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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. in Economics (2003), Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA
Dissertation: "Welfare and Immigrants' Choice of Residency and Female Income Differentials with Means-Tested or Universal Benefits: Two Essays" Advisor: Dr. Robert Moffitt
- Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Population and Family Health Sciences, Baltimore, MD, NIH grant in population sciences (2002-2003)
- M.A. in Economics (1999) Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA
- M.Sc. in Quantitative Methods in Economics (1996), Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- **Research Economist**, CEPS/INSTEAD, IRISS-Integrated Research Infrastructure in the Socio-Economic Sciences, BP 48, L-4501 Differdange, Luxembourg, 2007 – Present
- **Research Affiliate**, DIW Berlin, Department German Socio-Economic Panel Study, Berlin, Germany, 2007 – Present
- **Research Associate and Wealth Project (LWS) Director**, Luxembourg Income Study-LWS, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, 2004-2007
- **Visiting Researcher**, DIW Berlin, Department German Socio-Economic Panel Study, Berlin, Germany, October 2005- October 2006
- **Consultant**, United Nations University-World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), Helsinki, Finland, 2006
- **Research Associate**, Georgetown University, Center for Population and Health, Washington, DC, USA, 2003-2004
- **Affiliated Researcher**, Warsaw Institute for Socio-Economic Research (WISER), 2B Banacha Street, Warsaw, Poland, 2003-Present
- **Research Assistant for Professor Robert Moffitt**, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Economics, Baltimore, USA, 1999-2002
- **Research Assistant**, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Price and Index Number Research, Washington D.C., USA, 1999-2002

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- **Instructor**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA
 - *International Trade*, (2002, 2003).
- **Section Instructor**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA
 - *Microeconomics*, (2000, 2001); *Macroeconomics*, graduate, (1999)
- **Section Instructor**, Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Washington, D.C, USA
 - *International Trade; Principles of Economics*, graduate (2000)
- **Instructor**, William Paterson University, Department of Mathematics, Wayne, NJ.
 - *Statistics; Finite Mathematics; Contemporary Mathematics*.(1997)

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- **Research Papers**

“Older Women's Economic Security: the Five-Legged Stool in Cross-National Perspective” with Janet Gornick (Baruch College, CUNY and LIS) and Tim Smeeding (Syracuse U.)

“Comparing wealth distribution across rich countries: First results from the Luxembourg Wealth Study” with Andrea Brandolini (Banca d'Italia) and Tim Smeeding (Syracuse U.)

“Gender differences in the effect of monetary policy on employment: the case of nine OECD countries” with Yelena Takhtamanova (SF Federal Reserve Bank) (submitted)

“Examining the gender wealth gap within and across households” with Joachim Frick (DIW) and Markus Grabka (DIW)

“Homeownership Inequality and the Access to Credit Markets (Can Credit Availability Explain Cross-country Differences in the Inequality of Homeownership across Income of Young Households?) with Alena Bicakova (EUI)

“Income and the Effect of Health on Employment of the Elderly in Taiwan” with A.Bicakova (EUI) and J.Chang (Taiwan U)

- **Methodological Research Papers**

“Representative wealth data for Germany: The impact of methodological decisions around imputation and the choice of the aggregation unit” with Joachim Frick (DIW) and Markus Grabka (DIW)

“Measurement Issues in Wealth: Equivalence Scales, Accounting Framework, and Reference Unit” with Tim Smeeding, (Syracuse U.)

“Cohort studies and the LWS: the Health and Retirement Study (HRS)” with Susann Rohwedder and Pierre-Carl Michaud (RAND)

WORKING PAPERS:

“Differences in the measurement and structure of wealth using alternative data sources: the case of the UK” with Zoe Oldfield (IFS) [*IFS Working Paper, W11/07*](#) (submitted)

“Survey Estimates of Wealth Holdings in OECD Countries: Evidence on the level and distribution across selected countries” with Markus Jäntti (Åbo Akademi U) [*UNU-WIDER Research Paper No. 2007/17*](#); prepared for project on “*Personal Assets from a Global Perspective*,” May 4-6, 2006

“Representative wealth data for Germany: The impact of methodological decisions around imputation and the choice of the aggregation unit” with Joachim Frick (DIW) and Markus Grabka (DIW), [*DIW Berlin Discussion Paper No. 672*](#), March 2007

“Wealth Effects out of Financial and Housing Wealth: Cross-Country and Age Group Comparisons” with Yelena Takhtamanova, [Federal Reserve Bank SF Working Paper Series 2007-01](#)(2007) and *Luxembourg Wealth Study Working Paper No. 4*, (2006) (submitted)

“Comparing wealth distribution across rich countries: First results from the Luxembourg Wealth Study” *Luxembourg Wealth Study Working Paper No.1*, (2006)

“Cross National Comparison of Income and Wealth Status in Retirement: First Results from the Luxembourg Wealth Study” with Andrea Brandolini (Banca d’Italia) and Tim Smeeding (Syracuse U.) *Luxembourg Wealth Study Working Paper No. 2*, (2006).

