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Education: Ph.D., University of Chicago, Sociology, 1983.
M.A., University of Chicago, Sociology, 1979.
A.B., Harvard College (with high honors), Applied Mathematics, 1977.

Primary Employment

Professor Emeritus and Research Fellow, Department of Economics and Truman School of Government and Public Affairs, University of Missouri-Columbia, 2025-present.

Chancellor's Professor, Department of Economics and Truman School of Government and Public Affairs, University of Missouri-Columbia, 2019-2025.

Frederick A. Middlebush Chair in Economics, University of Missouri-Columbia, 2017-2019.

Professor, Department of Economics and Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri-Columbia, 2005-2019.

Assistant Professor and Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1985-2005.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Economy (Economics), and Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, The Johns Hopkins University, 1983-1985.

Lecturer and Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago, 1980-1983.

Secondary Appointments

Principal Researcher, Actus Policy Research, Rockville, MD, 2019-present.

Interim Co-Director, Economic Policy Analysis and Research Center, University of Missouri, 2021-2023.

Co-Director, Population, Education and Health Center, and MU Research Data Center, University of Missouri, 2014-2019.

Associate Editor, *Journal of Labor Research*, 2015.

Senior Research Associate, IMPAQ International, LLC, Columbia, MD, 2007-2018.

Visitor, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany, February-June 2005; Research Fellow 2005-present.

Walter L. Johnson Excellence in Teaching Fellow, University of Missouri, 2012-2013.

Associate Editor, *Journal of Regional Science*, 1996-2011.

Publications

M. Michaelides and P. Mueser, "The Employment and Displacement Effects of Job Counseling: Evidence from the U.S. Unemployment Insurance System," *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* (vol. 29, no. 3, May 2026), pp. 435-461.

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R. Darolia, P. Mueser, and J. Cronin, "Labor Market Returns to a Prison GED," *Economics of Education Review* (vol 82, June 2021), pp. 1-27.

M. Michaelides, P. Mueser, and J. Smith, "Do Reemployment Programs for The Unemployed Work for Youth? Evidence from the Great Recession in the United States," *Economic Inquiry* (vol. 59, no. 1, January 2021), pp. 162–185.

M. Michaelides and P. Mueser, "The Labor Market Effects of U.S. Reemployment Policy: Lessons from an Analysis of Four Programs during the Great Recession," *Journal of Labor Economics* (vol. 38, no. 4, 2020), pp. 1099-1140.

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C. Heflin and P. Mueser, "UI and SNAP Receipt in the Sun: The Great Recession and Its Aftermath in Florida." In Christopher O'Leary and Stephen Wandner (editors), *Strengths of the Social Safety Net in the Great Recession: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance and Unemployment Insurance*. Kalamazoo, Michigan: W.E. Upjohn Institute (2019).

C. Heflin and P. Mueser, "Program Participation in the Show Me State: Missouri Responds to the Great Recession." In Christopher O'Leary and Stephen Wandner (editors), *Strengths of the Social Safety Net in the Great Recession: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance and Unemployment Insurance*. Kalamazoo, Michigan: W.E. Upjohn Institute (2019).

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- M. Michaelides and P. Mueser, "Are Reemployment Services Effective? Experimental Evidence from the Great Recession," *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* (vol. 37, no. 3, Summer 2018), pp. 546-570.
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- P. Mueser, D. Stevens, and K. Troske, "The Impact of Welfare Reform on Leaver Characteristics, Employment and Recidivism: An Analysis of Maryland and Missouri." In *Welfare Reform and Its Long-Term Consequences for America's Poor*, edited by J. Ziliak. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2009.
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- C. Boswell and P. Mueser, "Introduction: Economics and Interdisciplinary Approaches in Migration Research," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (vol. 34, no. 4, May 2008, Special Issue), pp. 519-529. Coauthors of

introduction; coeditors of volume.

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K. Mueser, M. Salyers, and P. Mueser, "A Prospective Analysis of Work in Schizophrenia," *Schizophrenia Bulletin* (vol. 27, no. 2, 2001), pp. 281-296.

