John Karl Scholz

Education

1988, Ph.D., Economics, Stanford University
1981, B.A., Economics and Mathematics, Carleton College

Employment

Provost, University of Wisconsin – Madison, July 2019-present

- Played an instrumental role in helping the university navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Efforts included twice-weekly calls with the deans to address challenges in the schools/colleges and support the academic enterprise
- Launched the Center for Teaching, Learning and Mentoring, which supports instructors across campus and enhances teaching and learning at UW-Madison
- Worked to improve climate and the experience of staff and faculty across the university, working with the deans, governance groups and vice provosts
- During my time as Provost, average time to degree has been under 4 years (for the first time) and it has fallen 3 consecutive years, to 3.89 years. We also have recruited the most diverse entering class in UW-Madison's history

Dean, College of Letters & Science, University of Wisconsin – Madison, July 2013-June 2019

- Working with an awesome team, successfully led a College with 2,100 employees, 4,000 graduate students, and over 18,000 undergraduates, with 67 academic departments and formally recognized centers/institutes
- Raised over $425M as part of the All Ways Forward campaign
- Launched and developed a nationally recognized career center for arts and sciences students, SuccessWorks
- Led formation of the School of Computer, Data and Information Sciences in the College of Letters & Science

Nellie June Gray Professor of Economic Policy, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Economics, 2010–present (Assistant Professor, Economics Department and La Follette Institute of Public Affairs, 1988-95; Associate Professor, 1995-98; and Professor of Economics, since 1998)

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Tax Analysis, U.S. Treasury Department, 1/1997-8/1998

Senior Staff Economist, Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C., 9/1990-7/1991

Professional Appointments

2021 - Chair, Big Ten Academic Alliance Audit Committee

2021 -	Chief Academic Officer Steering Committee, AAU
2012 - 2013	National Institute of Health Study Section, SSPA
2011 - 2013	Department Chair (Economics Department, UW-Madison)
2011 - 2013	Coeditor, *American Economic Journal – Economic Policy*
2011	Vice President, Midwest Economics Association
2009 - 2011	Coeditor, *Journal of Public Economics*
2008 - today	TIAA-CREF Institute Fellow
2008 - 2013	Research Fellow, Netspar (Netherlands), Member of Netspar Scientific Counsel
2007 - 2009	Member, Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (Tax Gap Committee)
2007 - 2009	Chair, NRC Panel on the Dynamics of Economic Well-Being System
2005 - 2008	Associate Editor, The New Palgrave: A Dictionary of Economics
2005	International Monetary Fund Technical Assistance, South Korea
2004	Chair, National Research Council Panel on Enhancing the Data Infrastructure in Support of Food and Nutrition Programs, Research, and Decision Making
2004 - 2007	Social Science Divisional Committee (UW-Madison)
2003 - 2013	Michigan Retirement Research Center Board of Outside Scholars
2003 - 2013	Senior Research Affiliate at the Michigan National Poverty Center
2001 - 2003	Member, National Research Council Panel to Evaluate the USDA's Methodology for Estimating Eligibility and Participation for the WIC Program
2001 - 2013	Editorial Board, The B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy
2000 - 2004	Director, Institute for Research on Poverty (affiliate since 1992)
1998 - 2017	Editorial Board, *National Tax Journal*
1998 - 2001	Social Science Fellowship Committee, Graduate School, UW-Madison
1994 - 2009	Coeditor, *Journal of Human Resources*
1991 - today	Faculty Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research

Book

Making the Work-Based Safety Net Work Better, edited with Carolyn Heinrich, Russell Sage Foundation, 2009

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"EITC Use in Shared Placement Cases," with Patricia Brown and Hsueh-Hsiang Li, Public Finance Review, 46(3), May 2018, 327-358

"Facial Attractiveness and Lifetime Earnings: Evidence from a Cohort Study," with Kamil Sicinski, Review of Economics and Statistics, 97, March 2015, 14-28

"An Assessment of the Effectiveness of Anti-Poverty Programs in the United States," with Yonatan Ben-Shalom and Robert Moffitt, in Oxford Handbook of Economics of Poverty, P. Jefferson, editor, Oxford University Press, 2012, 709-749

"A New Test of Borrowing Constraints for Education," with Meta Brown and Ananth Seshadri, Review of Economic Studies, 79, April 2012, 511-538

"Trends in the Level and Distribution of Income Support," with Robert Moffitt, in Tax Policy and the Economy, J. Brown (ed.), MIT Press and NBER, 24, 2010, 111-152

"The Effects of Financial Education in the Workplace: Evidence from a Survey of Employers," 2009, with Patrick Bayer and B. Douglas Bernheim, Economic Inquiry, October, 605-624. Winner of the 2009 outstanding paper award in Economic Inquiry.

