

# **Job Satisfaction of the Highly Educated: The Role of Gender, Academic Tenure, and Comparison Income**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The determinants of job satisfaction are estimated for Ph.D. level scientists in the United States across academic and nonacademic sectors. Female scientists report lower job satisfaction than males in academia but higher job satisfaction than males in the nonacademic sector. Academic scientists with tenure have substantially greater job satisfaction than non-academic scientists but academic scientists without tenure report similar levels of satisfaction as non-academic scientists. Finally, in each sector, job satisfaction is greater when comparison income is greater in their own sector, while comparisons across sectors generally do not affect job satisfaction.

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## **I INTRODUCTION**

Economists have been slow to examine job satisfaction. Despite early examinations by Freeman (1978) and Hamermesh (1977), Bartel (1981) identified only a small handful of studies by economists at the start of the 1980s but more than 3500 by other social scientists. In the last decade this balance has changed as economists have produced numerous articles and monographs examining the determinants of job satisfaction and the consequences of job satisfaction on labor market outcomes. The current catalog of determinants include that the youngest and oldest workers have greater job satisfaction (Clark, Oswald and Warr, 1996), that women have greater job satisfaction in the US and UK (Clark, 1997; Sousa-Poza and Sousa-Poza, 2000), that union members have less job satisfaction (Clark, 1996; Bender and Sloane, 1998; Heywood, Siebert and Wei, 2002), that those with higher comparison earnings report lower job satisfaction (Clark and Oswald, 1996) and that expectations get built into job satisfaction relatively quickly (Hamermesh, 2000).

Among the more intriguing findings has been that additional education results in lower job satisfaction. This results despite the recognized association of education with higher earnings and job attributes generally recognized as more desirable. The usual explanation relies on expectations (Clark and Oswald, 1996). The more educated have higher expectations for the pecuniary and non-pecuniary returns from their jobs, and so are more easily disappointed and dissatisfied. Yet, the persistence of these expectations is perplexing given Hamermesh (2000), and more study of the highly educated is warranted.

In this study we examine the determinants of job satisfaction for the most highly educated, those who have completed a Ph.D. in the sciences. Despite this seemingly narrow focus, several advantages are associated with such an examination. First, this group of workers has often been identified as key for innovation and creating technological progress. This identification has resulted in estimating the determinants of productivity for scientists (Levin and Stephan, 1991), the adequacy of their supply (Stephan and Levin, 1991) and the rewards to their education (Stephan and Everhart, 1998).<sup>1</sup> Second, the inclusion of a single education variable in typical estimates of job satisfaction may be misleading as the general findings need not apply to the most highly educated. Third, the homogeneity of the sample allows us to control for variables excluded from typical estimates. Thus, our entire

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<sup>1</sup> For a review of economic studies of the sciences and of the labor market for scientists see Stephan (1996).

sample would be identified as professionals with a Ph.D. degree in typical surveys, but we are able to identify much finer gradations within these categories, which could well generate excluded variable bias in typical estimates.

More generally, the motivation for studying the job satisfaction of highly educated scientists is, in part, the perception that higher satisfaction should be associated with greater productivity. Thus, if the determinants of job satisfaction are understood, researchers may be able to contribute to creating conditions and compensation packages that enhance productivity. Indeed, managers concerned with maximizing the impact of their research and development staff are interested in exactly this connection (Kim and Oh, 2002). The research presented here provides a first step toward making such a contribution.

Specifically, we focus on three areas of the job satisfaction of the highly educated. First, we explore differences in job satisfaction by gender. Second, we investigate the role of tenure, unique to academic jobs, on job satisfaction. Third, we compare job satisfaction of academics to that of nonacademics by examining the role of comparison income on job satisfaction across the two sectors.

In what follows Section 2 describes the literature of job satisfaction for the highly educated to date and sets the stage for our contribution. Section 3 describes our data and presents descriptive statistics. Section 4 presents our basic estimation with a focus on the relative satisfaction of academics among the highly educated, particularly the role of gender, tenure status, and comparison income. Section 5 concludes and suggests avenues for future research.

## **II JOB SATISFACTION AND EDUCATION**

General studies typically show that the more educated have lower job satisfaction (Clark and Oswald, 1996).<sup>2</sup> Yet, there have been a few studies by economists focusing exclusively on the highly educated, and these studies are often limited to academics.<sup>3</sup> Thus, Ward and Sloane (2000) draw on detailed data from Scottish academics confirming that comparison earnings help determine job satisfaction but finding that non-pecuniary benefits such as relations with colleagues, the nature of teaching and publication success are more important determinants. They find that

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<sup>2</sup> The failure of education to bring happiness is not a phenomenon limited to the workplace. Hartog and Oosterbeek (1998) demonstrate that overall life satisfaction is lower for the highly educated compared to those with an intermediate level of education.