P. Mueser, N. Cowan, and K. Mueser, "A Generalized Signal Detection Model to Predict Rational Variation in Base Rate Use," *Cognition* (vol. 69, January 1999), pp. 267-312.

M. Maniu and P. Mueser, "Pyramid Schemes and Individual Investment in the New Free Economies of Easter Europe: The Case of Caritas in Romania." In *Romania and the European Integration*, edited by Ovidiu Pecican. Cluj-Napoca, Romania: European Studies Foundation Publishing House, 1999, pp. 261-283.

P. Mueser and R. Weagley, "Influence of Client-Based Subsidies on the Market for Child Care," *Journal of Consumer Affairs* (vol. 32, no. 1, Summer 1998), pp. 145-175.

P. Mueser, "Two-Way Migration in a Model with Identical Optimizing Agents," *Journal of Regional Science* (vol. 37, no. 3, August 1997), pp. 395-409.

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P. Mueser and P. Graves, "Examining the Role of Economic Opportunity and Amenities in Explaining Population Redistribution," *Journal of Urban Economics* (vol. 37, 1995), pp. 176-200.

- M. White and P. Mueser, "Changes in the Demographic Determinants of U.S. Population Mobility 1940-1980," *Review of Regional Studies* (vol. 23, Winter 1994), pp. 245-264.
- P. Graves and P. Mueser, "The Role of Equilibrium in Modeling Regional Growth and Decline: A Critical Reassessment," *Journal of Regional Science* (vol. 33, no. 1, 1993), pp. 69-84. Also published in *Regional Dynamics*, volume 1, 1996, pp. 119-34. Elgar Reference Collection. Modern Classics in Regional Science, volume 4. Lyme, NH: Elgar.
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- P. Mueser and T. Maloney, "Ability, Human Capital and Employer Screening: Reconciling Labor Market Behavior with Studies of Employee Productivity," *Southern Economic Journal* (vol. 57, no. 3, January 1991), pp. 676-689.
- P. Mueser, "A Rhetoric in Defense of Formalism in the Social Sciences: Comment on McCloskey," *The American Sociologist* (Spring 1990), pp. 20-25.
- P. Mueser and M. White, "Explaining the Association Between Rates of In-Migration and Out-Migration," *Papers of the Regional Science Association* (vol. 67, 1989), pp. 121-134.
- P. Mueser, "Measuring the Impact of Locational Characteristics on Migration: Interpreting Cross-Sectional Analyses," *Demography* (August 1989), pp. 499-513.
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- P. Mueser, M. White, and J. Tierney, "Patterns of Net Migration by Age for U.S. Counties 1950-1980: The Impact of Increasing Spatial Differentiation by Life Cycle," *Canadian Journal of Regional Science* (Spring 1988), pp. 57-75.
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- P. Mueser, "A Note on Simultaneous Equations Models of Migration and Employment Growth," *Southern Economic Journal* (vol. 52, no. 2, October 1985), pp. 516-522.
- C. Jencks, J. Crouse, and P. Mueser, "The Wisconsin Model of Status Attainment: A National Replication with Improved Measures of Ability and Aspirations," *Sociology of Education* (January 1983), pp. 3-19.
- J. Crouse, P. Mueser, C. Jencks, and C. Reichardt, "Latent Variable Models of Status Attainment," *Social Science Research* (1979), pp. 348-368.
- P. Mueser, "The Effects of Noncognitive Traits." Chapter 5 in *Who Gets Ahead?* by C. Jencks et al. New York: Basic Books, 1979, pp. 122-158.

Selected Unpublished Papers

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C. Heflin, P. Mueser, and J. Cronin, "The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Asset Limit: Reports of Its Death May Be Exaggerated." Draft March 2016.

C. Heinrich and P. Mueser, "Training Program Impacts and the Onset of the Great Recession." Paper presented at meetings of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 2013 and the IRP Summer Workshop, June 2014. Draft March 2015.

C. Heflin and P. Mueser, "Aid to Jobless Workers in Florida in the Face of the Great Recession: The Interaction of Unemployment Insurance and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program." Paper presented at the IZA/OECD/World Bank Conference on Safety Nets, Paris, 2013 and meetings of the National Association of Welfare Research and Statistics, 2013.

