

CATHERINE RUTH PAKALUK
Curriculum Vitae

The Busch School of Business
The Catholic University of America
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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph.D., Economics, 2010

Dissertation: *Essays in Applied Microeconomics*

Committee: David Cutler; Oliver Hart (2016 Nobel laureate); Caroline Hoxby

Harvard University, A.M., Economics, 2002

Thesis: *Social Investments into Human Persons*

Adviser: Oliver Hart (2016 Nobel laureate)

University of Pennsylvania, B.A., Mathematics & Economics, 1998

Phi Beta Kappa, Lawrence Kuznets Prize for Best Undergraduate Thesis

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Social Research and Economic Thought, 2018-present

The Busch School of Business

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Resident Fellow, 2020-present

The Institute for Studies of Religion

Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Faculty Fellow, 2016-present

The Institute for Human Ecology

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Senior Fellow in Economics, 2013-present

Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture, Austin, Texas

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Economics, 2016-2018

The Busch School of Business and Economics

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Assistant Professor of Economics, 2010-2016; (Department Chair, 2015-2016)

Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Florida

Director and Faculty Research Fellow, 2011-2016

Stein Center for Social Research, Ave Maria, Florida

HONORS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

American Family and Fertility Project (AFFP), The Catholic University of America
\$28,500 Grant from the Wheatley Institution at Brigham Young University, January 2019

Novak Award for the Study of Religion and Liberty
\$10,000 Prize, Acton Institute, November 2015

Catholic Mental Models, Co-investigator with A Widmer
\$250,000 Grant from the John Templeton Foundation, 2011-2013

Research Funding:

Calihan Research Fellowship, Acton Institute, 2012

Witherspoon Research Grant, 2010

Searle Freedom Trust Scholar (Dissertation Grant), 2008-2009

Warburg Fund Dissertation Research Grant, Harvard University, 2005

Warburg Fund Dissertation Research Grant, Harvard University, 2003

Harvard Graduate Fellowship, 1998-2000

MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association (AEA)

Association of Christian Economists (ACE)

RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied microeconomics; Health economics & epidemiology; Economics of education;
Demography; Economics of the family; Labor & public economics; Catholic social thought

TEACHING

Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 102; SRES 101)

Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 101; SRES 102)

Intermediate Microeconomic Theory I (ECON 242)

Economics of Education and Religion (ECON 350; SRES 350)

Catholic Social Thought and Political Economy (ECON 315; SRES 315)

Family and Society (ECON 250; SRES 251)

Introduction to Statistics (STAT 230; ECON 223)

Economics of Labor and Poverty (ECON 420)

Public Economics (ECON 335)

REFEREEING

Philosophia Reformata

Economic Inquiry (EI)

Journal of Markets and Morality (JMM)

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion (JSSR)

Eastern Economic Journal (EEJ)

Faith and Economics

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

Personality Returns to Living with Dad: Fathers and Children's Non-cognitive Skills Development (with A Beauchamp), under review.

The Problem of the Common School (with A Beauchamp). Under review.

Schools, Religion and the New Science: Education and the State, Revisited. Under review.

Forty Years of Confirmation Bias in the Social Sciences (with W Schumm). *Internal Medicine Review*. Forthcoming 2020.

What Good is a Good Fit? Religious Matching and Educational Outcomes. *Cosmos + Taxis: Studies in Emergent Order and Organization, Special Issue: Economics of Education*. Forthcoming, 2020.

Are Mothers and Fathers Interchangeable Caregivers? (with J Price). *Marriage & Family Review*. Online 16 June 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01494929.2020.1778318>

The Paradox of the Pill: Heterogeneous Effects of Oral Contraceptive Access (with A Beauchamp). *Economic Inquiry*, Vol 57 [2], April 2019, pp 813-831.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ecin.12757> (Top 10% most downloaded paper in initial 12 months following publication.)

