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- “Consumption, Retirement and Social Security: Evaluating the Efficiency of Reform that Encourages Longer Careers,” (with Dan Silverman), *Journal of Public Economics*, 96, no. 7-8 (August 2012): 615-634. PMID23729902.
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- “Wealth Accumulation in the US: The Role of Inheritances and Bequests,” mimeo 2024.