

## **META BROWN**

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Senior Economist*, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, September 2011-  
*Economist*, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, September 2008-August 2011.  
*Assistant Professor*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, August 2001-August 2008.

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

*Member*, INET Global Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Working Group,  
Markets and Family Inequality subgroups.  
*Affiliate*, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison.  
*Member*, American Economic Association, European Society for Population Economics.

### **EDITORIAL POSITION**

Coeditor, *Economic Policy Review*

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Economics, New York University, 2001.  
M.A. Economics, New York University, 1999.  
B.A. Economics and English Literature, Ohio  
State University, 1995.

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Federal Reserve Bank of New York Performance Excellence Award, December 2009,  
December 2011.

Elizabeth Waters Residence Hall Distinguished Teaching Award, 2008.

National Science Foundation, "Family Law and Investment in Children," (with  
Christopher Flinn), August 2005- July 2008.

National Institute on Aging (R01), "Theory and Evidence on Intergenerational  
Transfers," (with Maurizio Mazzocco, John Karl Scholz, and Ananth Seshadri),  
September 2003-August 2007.

Boston College Center for Retirement Research, Steven H. Sandell Grant Program for Junior Scholars in Retirement Research, "Social Security Reform and the Exchange of Bequests for Elder Care," June 2002-May 2003.

Graduate School Research Committee Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005.

Maude P. and Milton J. Shoemaker Fellow in Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2001-2002.

## **RESEARCH**

### **Publications**

"A New Test of Borrowing Constraints for Education," with John Karl Scholz and Ananth Seshadri, *Review of Economic Studies*, forthcoming.

"The Financial Crisis at the Kitchen Table: Recent Trends in Household Debt and Credit," with Andrew Haughwout, Donghoon Lee and Wilbert van der Klaauw, *Current Issues in Economics and Finance*, forthcoming.

"Real-Time Search in the Laboratory and the Market," with Christopher J. Flinn and Andrew Schotter, *American Economic Review*, 101(2), April 2011.

"Have Consumers Been Deleveraging?," with Andrew Haughwout, Donghoon Lee and Wilbert van der Klaauw, *Liberty Street Economics Blog*, inaugural post, March 2011.

"Informal Care and the Division of End-of-Life Transfers," *Journal of Human Resources*, 41(1): 191-219, Winter 2006.

### **Working Papers and Papers in Submission**

"Family Law Effects on Divorce, Fertility and Child Investment," with Christopher Flinn, July 2011, revise and resubmit, *International Economic Review*.

"Do We Know What We Owe? A Comparison of Borrower- and Lender-Reported Consumer Debt," with Andrew Haughwout, Donghoon Lee and Wilbert van der Klaauw, October 2011.

"Tied Transfers," with Maurizio Mazzocco, John Karl Scholz, and Ananth Seshadri, 2011.

"Do Referrals Lead to Better Matches? Evidence from a Firm's Employee Referral System," with Elizabeth Setren and Giorgio Topa, December 2011.

"End-of-Life Transfers and the Decision to Care for a Parent," previous version July 2004, current version February 2007.

“A New Test of Borrowing Constraints for Education,” with John Karl Scholz and Ananth Seshadri, working paper version NBER w14879.

“Real-Time Search in the Laboratory and the Market,” with Christopher J. Flinn and Andrew Schotter, *Federal Reserve Bank of New York Staff Reports* 410, December 2009.

“Investment in Child Quality over Marital States,” with Christopher J. Flinn, Institute for Research on Poverty Discussion Paper 1320-07.

“Tax Planning and Behavioral Motives for Giving via Trusts in the Health and Retirement Study,” with Misuzu Azuma (very preliminary draft available from Misuzu, [mazuma@grips.ac.jp](mailto:mazuma@grips.ac.jp)).

“Mandatory Retirement Saving and the Efficiency Consequences of Transfers to the Elderly,” March 2006.

### **Work in Progress**

Debt by age, with Donghoon Lee.

The intra-household allocation of debt, with Stephan Meier and Maricar Mabutas.

