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EDUCATION:

University of Utah	Economics	2009 – 2015	Ph.D.
Auburn University	Economics	2008 – 2009	MS
Auburn University	Economics	2007 – 2008	BS
Auburn University	German International Trade	2004 – 2007	BA

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

Idaho State University

Associate Dean, College of Business	October 2023 – Present
MHA Program Director	October 2023 – Present
Department Chair of Economics and Finance	July 2021 – September 2023
Associate Professor of Economics	Fall 2020 – Present
Assistant Professor of Economics	Fall 2015 – Spring 2020

University of Utah, Department of Economics

Graduate Student Instructor	2010 – 2015
Research Assistant	2012 – 2015
Teaching Assistant	2009 – 2010

Westminster College, Department of Economics

Adjunct Instructor	2012 – 2015
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Auburn University, Department of Economics

Teaching Assistant	2008 – 2009
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CONSULTING EXPERIENCE:

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Fall 2023 – Present
Co-principal investigator: <i>Time Use as a Starting Point: Harnessing What Matters to Inform Macroeconomic Policy</i>	

PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED):

Fields, D., Strenio, J., Mackett, O., **Buder, I.** 2024. For Whom Does One Toil? Time Use Differentials, Social Reproduction, and Occupational Prestige. *Forum for Social Economics*, DOI: 10.1080/07360932.2024.2394459.

Ngugen, E., **Buder, I.**, Geisler, K., Fore, E. 2023. Economic Costs of COVID-19 in a Rural Western US State. *World Medical & Health Policy*.

Buder, I., Jennings, J., Kim, D., Waitzman, N. 2023. Socioeconomic Status & Health Disparities: Utilizing a Composite Index across Health Datasets. *Forum for Social Economics*.

Buder, I., Fields, D., Donahue, G., Ramirez, M. 2022. Stratification Economics and Occupational Prestige: A Theoretical & Empirical Approach. *Review of Political Economy*.

Jennings, J., **Buder, I.**, Strenio, J. 2022. Occupational Prestige: American Stratification. *Review for Evolutionary Political Economy*, 3, 575-598.

Buder, I., Jennings, J. 2021. Pandemics, Socioeconomic Gaps, and Macroeconomic Policy: The Ugly Truth Highlight by COVID-19. *Forum for Social Economics*, 52(2), 172-185.

Buder, I., Waitzman, N.J., Zick, C.D. 2020. The medical costs of physical inactivity: gender and minority status matter. *Preventive Medicine*, 141.

Buder, I. 2020. Social Class and Obesity: An Association between BMI and Occupational Prestige. *World Medical and Health Policy*, 12(2), 111-122.

Jennings, J., **Buder, I.** 2020. The mitigating impact of physical activity on mentally healthy days: differential effects based on race, ethnicity and gender. *International Journal of Behavioural and Healthcare Research*, 7(2), 103-116.

Buder, I., Zick, C.D., Waitzman, N.J. 2018. The contribution of physical activity to health-related quality of life: new population estimates from national survey data. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, 15, 55-71.

Buder, I., Zick, C.D., Waitzman, N.J., Simonsen, S., Sunada, G., Digre, K. 2018. It takes a village coach: cost-effectiveness of an intervention to improve diet and physical activity among minority women. *Journal of Physical Activity & Health*, 15(11), 819-826.

Buder, I., Jennings, J. 2018. Teaching health in an era of inequality. *International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education*, 9(1/2), 50-68.

Zick, C.D., **Buder, I.**, Waitzman, N.J., Simonsen, S., Digre, K. 2017. The Nexus between Health and Time Use among Racially and Ethnically Diverse Women. *Ethnicity and Health*, 24(2), 147-167.

Buder, I., Zick, C.D., Waitzman, N.J. 2016. Health-related quality of life associated with physical activity: new estimates by gender and race and ethnicity. *World Medical & Health Policy*, 8(4), 409-420.

WORKS IN PROGRESS (OR UNDER REVIEW):

Buder, I., Watts, E., Mortenson, N. Time Unmasked: Illuminating the Hidden Dimensions of Economic Stratification during COVID-19 in the United States. *Forum for Social Economics*. Currently under view (submitted December 2023).

Buder, I., Mackett, O. The Impact of Time Use Differentials on Economic Growth.

Buder, I., Frischmann, J., Whipple, B., Jennings, J. A Comparative Analysis of Occupational Prestige Measures.

