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His publications include: *Mass Economy: The Labor Supply and Our Economic Future*, (2006); *The Age Twist in Employment Rates in the U.S., 2000 – 2004: The Steep Tilt Against Young Workers in the Nation's Labor Markets*, with Ishwar Khatiwada and Sheila Palma (2005); *Pathways to Labor Market Success: The Literacy Proficiency of U.S. Adults*, with Irwin Kirsch and Kentaro Yamamoto of Educational Testing Service (2004); *A Human Capital Concern: The Literacy Proficiency of U.S. Immigrants*, also with Kirsch and Yamamoto (2004); *The Twin Challenges of Mediocrity and Inequality: Literacy in the U.S. from an International Perspective*, with Irwin Kirsch and Robert Taggart (2002); *Literacy in the Labor Force: Results From the National Adult Literacy Survey* (1999).

He received his B.A. from Indiana University and completed all Ph.D requirements except the dissertation in the Department of Economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.