"Introduction," with Carolyn Heinrich, in Making Work-Based Welfare Work Better, J.K. Scholz and C. Heinrich, editors, Russell Sage Foundation, New York: New York, 2009, 1-22

"Trends in Income Support," with Robert Moffitt and Benjamin Cowan, in Changing Poverty, Changing Policies, M. Cancian and S. Danziger, editors, Russell Sage Foundation, New York: New York, 2009, 203-241

"The Assets and Liabilities Held By Low-Income Households," with Ananth Seshadri, in Insufficient Funds, R. Blank and M. Barr, editors, Russell Sage Foundation, New York: New York, 2009, 25-65

"Can Administrative Data on Child Support Be Used to Improve the EITC? Evidence from Wisconsin," with Joe Hotz, National Tax Journal,61, June 2008, 189-203

"Taxation and Poverty," New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics, L. Blume and S. Durlauf, eds., 2008

"Are Americans Saving 'Optimally' for Retirement?" with Ananth Seshadri and Surachai Khitatrakun, Journal of Political Economy, 114(4), August 2006, 607-643. Winner of the 2007 TIAA-CREF Paul A. Samuelson Award for outstanding scholarly writing on lifelong financial security

"Welfare Reform in the United States," with Robert Haveman, in A New Paradigm for Social Welfare in the New Millennium, (L. Cho, H. Moon, Y. Kim, and S. Lee, eds.), Korean Development Institute Press, 2005, 25-53

"Do Estate and Gift Taxes Affect the Timing of Private Transfers?" with B. Douglas Bernheim and Robert Lemke, Journal of Public Economics, 88(12), December 2004, 2617-2634.

"U.S. Black-White Wealth Inequality," with Kara Levine, in Social Inequality, K. Neckerman, Editor, Russell Sage Foundation, New York: New York, 2004, 895-929

"WIC Eligibility and Participation," with Janet Currie and Marianne Bitler, Journal of Human Resources, Special Issue on Income Volatility and Implications for Food Assistance Programs, Volume 38, 2003, 1139-1179

"Saving Incentives in the U.S.," with Surachai Khitatrakun, in Pension Policy in an Integrating Europe, O. Castellino and E. Fornero, Editors, Edward Elgar, 2003, 127-151

"The Earned Income Tax Credit," with V. Joseph Hotz, in Means-Tested Transfer Programs in the United States, Robert Moffitt, Editor, The University of Chicago Press and NBER, 2003, 141-197

"Welfare, Employment and Income: Evidence on the Effects of Benefit Reductions in California," with V. Joseph Hotz and Charles H. Mullin, American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings, May, 2002, 380-384

"The Evolution of Income Support Policy in Recent Decades," with Kara Levine, in Understanding Poverty, S. Danziger and R. Haveman (eds), Harvard University Press and Russell Sage Foundation, 2002, 193-228

"Measuring Employment and Income Outcomes for Low-Income Populations with Administrative and Survey Data," with V. Joseph Hotz, in Studies of Welfare Populations: Data Collection and Research Issues, National Research Council: National Academy Press, 2002, 275-315

"Evaluating Work-Related Cash Benefit Programs: The Earned Income Tax Credit," with Carolyn J. Hill and V. Joseph Hotz, in "Evaluating Tax Expenditures: Tools and Techniques for Assessing Outcomes," in New Directions for Evaluation, L. Datta and P. Grasso (eds), no. 79, Fall, 1998, San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 25-41

"An Econometric Analysis of Charitable Giving with Interdependent Preferences," (with James Andreoni), Economic Inquiry, July, 1998, 410-428

"Personal Bankruptcy and Credit Supply and Demand," with Reint Gropp and Michelle White, Quarterly Journal of Economics, February, 1997, 217-251

"The Illusory Effects of Saving Incentives on Saving," with Eric M. Engen and William G. Gale, Journal of Economic Perspectives, Fall, 1996, 113-138

"Distributional Effects of Fundamental Tax Reform" with William G. Gale and Scott Houser, in Economic Effects of Fundamental Tax Reform, Aaron and Gale (eds.), The Brookings Institution, 1996, 281-315

"In-Work Benefits in the United States: The Earned Income Tax Credit," Economic Journal, Vol. 106, January, 1996, 156-169