Buder, I., Fields, D., Donahue, G., Parker, A. A Labor Market Rank Premium? The Social Locational Gap in Occupational Prestige.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Plenary Session:

International Association for Time Use Research October 2024 [forthcoming]

Session: Novel Perspectives in Time Use Inequalities:

Topic: How Macroeconomic Policy Can Harness Time Use Data to Promote Productivity and Wellbeing: An Analysis across Countries

Paper Presentations:

Eastern Economics Association February 2024

“Unveiling Hidden Depths: Does the Composite SES Index Reveal More?”

World Social Science Association April 2023

“Changes to the Purple Economy: The Impact of COVID19.”

Eastern Economics Association February 2023

“Is There a Labor Market Rank Premium? Quantifying the Racial Gap in Occupational Prestige.”

Allied Social Sciences Associations January 2023

“Is There a Labor Market Rank Premium? Quantifying the Racial Gap in Occupational Prestige.”

“For Whom Does One Toil? Time Use Differentials, Social Reproduction, & Occupational Prestige: Evidence from the American Time Use Survey.”

International Association for Feminist Economists June 2022

“Stratification Economics and Occupational Prestige: A Theoretical & Empirical Approach.”

“For Whom Does One Toil? Time Use Differentials, Social Reproduction, & Occupational Prestige: Evidence from the American Time Use Survey.”

	“Immigrant Women and the Double Negative Effect: New Evidence from the ACS Survey.”	
<u>World Social Science Association</u>		April 2022
	“The Labor Market Rank Premium: Quantifying the Racial Gap in Occupational Prestige.”	
	“Occupational prestige and health-related quality of life.”	
	“COVID-19 & rural health: implications on mental health.”	
<u>Western Economic Association International</u>		March 2021
	Allied Society: ASE – Roundtable: Teaching Economics in 2020 & Beyond	
<u>Eastern Economics Association</u>		February 2020
	“The mitigating impact of physical activity on mental health: differential effects based on race, ethnicity, and gender.”	
<u>Eastern Economics Association</u>		March 2019
	“Nonmarket Indirect Costs of Being Overweight and Obese: updated results”	
<u>International Association for Time Use Research</u>		October 2018
	“Nonmarket Indirect Costs of Being Overweight and Obese”	
<u>Western Economic Association International</u>		June 2018
	“Socioeconomic Status and Mentally Healthy Days”	
<u>Eastern Economics Association</u>		February 2018
	“What is Driving Mentally Unhealthy Days?”	
<u>International Health Economics Association</u>		July 2017
	“An economic evaluation of a health care intervention for minority group women.”	
<u>Utah Conference for Public Health</u>		March 2017
	“An economic assessment of a coaching intervention: results from Utah’s UWAG experiment.”	
<u>Eastern Economics Association</u>		February 2017
	“A comparative analysis of quality-adjusted life years gained from physical activity.”	
<u>MBAA International</u>		April 2016
	“Occupational Ranking, Body Mass Index, and Gender Discrepancies.”	

Women’s Health in Global Perspective Workshop March 2016
“The impact of gender and race/ethnicity in calculating health-related quality of life scores.”

Association for Institutional Thought April 2015
“Non-market indirect costs of obesity”

American Public Health Association November 2014
“An economic assessment of a coaching intervention to increase wellness activities among culturally diverse women: Early results from Utah's UWAG experiment.”

International Association for Time Use Research July 2014
“The Links between Cultural Group Membership, Time Use, and Healthy Body Weight.”

Western States Graduate Student Workshop October 2014
“An economic assessment of a coaching intervention to increase wellness activities among culturally diverse women: Early results from Utah's UWAG experiment.”

INVITED SPEECHES/PRESENTATIONS

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Washington D.C.) May 2024
How time use data can be harnessed for macroeconomic policy.

Data2X: Roundtable on Time Use Data and Macroeconomic Policy May 2024
Presented work conducted on behalf of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

American Society for Health Economics June 2016
“Health-related quality of life associated with physical activity: new estimates by gender and race/ethnicity.”

Utah Conference for Public Health April 2014
“An Economic Assessment of a Coaching Intervention to Increase Wellness Activities among Culturally Diverse Women.”

