
1995–1999	Visiting Professor, Aarhus University.
1992–1995	Director, Center for Analytic Economics, Cornell University.
1985–present	Professor , Department of Economics, Cornell University.
1980–1985	Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Cornell University.
1985–present	Member, Graduate Field of Statistics, Cornell University.
1993–present	Member, Graduate Field of Hotel Administration, Cornell University.
1979–1986	Research Associate , Economic Research Center, National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago.
1978–1979	Senior Study Director , National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago.
1978–1979	Research Associate, CORE, Universite Catholique de Louvain.
1976–1980	Assistant Professor , <i>Employer</i> , Department of Economics, University of Chicago.

1976–1978 NIMH Postdoctoral Fellow.

Editorships and Services

- Apr 2011 **Program Committee**, *Conference on Info-Metrics across the Sciences*, American University, DC.
- Nov 2012 **Program Committee**, *Conference on Info-Metrics and Nonparametric Inference*, UC Riverside.
- May 17-19, **Co-Organizer**, *Conference on Credit Rating and Scoring Models*, Alexandria, 2004 VA.

Sponsored by the US Department of the Treasury, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

- Aug 3-5, 2000 **Organizing Committee**, *Clarence Tow Conference in Search and Matching Models of the Distribution of Income*, University of Iowa.
 - Jun 13-17, **Organizing Committee**, *Conference on Panel Data and Structural Labour* 1998 *Market Models*, Sandbjerg, Denmark.
 - 1995 **Program Committee (Econometrics)**, Econometric Society World Meetings, Tokyo.
 - 1993 **Program Committee (Information and Learning)**, Econometric Society North American Meetings.
 - 1987 **Program Committee (Econometrics)**, *Econometric Society European Meetings*, Copenhagen.
 - 1985–1995 **Co-editor**, Journal of Applied Econometrics.
 - 1984–1990 **Member of the Editorial Board**, *Econometric Theory*.
- 1996–present Member of the Editorial Board, Journal of Applied Econometrics.
 - 1979–1985 Associate Editor, Journal of Econometrics.
 - 1981 **Host**, 21st NBER-NSF Seminar on Bayesian Inference in Econometrics and Statistics, Cornell University.
 - 1981 **Program Committee (Labor Economics)**, Winter Meetings of the Economic Society.
 - 1981–1996 **Committee Member**, *Leonard J. Savage Award Committee*. Awards for outstanding dissertations in Bayesian econometrics and statistics
 - 1990–1992 **Chairman**, Leonard J. Savage Award Committee.
 - 1982 **Local Arrangements Chairman**, *Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society.*
 - 1983 **Program Committee (Econometrics)**, Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society.

Fellowships and Grants 1989 Fellow of the Econometric Society. 1986 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellow. 2010–2012 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant. Expert Information and Risk Management in Financial Institutions: Bayesian Methods for Reasoning about Risk, \$183,809 [continuing] 2009 National Science Foundation Grant (Dissertation Grant for Kurt Lavetti). Labor Supply Decisions and Fatality Risk, \$8400, 2009 [continuing] 2001–2009 National Science Foundation Research Grant. (SES-0095211), \$230,000 1997–1999 National Science Foundation Grant. SBR-9631583, Economics and Econometrics of Trading in Financial Markets (with D. Easley and M. O'Hara) 1994–1996 National Science Foundation Grant. SBR-9320889, The Information Content of Trades (with D. Easley and M. O'Hara) 1992–1994 National Science Foundation Grant. SES91-22253, Equilibrium Search Theory and Estimation of Dynamic Monopsony Models (with G.R. Neumann) 1990–1992 National Science Foundation Grant. IRI-9005849, Coordination of Distributed Information and Decisions (with V. Anantharam and T. Berger) 1988–1990 National Science Foundation Grant. SES-8821160, Optimal Learning in Uncertain Environments 1986–1988 National Science Foundation Grant. SES-8608346, Beliefs of Economic Agents in Uncertain Environments 1985 National Science Foundation Grant. INT-8420343, U.S. Denmark Cooperative Research in Labor Market Dynamics (travel grant) 1983–1985 National Science Foundation Grant. SES-8305766, Empirical Analysis of Employment Contracts and Labor Market Dynamics 1980–1982 National Science Foundation Grant. SES-7912406, Search - Theoretic Explanations of Unemployment: Empirical Methods in Testing Probabilistic Models (with G.R. Neumann) 1978–1980 National Science Foundation Grant. SOC-7805191, Econometric Models of Truncation and Switching, The Value of Information and Labor Market Applications

