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Research Interests

Labor Economics, Applied Welfare Economics/Public Policy, Consumption and Demand Analysis, Transition Economies, Econometric Modeling

Education**Doctor of Philosophy**

Economics, May 1999, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa; USA
 Dissertation: Changes in Household Consumption Behavior During the Transition from Centrally Planned to Market Oriented Economy (Major professor: Stanley R. Johnson)

Bachelor of Science with Distinction

Economics, June 1986, Moscow Cooperative Institute, Moscow, Russia

Career Related Experience

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD), Iowa State University, 1999-present. Research related to welfare program participation (TANF and Food Stamps) and labor force participation decisions of low-income households. Current research uses data from the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), Survey of Program Dynamics (SPD) and the BLS Continuing Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Research Assistant, CARD, Iowa State University, 1993-1999. Worked on economic policy analysis team for transition economies. An Adaptive Policy Simulation Model (APSM) developed in CARD was used to simulate policy decisions (like price reforms) and to evaluate the sensitivity to varying assumptions (with respect to population growth, income growth, technological changes, and price policies as a baseline) for the economies in transition (Poland, Czech republic, Slovakia and Bulgaria).

Dissertation estimated the welfare implications from a model of household consumption that can explicitly reflect the effects of rationing. The study tested the theory of rationing, examining changes in household consumption behavior during the transition to market economy in Poland, 1987-92. Impacts of rationing consistent with the theory resulted in own-price elasticities for nonrationed goods smaller under rationing regime, increased complementarity and decreased substitutability after the reforms. The analysis showed that the decline in welfare in Poland is roughly 75 percent when incorporating rationing (using virtual prices) and this welfare loss is approximately one-third the value that would be obtained using the actual prices.

Grants and Awards

The Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research, "An Empirical Analysis of Joint Decision on Food Stamp Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Labor Force Participation," 2001-02, \$22,014.
Research Excellence Award, Graduate College, Iowa State University, 1999
International Award, Iowa State University Faculty Women's Club, 1994
Academic Graduate College Scholarship, Iowa State University 1993-1999
Certificate Summa cum Laude, The Economics Institute 1992
Academic Scholarship, The Economics Institute 1992
Graduated Summa cum Laude, Moscow Cooperative Institute 1986

Papers and Publications

Huffman, S.K. and S.R. Johnson, "Re-evaluation of Welfare Changes during the Transition in Poland." *Post-Communist Economies*, vol. 14, no.1, 2002.

Huffman, S.K. and S.R. Johnson, "Impacts of Economic Reform in Poland: Incidence and Welfare Changes within a Consistent Framework." Staff Paper #331, December 1999, Department of Economics, Iowa State University. (second revision submitted to the *Review of Economics and Statistics*).

Huffman, S.K. and S.R. Johnson, "Empirical Tests of Impacts of Rationing: the Case of Poland in Transition." Working Paper 00-WP 237, February 2000, CARD, Iowa State University. (first revision submitted to the *Economic Systems*).

Huffman, S.K. and M. Kilkenny, "Regional Welfare Program and Labor Force Participation." Working Paper 02-WP 296, March 2002, CARD, Iowa State University. (currently under revision to resubmit to the *Journal of Regional Science*)

Kilkenny, M. and S. Huffman, "Rural/Urban Welfare Program and Labor Force Participation." (currently under revision to resubmit to the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*)

Huffman, S.K. and S.R. Johnson, "More Impacts of Economic Reform in Poland: Welfare Changes within a Consistent Framework." Working Paper 01-WP 271, March 2001, CARD, Iowa State University.

Huffman, S.K., "Welfare and Labor Force Participation for Low-Wealth Families: Implications for Labor Supply." Working Paper 01-WP 270, March 2001, CARD, ISU.

Huffman, S.K., "Midwest Welfare Program and Labor Force Participation." Working Paper 01-WP 272, March 2001, CARD, Iowa State University.

Books

Huffman, S.K. and S.R. Johnson, "Consumption and Welfare Changes during the Transition in Rural Poland." Book manuscript in progress to be published in the series "Rural Economies in Transition," eds. Lerman Z., C. Csaki and J.Swinnen.

Presentations

“An Empirical Analysis of Joint Decision on Food Stamp Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Labor Force Participation.” Paper to be presented at the Joint Center for Poverty Research/Census Grant Conference—September 5-6, 2002, Washington D.C.

“An Empirical Analysis of Joint Decision on Food Stamp Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Labor Force Participation.” Paper presented at the AAEA annual meeting—July 28-31, 2002, Long Beach, California.

“Welfare and Labor Force Participation for Low-Wealth Families: Implications for Labor Supply.” Paper presented at the AAEA annual meeting—August 5-8, 2001, Chicago, Illinois.

“Welfare Participation and Labor Supply of Low-Wealth Households.” Seminar presented to the Human Resources Workshop, November 2000, Department of Economics, Iowa State University.

“Welfare Impacts of Economic Reform; Poland in Transition.” Paper presented at XXIV International Conference of Agricultural Economists-August 13-18, 2000 Berlin, Germany.

“Empirical Tests of Impacts of Rationing: the Case of Poland in Transition.” Paper presented at the AAEA annual meeting—July 30-August 2, 2000, Tampa, Florida.

“Impacts of Economic Reform over the Transition in Poland.” Seminar presented to the Human Resources Workshop, September 1999, Department of Economics, Iowa State University.

“Economics Technology Transfers to Developing Countries: Perspective of International Graduate Students-Views from East Europe.” Paper presented at the AAEA annual meeting-August 2-5 1998, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Referee

Agricultural Economics

Memberships

American Agricultural Economic Association

American Economic Association

Committee on the Status Of Women in the Economics Profession

Computer Skills

Databases: Familiar with most MS-DOS/Windows based applications including WordPerfect, Word, Excel, Quattro, Lotus, etc.

Statistical packages: SAS, LIMDEP, TSP, S-plus, Shazam.

Operating Systems: UNIX.

Languages

Fluent in Bulgarian (native), Russian and English languages. Limited Spanish comprehension and reading ability.

References

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