Dependence on God and Man: Toward a Catholic Constitution of Liberty, 2015
Calihan Lecture, *Journal of Markets and Morality*, Vol 19 [2], Fall 2016.

Soulmates, Paradoxes, and the Significance of the Family for American Political Economy, *The Natural Family*, Vol 30 [2], Spring 2016, pp. 215-228.

Non-Traditional Families and Progress through School: A Comment on Rosenfeld (with D Allen and J Price) *Demography*, Vol 50 [3], June 2013, pp. 955-961.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s13524-012-0169-x>

Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma among people with AIDS: incidence, presentation and public health burden (with TR Coté, RJ Biggar, PS Rosenberg, SS Devesa, C Percy, FJ Yellin, G Lemp, JJ Geodert, and WA Blattner). *International Journal of Cancer*, Vol 73 [5], Nov 1997, pp. 645-650.

Epidemiology of brain lymphoma among people with or without acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (with TR Cote, A Manns, FJ Yellin and P Hartge). AIDS/Cancer Study Group. *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, Vol 88[10], May 1996, pp. 675.

Scholarly Book Chapters:

“Socialism and Capitalism in Catholic Social Thought.” In *Catholic Social Teaching: A Volume of Scholarly Essays*, edited by Gerard V. Bradley and E. Christian Brugger. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 2019. <http://doi.org/10.1017/9781108630238>

“Solidarity and Job Creation: Substitutes or Complements.” (with JA Burke and A Widmer) In *The Challenge of Charity: Freedom and Charity Working Together*, edited by Martin Schlag, Juan Andres Mercado, Jennifer E. Miller. MCEBooks: Rome, IT, 2015.

“Normal Progress through School: Further Results.” (with D Allen and J Price) In *No Differences? How Children in Same-Sex Households Fare*, edited by Ana Samuel. Witherspoon Institute: Princeton, NJ, 2015.

Works in Progress:

Bearing Light: The 1% of American Women With 5% of Americas Kids, and What it Means for the Future of the Nation. *Monograph.*

Liberty and Dependence: Towards a Catholic Constitution of Liberty. *Monograph.*

The New Battle of the Sexes: A 2 x 2 Model of Female Alienation (with J Burke). *Article.*

Solidarity: Unitas Caritatis Fraternalis. *Article.*

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

Can A Catholic Be A Socialist? The Answer is No—Here's Why (with Trent Horn).
Catholic Answers Press: El Cajon, CA, 2019.

[*Whither Humane Economics? In Defense of Wonder and Admiration in Natural Science.*](#) Public Discourse: The Journal of the Witherspoon Institute. March 27, 2019.

[*Love, Economics, and Cheap Sex.*](#) Public Discourse: The Journal of the Witherspoon Institute. August 8, 2018.

[*Michael Novak: A Model for Social Scientists.*](#) Public Discourse: The Journal of the Witherspoon Institute. November 9, 2017.

“Women and the Maternal Church: Feeding a Spiritual Hunger.” In Proceedings from the April 17, 2015 Meeting of the Catholic Women’s Forum, *Women and the Church: Present Considerations and Future Directions*, edited by Mary Rice Hasson. Forthcoming.

“With Motherly Care: Addressing the Crisis of Human Flourishing in Our Time.” In *Promise and Challenge: Catholic Women Reflect on Feminism, Complementarity, and the Church*, edited by Mary Rice Hasson. Our Sunday Visitor: Huntington, IN, 2015.

Review, *Forced Labor: What's Wrong with Balancing Work and Family*, *Journal of Markets and Morality*, 2003, 6(2), 699-702.

INVITED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, & SYMPOSIA (SELECTED)

Economics of Education: A Concise Introduction, Food for Thought Speaker Series, Creighton University, Omaha NE, February 13, 2020.

Can a Catholic Be a Socialist, George Fox University, Newburg, OR, February 5, 2020.