1978–1979	Center for Operations Research and Econometrics . Research fellowship (Universite Catholique de Louvain)
	Recent Presentations (Selected)
November 2013	Invited Participant , <i>Conference on Information</i> , <i>Instability and Fragility in Networks: Methods and Applications</i> , University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.
October 2013	Invited Speaker , The Counting Process Approach to Default Modeling: Application to High LTV Mortgage Defaults, Queen's University, Kingston, CA.
August 2013	Keynote Speaker , <i>The Counting Process Approach to Default Modeling:</i> <i>Application to High LTV Mortgage Defaults</i> , Credit Scoring and Credit Control 13 Conference, Edinburgh.
May 2013	Invited Speaker , <i>Danish Econometric Society, 40th Meeting</i> , Sandbjerg, Denmark.
May 2013	Discussant, Wharton Roundtable on Financial Risk, University of Pennsylvania.
April 2013	Round-Table Panelist , <i>Conference on Philosophy of Information</i> , American University, DC.
April 2013	Invited Speaker , "The Smooth Colonel and the Reverend Find Common Ground", New York State Camp Econometrics VII, Bolton Landing, NY.
March 2013	Academic Visitor, Sabanci University, Istanbul, TR.
November, December 2012	Workshop and Visiting Professor, Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey.
December 2012	Invited Lecture , <i>The US Foreclosure Reviews</i> , TUSAID (an industry group), Istanbul, TR.
October 2012	Conference Presentation, Sandbjerg, DK.
October, November 2012	Visiting Professor, U. Aarhus, Denmark.
May 2012	Discussant, Wharton Roundtable on Financial Risk, University of Pennsylvania.
Nov 2011	Panelist , <i>Conference on Information Theory and Shrinkage Estimation</i> , American University, DC.
May 2011	Panelist, Wharton Roundtable on Financial Risk, University of Pennsylvania.
2011	Invited Speaker , Cowles Foundation Conference on Bayesian Semi/Nonparametric Econometrics and Statistics, Yale University. "The Bayesian Approach to Default Risk Analysis and the Prediction of Default Rates"

- 2011 **Invited Participant**, *Conference in honor of Dale T. Mortensen (honoring his Nobel)*, Northwestern University.
- 2011 **Invited Lecture Series on Duration Analysis**, *U. Minho, Portugal.* http://www3.eeg.uminho.pt/economia/nipe/summerschool2011/
- 2011 Invited Speaker, New York Camp Econometrics VI.
 "Correlated Defaults, Temporal Correlation, Expert Information and Predictability of Default Rates"
- Mar 2010 **Invited Speaker**, *University of Texas*. "Frontiers of Statistical Decision Making and Bayesian Analysis"
- May 2010 Panelist, Wharton Roundtable on Financial Risk, University of Pennsylvania.
- Sep 24-25, Invited Speaker, American University Info-Metrics Institute Conference in 2010 honor of Arnold Zellner. "Theory and Applications in the Social Sciences"
- Apr 23, 2010 Invited Speaker, University of Rochester Econometrics Workshop.
- Sep 25, 2010 Invited Speaker, University of Iowa Econometrics Workshop.
 - Aug 2009 **Invited Speaker**, *ASA/IMS Joint Statistical Meetings Panelist*, DC. "The Role of Statistics in the Nation's Financial Health"
- Feb 5-6, 2009 Invited Speaker, National Institute of Statistical Science/Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Workshop, DC. "Exploring Statistical Issues in Financial Risk Modeling and Banking Regulation"
 - Nov 2009 Invited Speaker, Inaugural Workshop, American University Info-Metrics Institute, DC.

"Information Theoretic Estimation and Data Analysis: State of the Science and New Directions"

- Oct 2009 **Panelist**, *Conference in honor of Professor Svend Hylleberg*, Center for Research in Econometric Analysis of Time Series, Aarhus DK.
- May 2009 **Invited Speaker**, *Wharton Roundtable on Financial Risk*, University of Pennsylvania.

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Books and Edited Volumes

Bent Jesper Christensen and Nicholas M. Kiefer. *Economic Modeling and Inference*. Princeton University Press, 2009.

Selected Endorsements:.

"There is no other book that mixes dynamic economic theory, statistical inference, and real quantitative applications like this one. Christensen and Kiefer will challenge the top tier of students and take them to the research frontier." -Robert Lucas, University of Chicago

"Christensen and Kiefer's excellent book shows how careful dynamic theory and econometrics go hand in hand, opening up new vistas in the areas of search theory, finance, and macroeconomics."

-Tom Sargent, New York University and the Hoover Institution

"Dynamic programming is an organizing framework that has enabled economists to integrate economic theory with empirical analysis. Few textbooks reflect the integrated nature of contemporary research, but Christensen and Kiefer reveal the power of the dynamic programming approach in a wide variety of applications from job search to portfolio choice. Their new book will be invaluable to students who wish to participate in this exciting enterprise." -John Y. Campbell, Harvard University

"The authors do a splendid job of showing how to use stochastic dynamic optimization techniques to generate the implied distributions of observables needed for estimation. There are many interesting and useful examples included in the book, ranging from applications of the theory of job search to those of asset pricing theory. This book should be a reference for anyone interested in using dynamic economic models to make inferences about the world we observe." -Dale Mortensen, Aarhus University, Denmark, and Northwestern University

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