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*Curriculum Vitae*

Motu Economic and Public Policy Research  
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**Education**

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

PhD in Economics, 2000

MA in Economics, 1997

*Fields:* Labor, Development, Demography, and Applied Econometrics

*Dissertation Title:* Labor Market Uncertainty, Sectoral Earnings, and Private Sector Labor Supply in Russia

*Supervisory Committee:* Shelly Lundberg (chair), Elaina Rose, and Judith Thornton

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

BA in Economics, *Cum Laude with Honors*, 1994

**Current Positions**

Senior Fellow, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research, 2004

Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics, University of Waikato, 2009

Research Fellow (affiliation), Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration, 2007

Research Fellow (affiliation), Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), 2001

Research Fellow (affiliation), William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan, 2001

**Past Positions**

Visiting Professor, Chair for Statistics and Empirical Economic Research, University of Zurich, 2008 – 2009

Researcher, Linked Employer-Employee Database Project, Statistics NZ, 2004 – 2008

Adjunct Lecturer, Victoria University of Wellington, 2004 – 2006

Senior Research Economist, New Zealand Department of Labour, 2002 – 2004

Research Fellow, RAND, 2000 – 2002

**Refereed Work**

Stillman, Steven, John Gibson, and David McKenzie. 2009. "The Impact of Immigration on Child Health: Experimental Evidence From a Migration Lottery Program." *Economic Inquiry*, forthcoming.

McKenzie, David, John Gibson, and Steven Stillman. 2009. "How Important is Selection? Experimental Vs Non-experimental Measures of the Income Gains from Migration." *Journal of the European Economic Association*, forthcoming.

Gibson, John, David McKenzie, Halahingano Rohorua and Steven Stillman. 2009. "Information Flows and Migration: Recent Survey Evidence from the South Pacific." *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal*, Special Issue: Labour Circulation and Acceptance: New Zealand and Its Neighbours, forthcoming.

Cobb-Clark, Deborah and Steven Stillman. 2009. "The Retirement Expectations of Middle-Aged Individuals." *Economic Record* 85 (June). no. 269: 146–63.

Stillman, Steven, David McKenzie, and John Gibson. 2009. "Migration and Mental Health: Evidence from a Natural Experiment." *Journal of Health Economics* 28 (May). no. 3: 677–87.

Stillman, Steven. 2009. "Youth Employment and Education in New Zealand from 1985 to 2004." *New Zealand Economic Papers* 43 (April). no. 1: 41-58.

Gibson, John and Steven Stillman. 2009. "Why Do Big Firms Pay Higher Wages? Evidence from an International Database." Note, *Review of Economics and Statistics* 91 (February). no. 1: 213-18.

Stillman, Steven and Duncan Thomas. 2008. "Nutritional Status during an Economic Crisis: Evidence from Russia." *Economic Journal* 118 (August). no 531: 1385–1417.

Gibson, John, Steven Stillman, and Trinh Le. 2008. "CPI Bias and Real Living Standards in Russia During the Transition." *Journal of Development Economics* 87 (August). no 1: 140-60.

Le, Trinh, John Gibson, and Steven Stillman. 2007. "What Explains the Wealth Gap Between Immigrants and the New Zealand Born?" Special Conference Issue, *New Zealand Economic Papers* 41 (December). no 2: 131-62.

Maré, David C., Melanie Morten, and Steven Stillman. 2007. "Settlement Patterns and the Geographic Mobility of Recent Migrants to New Zealand." Special Conference Issue, *New Zealand Economic Papers* 41 (December). no 2: 163-96.

McKenzie, David, John Gibson, and Steven Stillman. 2007. "Moving to Opportunity, Leaving Behind What? Evaluating the Initial Effects of a Migration Policy on Incomes and Poverty in Source Areas" Special Conference Issue, *New Zealand Economic Papers* 41 (December). no 2: 197-224.

Baum, Christopher F., Mark E. Schaffer, and Steven Stillman. 2007. "Enhanced Routines for Instrumental Variables/Generalized Method of Moments Estimation and Testing." *Stata Journal* 7 (December). no. 4: 465–506.

Johnson, Robin, Weshah A Razzak, and Steven Stillman. 2007. "Has New Zealand Benefited from Its Investments in Research and Development?" *Applied Economics* 39 (November). no. 19: 2425-40.