Student loan trends, characteristics of delinquent borrowers and the spread of default, with Rajashri Chakrabarti, Maricar Mabutas, and Basit Zafar.

“Tuition and Attention: What Motivates Transfers Over the Life-Cycle of the Family?” with Mark Wilhelm.

### **SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2011: ICREA-MOVE Family Economics conference, Eastern Economic Association meetings, Midwest Economic Association meetings, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Federal Reserve Bank of NY.

2010: Invited speaker, Economic Relations Between Children and Parents conference, Queen’s University.

2009: Eastern Economic Association, CUNY Graduate Center.

2008: Queen’s University; McMaster University; Purdue University; Federal Reserve Bank of New York; Federal Reserve Board of Governors; University of South Carolina; Midwest Economic Association annual meeting; Eastern Economic Association annual meeting; Federal Reserve System Applied Microeconomics conference.

2007: American Economic Association meetings; University of Rochester; University of Western Ontario; Iowa State University.

2006: Northern Illinois University; inaugural meeting of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHE) in Madison, WI; Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE); Yale; Georgetown; Wisconsin.

2005: NIA/NICHD Intergenerational Research Workshop; CDHA workshop, University of Wisconsin; ESPE 2005 Annual Conference; Conference on Structural Models in Labor, Aging, and Health, Duke/UNC; Minnesota Applied Micro Workshop; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Northwestern.

2004: Midwest Economic Association annual meeting; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Numerically Intensive Economic Policy Analysis (NIEPA) workshop at Queen's University; HEC Montreal; University of North Carolina; Cornell; Johns Hopkins; University of Missouri; University of Michigan

2003: SSA Retirement Research Consortium; New York University; University of Virginia; Johns Hopkins.

2002: Ohio State University; Department of Actuarial Science, Risk Management and Insurance, University of Wisconsin; Center for Demography and Ecology Seminar, University of Wisconsin; Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop, University of Wisconsin; Public Economics Workshop, University of Wisconsin; American Economic Association meetings.

2001: North American Econometric Society Meetings; Eastern Economic Association Conference; Vanderbilt University; University of Wisconsin-Madison; University of Colorado-Boulder; State University of New York-Albany; University of Quebec at Montreal; Concordia University; University of Pittsburgh; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve; University of Pennsylvania (Wharton); University of California-San Diego; Syracuse University.

2000: New York University.

## **REFEREEING**

*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Review; Binational Science Foundation; Current Issues; Eastern Economic Journal; European Economic Review; Economic Inquiry; Economic Journal; International Economic Review; Journal of Applied Econometrics; Journal of Business and Economic Statistics; Journal of Econometrics; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Human Capital; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Risk & Insurance; Labour Economics; National Science Foundation; National Tax Journal; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economic Studies; Review of Economics of the Household; Review of Income and Wealth; Social Security Bulletin; Southern Economic Journal.*

## **MANAGEMENT**

Federal Reserve Bank of New York – Real-side Research Associate Recruiter 2011-2012, Macroeconomic and Monetary Studies/Microeconomic Studies/Regional Analysis Research Associate Coordinator September 2010-September 2011, Microeconomic and Regional Studies Ph.D. recruiting coordinator 2008-2009, Human Resources liaison 2008-2010.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Economics 101: Principles of Microeconomics* Spring 2003 enrollment 391 & 387, Spring 2004 enrollment 460 x 2, Fall 2007 enrollment 444.

*Economics 441: Undergraduate Public Economics* Spring 2002 enrollment ~50, Fall 2007 enrollment 89.

*Economics 742: Graduate Public Economics* Spring 2002 enrollment ~8, Spring 2003 enrollment 11.

*Economics 741: Graduate Public Economics* Fall 2005 enrollment 10, Spring 2007 enrollment 8, Fall 2007 enrollment 8.

## **TEXT**

Instructor's Manual for *Microeconomics: A Modern Approach*, Third Edition, with Andrew Schotter. Reading: Addison Wesley Longman, 2000.