New Reflections on the Thought of Adam Smith, Liberty Fund Symposium, Indianapolis, IN, November 7-10, 2019. Invited contributing author.

Justice: Individual or Institutional Virtue?, Liberty Fund Symposium led by Mark LeBar, Destin, FL, October 31-November 3, 2019. Invited participant.

The Challenge of Freedom: A Vision of Virtue in Business, Keynote Address, Faith and Business Conference 2019, Catholic Men's Business Fraternity, Sioux Falls, SD, August 8, 2019.

Keynote remarks, "Rise and Shine: Empowerment through Education," Visitation House Annual Gala Dinner, Worcester, MA, May 1, 2019.

Montessori and Liberty: Maria Montessori and Her Method of Education, Liberty Fund Symposium led by Nicholas Capaldi and Marsha F. Enright, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2019. Invited Participant.

Schools, Religion, and The New Science: Education and the State, Revisited, "Science, Human Nature, and Public Policy": 2019 Culture and Policy Conference, Center for Political and Economic Thought, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, April 5, 2019.

Edith Stein and the Gestalt of the Feminine Soul, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, April 3, 2019.

Panel Discussant, "Valuing Unpaid Work and Caregiving", *Catholic Women's Forum*, Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations, New York, NY, March 15, 2019.

Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land: The Bible, Liberty, and the American Founding, Liberty Fund Symposium led by Daniel L. Dreisbach, Indianapolis, IN, March 7-10, 2019. Invited participant.

Panel Discussant on Adam Smith's approach to philosophy, "Is Religion Opposed to Science?", *Panama in the Capital*, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., January 26, 2019.

Regression Analysis and Human Dependence, Association of Christian Economists (ACE), American Economics Association (AEA) & Allied Social Sciences Association Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, January 5, 2019.

Justice, Dynamism, and Social Order, Cardinal Virtues Lecture Series, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 12, 2018.

Anticapitalist Mentality, Entrepreneurship, and Envy, Liberty Fund Symposium led by Young Back Choi, Jekyll Island, Georgia, December 6-9, 2018. Invited participant.

Lies, Damned Lies, and Socialism: Principles of Right Order and the Social Teaching of the Church, The Catholic Morality and Markets Series, Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island, September 27, 2018.

Pilgrim Pope, Bright Mountain: The Social Magisterium of John Paul II, Napa Institute Summer Conference, Napa, CA, July 18, 2018.

Economics of Education (Course Taught), Acton University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 20, 2018.

Panel Discussant on the cultural impact of overturning *Roe v. Wade*, Women Speak 2018: A Symposium on Life Without *Roe*, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C., June 13, 2018.

Edith Stein, on the Gestalt of the Feminine Soul, Thomistic Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 18, 2018.

Means Without Ends: Ethics in Economics, Situating Moral Development in Applied Professions: The Role of Ethics in the Disciplines of Cybersecurity, Healthcare and Economics, Spring 2018 Conference, Boston College, Chestnut, Massachusetts, April 17, 2018.

Gender Identity: True and False, University of Dallas, Irving, Texas, March 22, 2018.

Liberty, Responsibility and Prudence in the Works of Bertrand de Jouvenel, Liberty Fund Symposium directed by Kevin Honeycutt, Tuscon, Arizona, March 15-18, 2018. Invited participant.

Liberty and the War on Cash, Liberty Fund Symposium led by George Selgin and William Luther, San Antonio, Texas, Nov 30-Dec 3, 2017. Invited participant.

Commerce, Political Economy and the Marketplace, Ropke-Wojtyla Fellowship, Ciocca Center for Principled Entrepreneurship, The Catholic University of America, October 28, 2017.

Paradox of Liberty: Alex Honnold and the Art of Human Freedom, St. Benedict Institute, Hope College, Holland, Michigan, October 19, 2017.

K12 Panel Chair and Framing Remarks, Education and Freedom Conference, Acton Institute, Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 19, 2017.