Poland, Michelle, Janis Paterson, Sarnia Carter, Wanzhen Gao, Lana Perese and Steven Stillman. 2007. "Pacific Islands Families Study: Factors Associated with Living in

Extended Families One Year on from the Birth of a Child.” *Kotuitui: New Zealand Journal of Social Sciences Online* 2 (June). no. 1: 17–28. available at <http://www.rsnz.org/publish/kotuitui/2007/02.php>

Lewis, Geoff and Steven Stillman. 2007. “Regional Economic Performance in New Zealand: How Does Auckland Compare?” *New Zealand Economic Papers* 41 (May). no. 1: 29-68.

Hyslop, Dean and Steven Stillman. 2007. “Youth Minimum Wage Reform and the Labour Market.” *Labour Economics* 14 (April). no. 2: 201-30.

Stillman, Steven. 2006. “Employment Decisions during the First Decade of Transition in Russia.” *Applied Economics Quarterly* 52. no 2: 1-37.

Stillman, Steven. 2006. “Health and Nutrition in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union during the Decade of Transition: A Review of the Literature.” *Economics and Human Biology* 4 (March). no. 1: 104-146.

Kuhn, Randall and Steven Stillman. 2004. “Understanding Interhousehold Transfers in a Transition Economy: Evidence from Russia.” *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 53 (October). no 1: 131-56.

Lundberg, Shelly, Richard Startz, and Steven Stillman. 2003. “The Retirement-Consumption Puzzle: A Marital Bargaining Approach.” *Journal of Public Economics* 87 (May). no. 5-6: 1199-218.

Baum, Christopher F., Mark E. Schaffer, and Steven Stillman. 2003. “Instrumental Variables and GMM: Estimation and Testing.” *Stata Journal* 3 (March). no. 1: 1-31.

### **Non-Refereed Work**

Velamuri, Malathi and Steven Stillman. 2006. “The Cost of Crime.” Report to the Ministry of Justice, New Zealand (July).

Cobb-Clark, Deborah and Steven Stillman. 2005. “The Effect of Economic Shocks on Retirement Intentions.” Report to the Department of Family and Community Services, Australia (December).

Stillman, Steven. 2005. “Regional Economic Performance.” Report to The Treasury, New Zealand (August).

Stillman, Steven. 2003. “Review of Generalized Estimating Equations by Hardin and Hilbe.” *Stata Journal* 3 (June). no. 2: 208-10.

### **Working Papers**

Dixon, Sylvia and Steven Stillman. 2009. “The Impact of Firm Closure on Workers’ Future Employment and Earnings.” *Statistics New Zealand LEED Research Report*

(August). available at <http://www.stats.govt.nz/publications/workknowledgeandskills/the-impact-of-firm-closure-on-workers-future-labour-market-outcomes.aspx>.

Gibson, John, David McKenzie and Steven Stillman. 2009. "The Impacts of International Migration on Remaining Household Members: Omnibus Results from a Migration Lottery Program." *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* 4956 (June).

Maré, David C. and Steven Stillman. 2009. "The Impact of Immigration on the Labour Market Outcomes of New Zealanders." *Motu Economic and Public Policy Working Paper* 09-11 (April).

Stillman, Steven and David C. Maré. 2009. "The Labour Market Adjustment of Immigrants in New Zealand." *Motu Economic and Public Policy Working Paper* 09-10 (March).

Cumming, Jackie, Steven Stillman and Michelle Poland. 2009. "Who Pays What For Primary Health Care? Patterns and Determinants of the Fees Paid by Patients in a Mixed Public-Private Financing Model." *Motu Economic and Public Policy Working Paper* 09-1 (January).

Cobb-Clark, Deborah and Steven Stillman. 2008. "Emigration and the Age Profile of Retirement among Immigrants." *IZA Discussion Paper* 3874 (December).

Hyslop, Dean, David C. Maré, Steven Stillman and Jason Timmins. 2008. "Heterogeneous Firm Responses to Rising Teenage Wages in New Zealand," in Australian Fair Pay Commission Minimum Wage Research Forum Proceedings: Vol 1, Commonwealth of Australia, Canberra, 95-118.