SERVICE RECORD

College of Business

College Curriculum Committee

Committee Chair

Fall 2023 – Present

Committee Member

Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

Assurance of Learning Committee

Committee Chair

Fall 2023 – Present

Teaching Evaluation Committee

Committee Member
Committee Chair

Fall 2021 – Present
Spring 2019 – Spring 2021

Financial Literacy Week Committee

Committee Chair
Committee Member

Fall 2023 – Present
Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

Idaho Economic Outlook Symposium

Committee Chair & Presenter

Fall 2023 – Present

ISU Economics Club

Faculty Advisor

Fall 2018 – current
(Exception: AY 2023/2024)

ISU Economics Club Panel Presentation (Organizer)

April 2021

Health & Economic Impacts of Covid19

Presenters: Dr. Elizabeth Fore, Dr. Diana Schow, Dr. Robert Tokle, Dr. Karl Geisler, Dr. Iris Buder

ISU Economics Club Panel Presentation (Organizer)

September 2020

The Impact of Covid-19: An Economics & Health Perspective

Presenters: Dr. Nathaniel Cline, Dr. Jacob Jennings, Dr. Jacqueline Strenio, Dr. Daniel Kim

Search Committees at Idaho State University

Healthcare Administration
Accounting

Spring 2023
Fall 2022

Finance (chair of search committee)
Healthcare Administration
Computer Science
Economics
Health Informatics

Fall 2022
Fall 2019
Fall 2018
Spring 2018
Summer 2017

Student Mentorship

Research Mentor for Dorothy Astorga

Summer 2024

College students, nicotine, and mental health: How does nicotine usage affect the mental health status of college students?

Trio Mentor & Honors Thesis Committee for Emma Watts

Summer 2023

COVID19, Time Use, and Economic Stratification: Evidence from the ATUS Data

Research Mentor for Emma Watts & Natalie Mortenson

AY 2023/2024

Time Unmasked: Illuminating the Hidden Dimensions of Economic Stratification during COVID-19 in the United States.

Research Mentor for Aiden Parker & Gwyneth Donahue AY 2022/2023
A Labor Market Rank Premium? The Social Locational Gap in Occupational Prestige.

Research Mentor for Gwyneth Donahue & Maria Ramirez AY 2021/2022
Stratification Economics and Occupational Prestige: A Theoretical and Empirical Approach.

Research Mentor for Gwyneth Donahue AY 2020/2021
Equal Convergence? Convergence Patterns Among Immigrants by Occupation.

Honors Thesis Advisor: Simon Orgill (Fall 2019) and Liam Lucas (Spring 2020).

Senior Seminar Advisor: Michael Goggin, independent study (Fall 2019).

University-level, Idaho State University

SEM Recruitment Council Fall 2024 – Present
Council Member

Transfer Process Committee Spring 2024 – Present
Committee Member

University Assessment Review Committee Fall 2023 – Present
Committee Member

Open Educational Resource Committee Fall 2021 – Present
Committee Member

Frank Church Symposium – Idaho State University
Moderator & Session Organizer, “Europe & the Global Market” March 2023
Moderator, “African Economic Investment” March 2022

Early College Program: Instructor Liaison Academic Year 2018
Renaissance High School Fall 2018 – Spring 2020
Hillcrest High School

Professional & Community

Health West Community Health Center October 2018 – present
Secretary – Executive Committee
Board Member November 2015 – present

Association for Social Economics: January 2024 – Present
Western Regional Director (Executive Committee) Summer 2023 – Present
Podcast Host & Coordinator Summer 2021 – 2023
Webinar Host & Coordinator

New Proposed Journal Reviewer Fall 2024
Journal of Stratification Economics (JSE), University of California Press

Tenure Reviewer Fall 2022
Dr. Yupeng Li, Department of Political Science & Economics
Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey

Conference Session Chair
International Association for Feminist Economics July 2022
World Social Science Association April 2022
Western Economic Association International June 2018
Eastern Economic Association March 2018

Bonneville Cycling Club
Lead Volunteer (Little Red) – Rest Stop Food and Supplies June 2022 – Present
Volunteer (Little Red) – Treasurer June 2016 – June 2020
Vice President November 2021 – May 2022
Treasurer November 2015 – October 2021
Member at Large November 2014 – October 2015

Other
Heterodox Economics Student Association – University of Utah 2010 – 2011
Chair

German Club – Auburn University
President 2007 – 2008
Treasurer 2006 – 2007

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Funded:

Summer Research Grant June 2016
Idaho State University, College of Business, Pocatello, ID

Not funded:

Washington Center for Equitable Growth Spring 2023
*Prestige in Name Only? An Analysis of the Economic Impact of “Convergence” in
Occupational Prestige*

Idaho Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan Spring 2016

University of Kentucky, Center for Poverty Research Summer 2016
*The relationship between health status, food insecurity, and SNAP participation: a
quality of life approach”*

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Idaho Business Review Powerlist 50

Top 50 Most Influential Business Leaders in Idaho

2024

Graduate Teaching Assistantship

University of Utah

2008-2012

Graduate Teaching Assistantship

Auburn University

2008-2009

German Award

Auburn University

2007