“Older Women’s Economic Security: the Four-Legged Stool in Cross-National Perspective” with J.Gornick,, T.Munzi and T.Smeeding *Luxembourg Wealth Study Working Paper No.3*, (2006),

“Cross-Country Income and Expenditure Distributions using the Luxembourg Income Study” with Thesia Garner (BLS), *Bureau of Labor Statistics Working Paper No. 380*, (March 2005)

“Female Income Differentials and Social Benefits: A Four Country Comparison” *Luxembourg Income Study Working Paper No. 377*, (2004),

“A Comparison of Income, Expenditures and Home Market Value Distributions using the Luxembourg Income Study data from the 1990s” with Thesia Garner (BLS), *Luxembourg Income Study Working Paper No. 338*, (2002)

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH PAPERS:

Sierminska E. and Y. Takhtamanova “Disentangling the Wealth Effect: Some International Evidence,”[FRBSF Economic Letter, No. 2007-02](#)

Sierminska E, A. Brandolini and T. Smeeding “Comparing wealth distribution across rich countries: the Luxembourg Wealth Study” 2006 [IFC Bulletin No. 25, volume 1](#) of the *Proceedings of the IFC Conference on "Measuring the financial position of the household sector"*, Basel, 30-31 August

Sierminska E, A. Brandolini and T. Smeeding “The Luxembourg Wealth Study – A Cross-Country Database for Household Wealth Research,” *Journal of Economic Inequality*, vol. 4 no. 3, December 2006.

“Older Women’s Economic Security: the Four-Legged Stool in Cross-National Perspective” with J.Gornick (Baruch College, CUNY and LIS), T.Munzi (LIS) and T.Smeeding (Syracuse U.) forthcoming in *Women and Retirement Security* edited by H. Hartmann and S. Lee, AARP and Russell Sage Foundation.

Sierminska E. and Y. Takhtamanova “The Effect of Wealth on Consumption Expenditures: Cross-Country and Cross Socio-Demographic Group Comparisons” *Ekonomia (forthcoming)*

“Measurement Issues in Wealth: Equivalence Scales, Accounting Framework, and Reference Unit” with Tim Smeeding, *Prepared for the LWS Workshop: "Construction and Usage of Comparable Microdata on Wealth: the LWS" Perugia, Italy* (2005)

“The Measurement of Housing Wealth: Conceptual Issues and Practice” with Andrea Neri, *Prepared for the LWS Workshop: "Construction and Usage of Comparable Microdata on Wealth: the LWS" Perugia, Italy* (2005)

“Immigrants and State Clustering: The Effect of Welfare Benefits?,” Johns Hopkins University, unpublished manuscript (2003)

PRESENTATIONS and CONFERENCES:

- Second meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Berlin, Germany, July 12-14, 2007
- Luxembourg Wealth Study Final Conference: Enhancing Research on Household Finance, Rome, Italy (July 5-7, 2007)
- University of Luxembourg (March 2007)
- Royal Economic Society Meeting (January 2007)
- Deutsche Bundesbank (January 2007)
- Luxembourg Wealth Study Technical Conference, Luxembourg, Luxembourg (December 14-15, 2006)
- 2nd World Ageing and Generation Congress, St. Gallen, Switzerland (September 27-28, 2006)
- 29th Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW), Joensuu, Finland (August 20-26, 2006).
- Warsaw Economic Meeting, Warsaw, Poland (July 2006).
- First meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Palma de Mallorca, Spain, July 20-22, 2005
- Western Economic Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA (July 2005)
- Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, New York City, NY (March 2005).
- Workshop: “Construction and Usage of Comparable Microdata on Wealth: the LWS” Perugia, Italy (January 2005).
- 28th Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW), Cork, Ireland (August 2004).
- LIS Summer Workshop, Luxembourg (July 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007).
- Population Association of America Annual Conference (PAA), Boston, MA (April 2004).
- Illinois Economics Association (IEA), Chicago, Illinois (October 2002).
- Annual European Association of Labour Economists (EALE), Paris, France (September 2002).
- 27th Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW), Stockholm, Sweden (August 2002).

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- NIH training grant in population sciences, 2002-2003
- Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Economics
- J.Brien Key Award, Johns Hopkins University, 2002 and 2003
- Ford Foundation fellowship to attend Luxembourg Income Study Workshop, July 2001
- European Community Mobility Grant for study at the University of Namur, Belgium 1996

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Economic Association, Population Association of America, European Association of Labour Economists, International Association for Research in Income and Wealth, Society for the Study of Economic Inequality-ECINEQ,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Referee: Review of Income and Wealth, Social Science Quarterly, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis
- Languages: Polish (Native), English (fluent), French (intermediate-CFJ), Spanish (fair)
- Computer Proficiency: Statistical Packages: SAS, STATA Platforms: UNIX, PC (Windows, DOS)