"The Earned Income Tax Credit and Transfer Programs: A Study of Labor Market and Program Participation," with Stacy Dickert and Scott Houser, Tax Policy and the Economy, James M. Poterba (ed.), National Bureau of Economic Research and the MIT Press, 9, 1995, 1-50

"IRAs and Household Saving," with William G. Gale, American Economic Review, December, 1994, 1233-1260

"Improving the Delivery of Benefits to the Working Poor: Proposals to Reform the Earned Income Tax Credit Program," with George K. Yin, Jonathan Barry Forman, and Mark Mazur, American Journal of Tax Policy, Fall, 1994, 225-298

"Intergenerational Transfers and the Accumulation of Wealth," with William G. Gale, Journal of Economic Perspectives, Vol. 8, No. 4, Fall, 1994, 145-160

"Tax Progressivity and Household Portfolios: Descriptive Evidence from the Surveys of Consumer Finances," Tax Progressivity and Income Inequality, Joel Slemrod (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 1994, 219-267

"Taxes and the Poor: A Microsimulation Study of Implicit and Explicit Taxes," with Stacy Dickert and Scott Houser, National Tax Journal, September, 1994, 621-638

"Do Saving Incentives Work?" with Eric M. Engen and William G. Gale, Brookings Papers on Economic Activity, 1, 1994, 85-151

"The Earned Income Tax Credit: Participation, Compliance, and Anti-poverty Effectiveness," National Tax Journal, March, 1994, 59-81

"Private Saving and Public Policy," with B. Douglas Bernheim, Tax Policy and the Economy, James M. Poterba (ed.), National Bureau of Economic Research and the MIT Press, 7, 1993, 73-110

"A Direct Examination of the Dividend Clientele Hypothesis," Journal of Public Economics, 49, 1992, 261-285

"Examining the Evidence on IRAs and Household Saving," with William G. Gale, in Personal Saving, Consumption, and Tax Policy, M. Kosters (ed.), The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, 1992, 76-83

"Consumption Taxation in a General Equilibrium Model: How Reliable are Simulation Results?" with B. Douglas Bernheim and John B. Shoven, in National Savings and Economic Performance, Bernheim and Shoven (eds.), Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1991, 131-158

"The Value-Added Tax: A General Equilibrium Look at Its Efficiency and Incidence," with Charles L. Ballard and John B. Shoven, in The Effects of Taxation on Capital Accumulation, M. Feldstein (ed.), Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1987, pp. 445-480

Policy Papers, Reviews, and Comments

"Transfers and Taxes and the Low-Income Population: Policy and Research Trends," with Richard Burkhauser and Robert Moffitt, Focus, Institute for Research on Poverty, Winter 2010, 27(2), 13-20, http://www.irp.wisc.edu/publications/focus/pdfs/foc272d.pdf

"Reengineering the Survey of Income and Program Participation," with Connie Citro, National Research Council, 2009, Committee on National Statistics, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, Washington, DC: The National Academies Press

"Trends in Income Support," with Robert Moffitt and Benjamin Cowan, Focus, Institute for Research on Poverty, Fall 2009, 26(2), 43-49, http://www.irp.wisc.edu/publications/focus/pdfs/foc262.pdf

"Public Assistance and Workfare," with Colleen Chrisinger, Ben Cowan, and Caleb White, in Social Policy at a Crossroad: Trends in Advanced Countries and Implications for Korea, S. Lee, A. Mason, and K. Sul (eds.), Korean Development Institute, 2008, 291-317

"Employer-Based Tax Credits," December, 2007, The Brookings Institution Hamilton Project

"Taxation and Poverty: 1960-2006," Focus, Institute for Research on Poverty, Spring-Summer 2007, 25(1), 52-57, http://www.irp.wisc.edu/publications/focus/pdfs/foc251h.pdf

"Migration To and From Wisconsin" with Yeri Lopez, December, 2006, The LaFollette School

"Perspectives on Economic Development from *Site Selection* Magazine" with Yeri Lopez, December, 2006, The LaFollette School

"Choosing the Right Pond: What Are Appropriate Comparison Cities for Wisconsin's Metropolitan Areas?" with Yeri Lopez, December, 2006, The LaFollette School

"Comment" on "Neighborhood Effects on Barriers to Employment: Results From a Randomized Housing Mobility Experiment in Baltimore," by Kristin Turney, Susan Clampet-Lundquist, Kathryn Edin, Jeffrey R. Kling, and Greg J. Duncan, in *Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs*, 2006, 42-48