Putting Good Profit into Action: In Defense of What is Not Seen, Good Profit: The Busch School and Napa Institute, The Catholic University of America, Oct 4-6, 2017.

Freedom and Prosperity: Property as Capital and the Use of Knowledge in Society, Toward a Free and Virtuous Society: Life, Liberty and Property, Acton Institute, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, September 28-Oct 1, 2017.

The Greatest Safeguard of the State? Catholic Schools and Good Citizens, Fellowship of Catholic Scholars 40th Convention, Society and Citizenship: Current Challenges for the Church, Arlington, Virginia, September 22, 2017.

Economics of Education; Economics of Poverty (Courses Taught), Acton University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 20-23, 2017.

Gender Identity: True and False, A Worthy Life: Finding Meaning in America, The Robert J. Giuffra '82 Annual Conference of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, May 22-23, 2017.

"*What Good is a Good Fit?*", Research Brown Bag, The Busch School of Business and Economics, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., April 24, 2017.

"*Michael Novak: Economist*", Symposium on Michael Novak: Contributions to Western Thought, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Florida, April 11, 2017.

"*Economics of Poverty and Catholic Social Thought*," Catholic Women's Forum, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C., March 30, 2017.

Dulles Colloquium on The Social Vision of Leo XIII in the Twentieth Century, First Things and the Institute on Religion and Public Life, Washington, D.C., March 10, 2017. Invited participant.

An Inquiry on Sound Money and Trade in Ferdinando Galiani's Works, Liberty Fund Symposium led by Maria Paganelli, Jekyll Island, Georgia, June 23-26, 2016. Invited participant.

Economics of Education; Economics of Poverty (Courses Taught), Acton University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 14-17, 2016.

"*Entrusted with the Economy*", Given Forum, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., June 10, 2016.

"*Elizabeth Seton and the Battlefield of Christian Heroism*", Trivium School Commencement, Lancaster, Massachusetts, June 4th, 2016.

"*The Sexual Revolution and the Problem of Dependence*", Mercy and the Sexual Revolution: 5th Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization, Featured Presenter, Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas, April 9th, 2016.

"*On Gender Ideology and Catholic Education*", Catholic Women's Forum, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C., April 8th, 2016.

"*Quadragesimo Anno: Economic Thought in Pius XI*", Leonine Forum, Catholic Information Center, Washington, D.C., April 6th, 2016.

"*Leonine Foundations of Human Ecology*", Human Ecology: Integrating 125 Years of Catholic Social Doctrine, The Catholic University of America and the Napa Institute, Washington D.C., March 16-18, 2016.

"Love, Liberty and Dependence" (Keynote), Liberating Power of Charity, 2016 Edith Stein Project Conference, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, February 5, 2016.

"In the House of Self-Knowledge: Feminism, Liberation and Dependence", The New Feminism, 2016 Genuine Feminine Conference, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Florida, January 30, 2016.

"Liberty and Dependence", Calihan Lecture for the 2015 Novak Award for the Study of Religion and Liberty, Acton Institute, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, FL, November 18, 2015.

Liberty, Equality and Meritocracy, Liberty Fund Symposium led by James Stoner, Santa Fe, New Mexico, October 22-24, 2015. Invited Participant.

"Soulmates, And Other Myths About the Family in America", Napa Institute Summer Conference, Napa, CA, July 29, 2015.

"The Paradox of the Pill" (presented by Andrew Beauchamp) American Economics Association (January 2015, Boston); Society of Labor Economists (June 2015, Montreal)

Chair, Session on Catholic Social Thought and the Family, The Family in the Changing Economy: Seventh Annual Conference on Economics and Catholic Social Thought, Lumen Christi Institute, Chicago, IL, April 30-May 1, 2015.

"Women and the Maternal Church: Feeding a Spiritual Hunger", Catholic Women's Forum, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C., April 16, 2015.