<sup>3</sup> Recent studies, e.g. Ehrenberg (2003), Zoghi (2003) and Robst, VanGilder and Polacheck (2003), of the academic labor market have also examined the determinants of earnings, the extent of discrimination, the public-private earnings gap and earnings differences in the field.

those academics in science are the least satisfied all else equal, and interestingly, they find that women are no less satisfied than men. They attribute the absence of the typical gender difference to the homogeneity of the sample. In a sample of the highly educated they suggest female workers should have the same expectations as their male counterparts and so the same job satisfaction. This explanation was reiterated in Sloane and Ward (2001) using the same sample of academics to show that women over the age of 35 have significantly higher job satisfaction. The difference between cohorts is seen as a function of reduced representation of women among the older group creating lower job expectations. Also investigating differences by gender, Hagedorn (1996) presents evidence that the job satisfaction of female academics is lower when their earnings fall below the earnings of comparable males.

Oshagbemi (2000) demonstrates that among university instructors in the UK employment tenure in higher education does not correlate with job satisfaction but that longer tenure at their current university positively correlates with job satisfaction. This confirms more general findings that those with high job satisfaction are less likely to move (Akerlof, Rose and Yellen, 1988). Ormsby and Ormsby (1988) examine the influence of unionization on the job satisfaction of faculty. Examining data before and after campuses become unionized they find that satisfaction with pay increased following unionization but no other indicators of satisfaction were influenced. Pfeffer and Langton (1993) confirm theoretical work by Lazear (1989) arguing that pay compression can promote cooperation and harmonious relations in the workplace. Their empirical estimates show that faculty report greater job satisfaction and are more likely to work collaboratively the lower the wage dispersion.

Economists have also studied the job satisfaction of the highly educated in the health professions. Shields and Ward (2001) examine the job satisfaction of nurses in the National Health Service (NHS) finding that the lack of promotion and training opportunities have a stronger impact on job satisfaction than do workload or pay. Confirming studies mentioned earlier they also find that those who report being dissatisfied are much more likely to quit the NHS. In the United States, Bashaw (1998) studies the job satisfaction of employed physicians confirming the role of comparison earnings, finding that female physicians have greater satisfaction, in contrast with the Scottish academics, and that those in general practice and pediatrics have the greatest job satisfaction. The last finding is telling as it suggests that the more educated even among the highly educated sample of physicians are the least satisfied all else equal. This follows as the residencies and length of specialty training for surgeons, anesthesiologists and others exceed that of those in general practice and pediatrics. A similar finding by Bashaw shows that those who are board certified typically have lower job satisfaction even controlling for specialty, earnings

and the usual controls. Certification indicates mastery of a specialty but is not required to practice in that specialty. It is, in short, an educational credential. Like the more general measure of years of education it is valued in the market place but appears to be associated with lower job satisfaction.

We contribute to these findings by examining the determinants of job satisfaction for a wide cross-section of scientists in the United States all of whom have earned a Ph.D. degree. We start by noting that unlike those that examine only a single profession, physicians, nurses or academics, we will be able to compare across workplace settings and occupations while holding the level of education constant.

### **III DATA AND VARIABLES**

We draw data from the 1997 Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR) conducted by the U.S. National Opinion Research Center for the National Science Foundation, a branch of the United States federal government. The SDR is a nationally representative sample of all Ph.D. graduates in the hard and social sciences prior to 1997 living in the US. Collected in response to the National Research Council's demand for data that allows the integration of occupational detail and academic training, the SDR is conducted every other year asking a set of base questions to which questions unique to that year are added. The 1997 SDR is the most recent wave asking questions about overall job satisfaction. We selected all currently employed scientists for which full information was available yielding a sample of 31,845.<sup>4</sup>

The critical question on job satisfaction asks "How would you rate your overall satisfaction with your principal job during the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>?" The choices are "very dissatisfied," "somewhat dissatisfied," "somewhat satisfied," and "very satisfied." These responses are ordered from values of 1 to 4 in increasing satisfaction.

Table 1 presents the average job satisfaction, the percent reporting being very satisfied and the average salary for the overall sample and for broad groups of scientists including economists. These statistics are further broken out by the two employment sectors.<sup>5</sup> As is apparent, most scientists report reasonably high levels of job

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<sup>4</sup> Much of the data from the SDR are publicly available, including information on job satisfaction. However, we also employ data that are restricted from public use. These variables include annual earnings, detailed job codes (to determine the disciplines), race/ethnicity, age, marital status, health limitations, and tenure status. See the SDR website at '<http://sestat.nsf.gov/>' for more details on both versions of the SDR data.