"Comment" on Labor Market Changes in Korea since the 1997 Crisis, by Dae Il Kim and Gyeongjoon Yoo, in A New Paradigm for Social Welfare in the New Millennium, (L. Cho, H. Moon, Y. Kim, and S. Lee, eds.), Korean Development Institute Press, 2005, 181-183

"Enhancing the Data Infrastructure in Support of Food and Nutrition Programs, Research, and Decision Making: Report of a Workshop," with Jamie Casey, National Research Council, 2004, Committee on National Statistics, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, Washington, DC: The National Academies Press

"Comment" on "What People Don't Know About Their Pensions and Social Security," by Alan Gustman and Thomas Steinmeier, in Private Pensions and Public Policies, W. Gale, J. Shoven, and M. Warshawsky (eds.), Washington D.C.: The Brookings Institution Press, 2004, 120-125

"Comment" on "The Impact of Gifts and Bequests on the Distribution of Wealth," by Edward N. Wolff, in Death and Dollars: The Role of Gifts and Bequests in America, A. Munnell and A. Sundèn (eds.), Washington D.C.: The Brookings Institution Press, 2003, 381-388

"Welfare Reform, Employment, and Advancement," with V. Joseph Hotz and Charles H. Mullin, Focus, Institute for Research on Poverty, Special Issue 2002, 51-55

Member of the Century Foundation Working Group on Tax Expenditures, which wrote Bad Breaks All Around, The Century Foundation Press, 2002

Review of "Should the United States Privatize Social Security?" by Henry J. Aaron and John B. Shoven and "Issues in Privatizing Social Security: Report of an Expert Panel of the National Academy of Social Insurance," edited by Peter A. Diamond, Journal of Economic Literature, December, 2001, 1249-1251

"Not Perfect, But Still Pretty Good: The EITC and Other Policies to Support the U.S. Low-Wage Labor Market," with V. Joseph Hotz, OECD Economic Studies, 2000 (31), 26-42

Review of "Who Bears the Lifetime Tax Burden," by Don Fullerton and Diane Lim Rogers, Journal of Economic Literature, March, 1995, 234-236

"Taxes, Transfers, and Welfare Reform," with Robert H. Haveman, National Tax Journal, June, 1994, 419-436

"Tax Policy and the Working Poor: The Earned Income Tax Credit," Focus, Institute for Research on Poverty, Winter 1993-94, 1-12

"Do Americans Save Too Little?" with B. Douglas Bernheim, Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank Business Review, September-October, 1993, 3-20

"Changes in the Economic Status of Families with Young Children: A Look at Two Cohorts," with Nancy Maritato, Proceedings of the National Tax Association, 1991, 186-197

Comments on "Adverse Implications of a Securities Transactions Tax," by Joseph Grundfest and John Shoven, Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance, Volume 6, Number 4, Fall 1991

Comments on "An Analysis of the Alternative Minimum Tax: Equity, Efficiency, and Incentive Effects," by Andrew Lyon, The Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax, American Council for Capital Formation, 1991

"The Effect of the Relative Tax Treatment of Dividends and Capital Gains on Aspects of Corporate and Investor Behavior," Proceedings of the National Tax Association, 1988, 114-120

"Comprehensive Income Taxation and Rate Reduction," with Joseph A. Pechman, Statement to the Senate Finance Committee, reprinted in Tax Notes, October 11, 1982

Grants and Awards

Michigan Retirement Research Center, "The Assets and Liabilities of Cohorts: The Antecedents of Retirement Security," (with Michael Collins and Ananth Seshadri), September, 2012-August, 2013

Michigan Retirement Research Center, "The Interplay of Wealth, Retirement Decisions, Policy and Economic Shocks," (with Ananth Seshadri), September, 2012-August, 2013

Michigan Retirement Research Center, "The Influence of Public Policy on Health, Wealth and Mortality," (with Ananth Seshadri), September, 2011-August, 2012

Richard E. Stockwell Chair in Economics, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 2009-2012

Michigan Retirement Research Center, "New Explorations of Health and Wealth," (with Ananth Seshadri), September, 2009-August, 2010

Kellett Mid-Career Award, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 2009

Michigan Retirement Research Center, "What Replacement Rates Should People Use?" (with Ananth Seshadri), September, 2008-August, 2009

National Institute for Aging (R01), "Retirement Income Security of Elderly Americans: Studies of Fundamental Factors Influencing Wealth Accumulation and Retirement," (with Ananth Seshadri), May 2009-April 2014

Recipient of the 2007 TIAA-CREF Paul A. Samuelson award for "Are Americans Saving 'Optimally' for Retirement?" (with Ananth Seshadri and Surachai Khitatrakun)