"The Future of Alternative Education," Zephyr Institute, Palo Alto, CA, April 10, 2015.

"New Battle of the Sexes," Stanford University Anscombe Society, Palo Alto, CA, April 11, 2015.

"New Battle of the Sexes," Pitt Off the Hook, University of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, PA, March 5, 2015.

"Recent Developments in Social Science of the Family," Oxford University, Oxford, UK, February 18, 2015.

"Image as Mythology: Sacred and Profane", Edith Stein Project, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, February 7, 2015.

Chair for Panel on Economics of the Family: Contemporary Issues and Empirical Challenges, American Economic Association, Annual Meeting, January 2015.

"Social science of the family and papal teaching," Naples Founders Luncheon, Naples, FL, December 2014.

Humanum Colloquium, Vatican City, Rome, IT, November 17-20, 2014. Invited attendee.

Chair for Panel on Poverty and the Family, Fall Conference, Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, October 30-Nov 1, 2014.

Reactant to Panel Discussion on Frozen Embryo Adoption, Ave Maria School of Law, Naples, FL, October 16, 2014.

“What Solidarity Is,” Liberty and Solidarity: Living the Vocation to Business, The Catholic University of America and the Napa Institute, Washington D.C., September 25, 2014.

“Gaudium et Spes and the Substance of Heroic Virtue”, Oakcrest Commencement, McLean, VA, June 7, 2014.

Panel Discussant on Economic Research on Education, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples (UUCGN) Panel, Naples, FL, April 26, 2014.

“With Motherly Care: Addressing the Crisis of Human Flourishing in Our Time”, at the Ethics and Public Policy Center’s Conference on Women and the Church: Present Considerations and Future Directions, Washington, D.C., April 10, 2014.

“Five Super-Truths About the Family in American Society”, at the Intercollegiate Studies Institute Conference on the Family in History and Modern Society, Notre Dame, IN, April 5, 2014.

“Reactions in the U.S. to Evangelii Gaudium” at the Konrad Adenauer Foundation International Conference on “Is the Pope right? The social and economic implications of Evangelii Gaudium”, Mexico City, Mexico, March 5, 2014.

“Pregnancy as the Archetype of Femininity”, Edith Stein Project, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, February 8, 2014.

Panel Discussant on the Morning Panel, “Woman: A Political Animal.” Genuine Feminine Conference, Ave Maria University, January 19, 2014.

“Does Contraception Change the Game? Bachelors, Bachelorettes, and the New Battle of the Sexes”, Love and Fidelity Network Annual Conference, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, November 9, 2013.

“Motherhood and Graduate School: Some Thoughts on the Feminine”, Edith Stein Project, University of Notre Dame, IN, February 9, 2013.

“Women in Academia: Some Thoughts on the Feminine” at the Genuine Feminine Conference, Ave Maria, FL, January 19, 2013.

“Solidarity and Wealth Creation” (with A. Widmer), Pontifical University of the Holy Cross (PUSC) and Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., October 2012.

“What Good is a Good Fit? Religious Matching and Educational Outcomes” at the Department of Economics, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, May 2012.

“Let No Man Put Asunder: Economic Theory and the Demise of the Natural Family” at the Wheatley Symposium on the Defense of the Family, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, January 27, 2011.

“The New Battle of the Sexes: Understanding the Reversal of the Happiness Gender Gap” at the Annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture (ASREC), Portland, Oregon, July 1, 2010.

“To Have and To Have Not: Marriage and Childbearing in the Age of the Pill” at the Witherspoon Institute Graduate Seminar on Marriage in the Social Sciences “Baby Makes Three: Social Scientific Research on Successfully Combining Marriage and Parenthood”, Princeton, NJ, June 17, 2010.

“What Good is a Good Fit: Measuring the Value of Religious Matching in Education” at the Annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture (ASREC), Arlington, Virginia, April 2009.