Hyslop, Dean, David C. Maré, Steven Stillman and Jason Timmins. 2008. "An Analysis of Teenage Employment by Firms: 1999/00–2006/07." *Statistics New Zealand LEED Research Report* (September).

Stillman, Steven, Malathi Velamuri, and Andrew Aitken. 2008. "The Long-Run Impact of New Zealand's Structural Reform on Local Communities." *Motu Economic and Public Policy Working Paper* 08-11 (July).

Stillman, Steven and David C. Maré. 2008. "Housing Markets and Migration: Evidence from New Zealand." *Motu Economic and Public Policy Working Paper* 08-06 (April)

McKenzie, David, John Gibson, and Steven Stillman. 2007. "A Land of Milk and Honey with Streets Paved with Gold: Do Emigrants Have Over-Optimistic Expectations about Incomes Abroad?" *IZA Discussion Paper* 2788 (May).

Stillman, Steven and David C. Maré. 2007. "The Impact of Immigration on the Geographic Mobility of New Zealanders." *Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration Working Paper* 14/07 (November).

- Stillman, Steven and Dean Hyslop. 2006. "Examining Benefit-to-Work Transitions Using Statistics New Zealand's Linked Employer-Employee Data." *Statistics New Zealand LEED Research Report* (November).
- Crichton, Sarah, Steven Stillman, and Dean Hyslop. 2005. "Returning to Work from Injury: Longitudinal Evidence on Employment and Earnings." *IZA Discussion Paper* 1857 (November).
- Stillman, Steven. 2005. "Examining Changes in the Value of Rural Land in New Zealand between 1989 and 2003." *Motu Economic and Public Policy Working Paper* 05-07 (August).
- Sin, Isabelle and Steven Stillman. 2005. "The Geographical Mobility of Māori in New Zealand." *Motu Economic and Public Policy Working Paper* 05-05 (July).
- Hyslop, Dean, Steven Stillman, and Sarah Crichton. 2004. "The Impact of Employment Experiences and Benefit-Spell Duration on Benefit-to-Work Transitions?" *Statistics New Zealand LEED Research Report* (September).
- Stillman, Steven. 2001. "The Response of Consumption in Russia Households to Economic Shocks." *IZA Discussion Paper* 411 (December).
- Stillman, Steven. 2000. "The Determinants of Private and Government Sector Earnings in Russia." *RAND Labor and Population Working Paper* 00-17 (November).
- Stillman, Steven. 2000. "Labor Market Uncertainty and Private Sector Labor Supply in Russia." *William Davidson Institute Working Paper* 359 (September).

### **Conference Presentations**

- World Bank Migration and Development Conference, Washington, D.C., USA, September 2009, "Selectivity and the Estimated Impact of Emigration on Incomes and Poverty in Sending Areas: Evidence from the Samoan Quota Migration Lottery."
- European Society for Population Economics Annual Conference, Seville, Spain, June 2009, "The Impact of Immigration on the Labour Market Outcomes of New Zealanders."
- North American Summer Meeting of the Econometrics Society, Boston, USA, June 2009, "A Land of Milk and Honey with Streets Paved with Gold: Do Emigrants Have Over-Optimistic Expectations about Incomes Abroad?"
- Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference, Boston, USA, May 2009, "The Impact of Firm Closure on Workers' Future Employment and Earnings."
- Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference, Boston, USA, May 2009, "A Land of Milk and Honey with Streets Paved with Gold: Do Emigrants Have Over-Optimistic Expectations about Incomes Abroad?"

Ski-Labor Economics Workshop. Engelberg, Switzerland, January 2009, “Migration and Mental Health: Evidence from a Natural Experiment,” invited talk.

Australasian Meeting of the Econometrics Society, Wellington, New Zealand, July 2008, “Housing Markets and Migration: Evidence from New Zealand.”

New Techniques in Development Economics Workshop, Canberra, Australia, June 2008, “The Impacts of International Migration on Remaining Household Members: Omnibus Results from a Migration Lottery Program,” invited talk.

Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference, New York, USA, May 2008, “Longitudinal Evidence on the Impact of Victimization on Labour Market Outcomes and General Well-Being.”

Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey Research Conference, Melbourne, Australia, July 2007, “Longitudinal Evidence on the Impact of Incarceration on Labour Market Outcomes and General Well-Being.”

Population Association of New Zealand Annual Conference, Wellington, New Zealand, July 2007, “Moving to Opportunity, Leaving Behind What? Evaluating Poverty and and Inequality Effects of a Migration-Development Policy.”

New Zealand Association of Economists Annual Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand, June 2007, “The Impact of Immigration on the Labour Market Outcomes of New Zealanders.”

New Zealand Association of Economists Annual Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand, June 2007, “What Explains the Wealth Gap Between Immigrants and the New Zealand Born?” invited talk.

Institute for the Study of Labour Annual Migration Meeting, Bonn, Germany, May 2007, “The Impact of Immigration on Child Health: Experimental Evidence From a Migration Lottery Program.”

Population Association of America Annual Conference, New York, USA, March 2007, “Longitudinal Evidence on the Impact of Incarceration on Labour Market Outcomes and General Well-Being.”

Population Association of America Annual Conference, New York, USA, March 2007, “The Impact of Immigration on Child Health: Experimental Evidence From a Migration Lottery Program,” poster session

An International Perspective on Immigration and Immigration Policy Conference, Canberra, Australia, December 2006, “The Impact of Immigration on Child Health: Experimental Evidence From a Migration Lottery Program,” invited talk.

Australian Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Social Policy Research Workshop, Canberra, Australia, November 2006, “The Retirement Expectations of Middle-Aged Individuals,” invited talk.

Population Association of America Annual Conference, Los Angeles, USA, March 2006, “Migration and Mental Health: Evidence from a Natural Experiment.”

Swiss Panel Data Users Workshop, Neuchâtel, Switzerland, February 2006, “The Effect of Economic Crises on Nutritional Status: Evidence from Russia,” invited talk.

Australasian Labour Econometrics Workshop, Sydney, Australia, August 2005, “The Geographical Mobility of Māori in New Zealand.”

Population Association of New Zealand Annual Conference, Auckland, New Zealand, June 2005, “The Geographical Mobility of Māori in New Zealand.”

Society of Labor Economists / European Association of Labour Economists World Congress, San Francisco, USA, June 2005, “Returning to Work from Injury: Longitudinal Evidence on Employment and Earnings.”

Institute for the Study of Labour Social Policy Evaluation Annual Conference, Canberra, Australia, February 2005, “The Impact of Employment Experiences and Benefit-Spell Duration on Benefit-to-Work Transitions.”

New Zealand Social Policy, Research and Evaluation Conference, Wellington, New Zealand, November 2004, “The Impact of Employment Experiences and Benefit-Spell Duration on Benefit-to-Work Transitions.”

New Zealand Association of Economists Annual Conference, Wellington, New Zealand, July 2004, “Examining Changes in the Value of Rural Land in New Zealand between 1989 and 2003.”

Australasian Labour Econometrics Workshop, Melbourne, Australia, August 2003, “Youth Minimum Wage Reform and the Labour Market.”

Center for Economic Studies and Institute for Economic Research Conference on Health and Economic Policy, Munich, Germany, June 2003, “Health and Nutrition in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union during the Decade of Transition: A Review of the Literature.”

Institute for the Study of Labour / Society of Labor Economists Transatlantic Meetings of Labor Economists, Munich, Germany, May 2003, “Youth Minimum Wage Reform and the Labour Market.”

Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Seattle, USA, July 2002, “Understanding Interhousehold Transfers in a Transition Economy: Evidence from Russia.”

Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference, Baltimore, USA, April 2002, “The Effect of Economic Crises on Nutritional Status: Evidence from Russia.”

Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Boston, USA, September 2001, “The Response of Consumption in Russian Households to Economic Shocks.”

William Davidson Institute / Center for Economic Policy Research International Conference on Transition Economics, Portoroz, Slovenia, June 2001, “The Response of Consumption in Russian Households to Economic Shocks.”

Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference, Austin, USA, April 2001, “The Retirement-Consumption Puzzle: A Marital Bargaining Approach.”

Society of Labor Economists / European Association of Labour Economists World Congress, Milan, Italy, June 2000, “Labor Market Uncertainty and Private Sector Labor Supply in Russia.”

