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Ph.D., Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, 2001.

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A.B., Applied Mathematics with Computer Science, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA, 1988.

## Working papers and publications

"Proposed category system for 1960-2000 Census occupations." (with Anastasiya M. Osborne). Sept 2005. BLS working paper 383. http://www.bls.gov/ore/abstract/ec/ec050090.htm

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## **Presentations**

"Episodes of collective invention" at Social Science History Association, Oct. 2002; European Social Science History Conference, March 2004.

"Technological uncertainty and earnings dispersion in U.S. iron work 1866-1881" At American University, Oct 2003; Economic History Association, Sept 2003; Social Science History Association, Oct. 2002; University of North Carolina, spring 2002. Society of Labor Economists conference, April-May 2004

## Other work experience

Senior Software Engineer and other software-related positions. Symantec Corp., Cupertino, CA. 1988-1994.