P. Mueser, "Initiatives for Regional Development: The American Experience with WIRED and Related Human Capital Development Projects." Paper prepared for presentation at the International Symposium on Regional Employment, November, 2010.

P. Mueser, C. Heinrich, and K. Troske, "Using Nonexperimental Methods to Estimate Program Impacts: A Guide to Evaluating Employment and Job Training Programs." Paper presented at meetings of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 2010.

C. Heflin and P. Mueser, "Assessing the Impact of a Modernized Application Process on Florida's Food Stamp Caseload." Paper presented at meetings of the Association of Public Policy and Management, 2009.

M. Michaelides and P. Mueser, "Women and Unemployment in the New Economy: The Interactions of Gender, Occupation and Industry." Paper present at meetings of the Southern Economics Association, November 2008.

D. Mandy, P. Mueser, and E. Parsons, "Population Movements in the Presence of Agglomeration and Congestion Effects: Local Policy and the Social Optimum." Paper presented at the 2004 meetings of the Midwest Economics Association. (Revised draft 2011.)

C. Heinrich, P. Mueser, and K. Troske, "The Role of Temporary Help Employment in Low-wage Worker Advancement, NBER Working Paper 13520, October 2007.

M. Pantal, M. Podgursky, and P. Mueser, "Retaking the ACT: The Effect of a State Merit Scholarship on Test-Taking, Enrollment, Retention, and Employment." Paper presented at the 2006 Student Financial Aid Research Network Conference.

M. Lee, P. Mueser, and M. Podgursky, "An Evaluation of Missouri's A+ Schools Program." Paper presented at the meetings of the Midwest Economics Association, 2004.

P. Mueser and D. Granberg, "The Monty Hall Dilemma Revisited: Understanding the Interaction of Problem Definition and Decision Making." (University of Missouri Working Paper 99-06.) Revised November 1999.

P. Mueser, S. Ryan, and M. Thielbar, "Using Administrative Data to Examine the Efficacy of Welfare-to-Work Programs." Paper presented at the International Symposium on Linked Employer-Employee Data, May 1998.

P. Mueser, "Understanding Apparent Violations of Rational Choice Theory." Paper presented at the 1997 meetings

of the American Economic Association.

Professional Activities

American Economic Association: paper presentation 1997; discussant 1998.

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management: program committee 2011, 2010, 2003; paper presentation 2017, 2015, 2013, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2004, 2002, 2001; discussant 2016, 2011, 2010, 2007, 2003, 2002.

Center for European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim, Germany: paper presentation and discussant 2010, 2006.

Econometric Society: paper presentation 2011 (summer meeting).

Economic Demography Workshop: paper presentation 2004.

Economic Science Association: paper presentation 1996.

European Association of Labor Economists: paper presentation 2012, 2009, 2004, 2001.

Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Workshop, Madison, Wisconsin: paper presentation 2026, 2018, 2017, 2009, 2005.

IZA/OECD/World Bank Conference on Safety Nets and Benefit Dependence: Evidence and Policy Implications, Paris: paper presentation 2013.

Labor and Employment Relations Association: paper presentation 2015.

Midwest Economics Association: paper presentation 2008, 2007, 2003, 2002; session organizer 2002; discussant 2008, 2004, 1998.

Missouri Economics Conference, paper presentation 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009, 2003, 2002, 2001.

National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics: paper presentation 2013, 2011.

Population Association of America: paper presentation 2014, 2000, 1995, 1994, 1992, 1990, 1989, 1988, 1987, 1985; session organizer 1990.

Regional Science Association: paper presentation 1988; discussant 1989, 1988.

Society of Labor Economists: paper presentation 2000.

Southern Economic Association: paper presentation 2024, 2011, 2008, 2006, 2004, 2001, 1998; discussant 2004, 2003.

Western Economic Association International: paper presentation and discussant 2019, 2017, 2002, 1995, 1992.

Western Regional Science Association: invited panelist 1990; paper presentation 1989; discussant 1990, 1989.

Grant Support Since 2010

Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, “An Evaluation of Alternative Service Delivery Approaches for Missouri’s Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Program,” 2024-2028.

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