## **Grants**

Health Research Council of New Zealand, “Improving Health System Performance: An Economic Analysis of Primary Health Care Reform,” October 2009 – September 2012, with Jackie Cumming, Lynne Pere, Ausaga Fa’aselele Tanuvasa, Nicholas Mays, and Peter Davis, GA209, \$NZ 522,000.

Official Statistics Research Fund, “Income, Expenditure and Living Standards in New Zealand,” July 2009 – June 2010, with Trinh Le, Dean Hyslop, David C. Maré, and John Gibson, \$NZ 89,190

The Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fund, “Wealth and Health Effects of Migration,” extension, January 2009 – December 2010, with John Gibson and David McKenzie, 05-UOC-008, \$NZ 409,500.

The Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fund, “The Impact of Economic Shocks on the Wellbeing of New Zealanders,” April 2008 – March 2011, with David C. Maré and John Gibson, 07-MEP-001, \$NZ 600,000.

The Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fund, “Homeownership and Neighbourhood Wellbeing,” April 2008 – March 2011, with Arthur Grimes and Bonggeun Kim, 07-MEP-003, \$NZ 600,000.

Families Commission Research Fund, “The Intergeneration Transmission of Human Capital in New Zealand,” April 2008 – March 2009, with David C. Maré, \$NZ 83,700.

The Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fund, “The Impact of Immigration on the Labour Market Opportunities of New Zealanders,” April 2006 – March 2008, 05-MEP-002, \$NZ 140,000.

The Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fund, “Wealth and Health Effects of Migration,” January 2006 – December 2008, with John Gibson and David McKenzie, 05-UOC-008, \$NZ 522,700.

Health Research Council of New Zealand, “Improving Health through Primary Care Reform: An Economic Analysis,” July 2005 – June 2008, with Jackie Cumming, Antony Raymont, Amohia Boulton and Gregor Coster, GA204, \$NZ 418,528.

### **Teaching Experience**

Short Course on Causal Analysis (University of Zurich)  
Applied Econometrics Seminar (University of Zurich)  
Labor Economics: Empirical Methods Seminar (University of Zurich)  
Honours Labour Economics (Victoria University of Wellington)  
Intermediate Microeconomics (University of Washington)  
Introductory Macroeconomics (University of Washington)

### **Thesis Supervision**

Rob Hodgson, University of Waikato (PhD), ongoing, “Selection Effects and Economic Impacts of Migration on New Zealand”

Fiona Gunasekara, University of Otago, Wellington Medical School (PhD – informal), ongoing “Do Changes in Income Affect Self-Rated Health?”

Sorraya Yosyingyong, Victoria University of Wellington (MA), 2008, “Could New Zealand’s Domestic Purposes Benefit in Conjunction with the Tax Systems Impact Low-Income Women’s Decision Regarding Family Formation and Childbearing?”

Dale Warburton, Victoria University of Wellington (MA – informal), 2007, “Employment Rates of Young Maori Women”

### **Honors**

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Population Studies, RAND, 2000 – 2002

Rachel M. Storer Memorial Award in Labor Economics, Department of Economics, University of Washington, 1999

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Traineeship in Demography, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington, 1997 – 1999

### **Professional Service**

Thesis External Examiner, Michelle Tan, The Australian National University (PhD), 2009, Gail Pacheco, University of Auckland (PhD), 2007

Visitor, Economics Program, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Oct 2008, RSSS, The Australian National University, June 2004

Consultant, NZ Ministry of Justice, NZ Families Commission, NZ Treasury, NZ Ministry of Social Development, NZ Department of Labour

Member, Social Reference Group, New Zealand Foundation for Research, Science and Technology, 2003, Household Economic Reference Group, Statistics New Zealand, 2003

Referee, *American Economic Review*, *Applied Economics*, *Applied Economics Quarterly*, *Comparative Economic Studies*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economic Journal*, *Economic Record*, *Economics and Human Biology*, *Empirical Economics*, *European Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Labour Economics*, *New Zealand Association of Economists Annual Conference*, *New Zealand Economic Papers*, *Review of Development Economics*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *World Development*

Member, American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists, Royal Economic Society, New Zealand Association of Economists, Economic Society of Australia, Royal Society of New Zealand

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