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**Fields of Research:**

Industrial Organization, Organizational Economics, Corporate Governance

**Employment:**

University of California, San Diego, Department of Economics  
Assistant Professor, July 2003 – present

**Education:**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA:  
Ph.D. in Economics, September 2003  
Advisors: Nancy L. Rose, Glenn Ellison

University of Mannheim, Germany:  
Diplom-Volkswirtin (M.A. in Economics), April 1999

**Personal:**

Married, 2 children (born 2006 and 2008)  
German citizen, U.S. Permanent Resident

**Publications:**

“Contract Form and Technology Adoption in a Network Industry,” joint with Mara Lederman, *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* (forthcoming).

“Does Vertical Integration Affect Firm Performance? Evidence from the Airline Industry”, joint with Mara Lederman, *RAND Journal of Economics* 41(4), Winter 2010, pp. 765-790.

“Adaptation and Vertical Integration in the Airline Industry”, joint with Mara Lederman, *American Economic Review* 99 (5), December 2009, 1831-1849.  
(A previous version of this paper was circulated under the title “Control Rights, Network Structure and Vertical Integration: Evidence from Regional Airlines”)

“The Effect of Air Traffic Delays on Airline Prices”, *International Journal of Industrial Organization* 26 (5), September 2008, pp. 1218-1232.

“The Effect of Service Quality and Expectations on Customer Complaints”, *Journal of Industrial Economics* 56 (1), March 2008, pp. 190-213.

**Publications (continued):**

“The Role of Regional Airlines in the U.S. Airline Industry”, joint with Mara Lederman, in: Darin Lee (ed.), *Advances in Airline Economics, Vol. II*, Elsevier, 2007

“Product market competition, corporate governance and firm performance: an empirical analysis for Germany”, joint with Jens Köke and Joachim K. Winter, *Research in Economics* 56 (3), September 2002, 299-322.

**Working Papers:**

“Quality Disclosure and Gaming: Do Employee Incentives Matter?”, joint with Mara Lederman and Trevor Tombe (University of Toronto)

“When Educators are the Learners: Private Contracting by Public Schools”, joint with Nora Gordon (Georgetown University)

**Work in Progress:**

“Switching Costs in Health Insurance”, joint with Gordon Dahl (UC San Diego)

“Rent Extraction by Insurance Brokers: Evidence from Brazilian Car Insurance”, joint with Daniel Ferreira Lima (UC San Diego)

**Grants:**

NSF Award #SES-1124154, “Strategic Response to Public Disclosure Programs: Evidence from the U.S. Airline Industry”, 08/2011-07/2013, \$100,624

UCSD Committee on Research grant, 2006 and 2007

**Academic Honors and Awards:**

Graduate Student Research Fellowship, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation (MIT Global Airline Industry Program) 2002-2003

MIT Economics Department Graduate Student Fellowship, 1999-2001

German National Merit Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes), 1994-1999

**Teaching:**

Industrial Organization (Graduate Elective, UCSD, 2004-current)

Economics of Network Industries (Undergraduate Elective, UCSD, 2005-current)

Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate Core, UCSD, 2004-current)

Introductory Microeconomics (Undergraduate Core, MIT, 2002)

**Invited Presentations:**

- 2012** AEA Annual Meeting (*planned*)
- 2011** AEA Annual Meeting, Boston University (Graduate School of Management), NBER Summer Institute in Industrial Organization; FTC Microeconomics Conference (*planned*)
- 2010** Stanford University, UC Los Angeles, Texas A&M, CRES Foundations of Business Strategy Conference (discussant), USC Conference on Game Theory in Business, Law and Politics
- 2009** Georgetown University (McDonough School of Business), UC Davis, UC Irvine, University of Southern California, NBER University Research Conference on the Airline Industry
- 2008** UC Berkeley (Haas School of Business), ASSA Annual Meeting
- 2007** Harvard-MIT Organizational Economics Seminar, University of Southern California (Marshall School of Business), Loyola Marymount University
- 2006** US Department of Justice, NBER Winter Institute in Industrial Organization, International Society for New Institutional Economics Conference
- 2005** MIT, UC Los Angeles, University of Toronto (Rotman Conference on Organizational Economics), International Industrial Organization Conference
- 2004** UC Irvine, UC Davis, ASSA Annual Meeting (discussant), International Industrial Organization Conference, EARIE Conference, Kiel-Munich Workshop on the Economics of Information and Network Industries (discussant)

**Professional Activities and Affiliations:**

American Economic Association, *member*

Ad hoc reviewer: *American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economic Journal, Economics Letters, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Journal of Industrial Economics, Management Science, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Southern Economic Journal; National Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation, California Energy Commission*