Michigan Retirement Research Center, "Are *All* Americans Saving Optimally for Retirement?" (with Ananth Seshadri), October, 2007-August, 2008

Michigan Retirement Research Center, "Children and Household Wealth," (with Ananth Seshadri), September, 2006-August, 2007

Carleton College Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, June, 2006

National Science Foundation, “Tax Policy and Low-Wage Labor Markets: New Work on Employment, Effectiveness and Administration,” (with V. Joseph Hotz), July, 2004-June, 2009

National Institute for Aging (R01), “Theory and Evidence on Intergenerational Transfers,” (with Meta Brown, Maurizio Mazzocco, and Ananth Seshadri), September, 2003 - August, 2007

National Institute of Aging (R03), “Pension and the Non-Pension Wealth of American Families,” June, 2001

Russell Sage Foundation, “The Wisconsin *Family Capital* Project: How Health, Education, Wealth, and Family Resources Are Shaping Economic Inequality” (co-PI with Barbara Wolfe), August, 2000-July, 2004

University of Wisconsin – Madison, Vilas Associates award, 1998 academic year

U.S. Treasury Department, Distinguished Service Award, August, 1998

Census Bureau Grant, co-PI (with Michael Wiseman), “Monitoring Devolution: the Welfare Reform Information and Support Project,” September 1996 - September 1997

Congressional Research Service (Library of Congress) Grant, “Microsimulation Computer Model of the Federal Transfer System: Maintenance and Development,” October 1996 - September 1997

Congressional Research Service Grant, “Development Work on SAFETTEM: A State and Federal, Tax and Transfer Model,” October 1995-September 1996

Census Bureau Grant, “Microsimulation Modelling of the Tax and Transfer System,” September 1995-August 1996

National Science Foundation Grant SBR95-11321, co-PI (with B. Douglas Bernheim), “Economic Literacy, Education, and Financial Behavior,” July 1995-June 1997

Food and Nutrition Service Grant, “The Earned Income Tax Credit and Food Stamps: Joint Participation, Antipoverty Effectiveness and Labor Market Incentives, and EITC-Food Stamp Asset Test Interactions,” September 1993-March 1995

Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Policy Evaluation Grant. “Financial Characteristics and Vulnerability of Low Income Households.” June 1993-May 1995

Census Bureau Grant, “Development Work on SAFETTEM: A State and Federal, Tax and Transfer Model,” January 1993-August 1993

National Science Foundation Grant SES-9211553, co-PI (with William Gale), "Empirical Studies of Altruism and Saving," July 1992-June 1995

Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Policy Evaluation Grant. "The Working Poor: Characteristics, Labor Supply, Income Dynamics, and Vulnerability." June 1991-May 1994

First Runner-up in the 1988 Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Competition sponsored by the National Tax Association and Tax Institute of America.

Editorial Activities

Referee: American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, National Tax Journal, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, International Tax and Public Finance, Review of Income and Wealth, Research in Labor Economics, Journal of Macroeconomics, Southern Economic Journal, Institute for Research on Poverty, National Science Foundation, National Research Council of the National Academy of Science, National Institute of Health, MIT Press, NIA Site visit

Professional Conference and University Presentations (6 years prior to becoming Dean)

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (multiple times); Stanford University; University of British Columbia; Michigan Retirement Research Center (multiple times); Rand Summer Institute; Social Security Administration; East-West Center, University of Hawaii; National Institute on Aging; EIEF (Rome, Italy); University of Copenhagen; Institute for Fiscal Studies – University College London – LSE joint seminar; Economic and Social Research Institute, Tokyo, Japan; University of Michigan; UCLA; Social Security Administration's Retirement Research Conference, Washington D.C.; University of Hong Kong; Xiamen University (Xiamen, China); Tsinghua University (Beijing, China); Beijing University (Beijing, China); University of Maryland; Johns Hopkins University; University of Virginia; TIAA-CREF Institute; London School of Economics; University College, London; Bristol University (U.K.); Investment Company Institute; The Hamilton Project, The Brookings Institution; The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Brown University; Duke University; The Brookings Institution; "Assets, Access, and Poverty Conference," sponsored by the National Poverty Center; University of Michigan; Retirement Research Consortium, Washington, D.C.; Keynote Speaker, NetSPAR Workshop, Gronigen, Netherland; Invited Lectures, (Brain Korea 21st Century), Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul Korea; University of Texas; University of Pennsylvania (Economics); Columbia (Economics); University of Chicago (Harris School); University of Kentucky