<sup>5</sup> The SDR does allow for a further distinction between government and 'business' employment for nonacademic scientists. However, the sample sizes for the government sector for some disciplines are very small. Therefore, to

satisfaction with slightly more than half reporting being very satisfied and the average response being about 3.4.

These figures do not vary greatly across academic disciplines<sup>6</sup> or sectors. Overall, the academics are more satisfied than nonacademics (3.43 compared to 3.37). Across disciplines, the highest value is 3.56 for academics working in management science and the lowest is 3.23 for academics working in nonscience (“Other”) disciplines.

There is substantial dispersion in salaries. Overall, academics have an average salary of \$59,881, while nonacademics earn \$80,070 on average. Across disciplines this ranges from a low of almost \$54,000 for academic social scientists to highs of over \$100,000 for management scientists and health scientists in the nonacademic sector.

As the satisfaction variable reflects an ordered response, we follow the tradition in economics of estimating the determinants by assuming an underlying continuous latent variable measuring job satisfaction. This latent variable is assumed to fit a cumulative normal and the resulting estimation is an ordered probit (McKelvey and Zavonia, 1975) in which cut-points are simultaneously estimated to identify the four responses.

The survey provides also details a series of other important, but standard, control variables, which we call the ‘Basic Variables’. These include the respondents’ gender, race, age, marital status and health limitations. Also included are the hours worked, whether the current job is temporary, whether the current job is full time and whether the respondent is job sharing. The survey provides a set of indicator variables for fringe benefits including pensions, vacation leave and profit sharing. There are also indicators of three intervals of establishment size.

Another set of variables, titled ‘SDR Variables’ are unique to the SDR dataset. First, there are indicators of the respondents’ primary activity or responsibility: teaching, management, computing, research or other. In addition, for academics a variety of indicators detail tenure status (nonacademics are considered ‘tenure not applicable’). Finally, a series of variables identify whether or not the respondents’ current work is related to their Ph.D. degree, and whether a respondent is currently working on a ‘postdoc’. Descriptive statistics for all of these variables are presented in Table 2.

Several differences across the academic and nonacademic sectors are apparent. First, the share of workers who are female is higher in academia and lowest in the business sector. Academics and government workers are more likely to have pensions available, while business scientists are more likely to have profit sharing. As might be

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have a more comparable sample, we often include only the results for the ‘business’ sector below. In general, separate results by government or business sector are similar.

<sup>6</sup> A list of the academic subdisciplines which comprise these more aggregated disciplines are given in Appendix Table 2.

expected, those in the nonacademic sector (particularly business) are the more likely to work in small establishments. Approximately half of academics have tenure on their job,<sup>7</sup> while over 80 percent of academics say that their job closely relates to their degree, compared to just over half of nonacademics. Finally, there are three times as many postdocs in the academic sector (7.9 percent) compared to the nonacademic sector (2.3 percent).

#### IV DETERMINANTS OF JOB SATISFACTION

Initially, we estimate a simple ordered probit regression of the determinants of job satisfaction, following the lead of the previous economics literature on job satisfaction. The results for the entire sample are given in the first column of Table 3. Women have no higher job satisfaction in this sample, although blacks, Asians and those of "other races" all report lower job satisfaction than whites. The result for blacks contradicts the positive coefficient found in representative samples (Bartel, 1981) but confirms the negative coefficient found among another highly educated group, US physicians (Bashaw, 1998). The married report greater job satisfaction and those with health difficulties report lower job satisfaction. Age shows the typical U-shape found in studies using representative samples (Clark, Oswald and Warr, 1996).

Those with higher earnings report greater job satisfaction, but those reporting more hours of work have the same satisfaction as those reporting fewer hours of work. Pensions and profit-sharing plans are positively associated with job satisfaction. Workplace size is associated with lower job satisfaction mirroring results from representative samples (Idson, 1990). Among the disciplines, those in math and engineering report lower job satisfaction while those in management and health sciences report greater job satisfaction relative to economists.

As indicated, academics and government workers have no greater job satisfaction than private sector workers, *ceteris paribus*, but those scientists without tenure have significantly lower job satisfaction. Those scientists who identify their primary functions as managing or computing have lower job satisfaction than those doing research. Those doing teaching report insignificantly different job satisfaction from those doing research.

Finally, we present evidence on the role of education mismatches. Those scientists who claim their current job closely relates to their degree report substantially greater satisfaction. As will be seen, this persists regardless of the sector in which the scientist works. Moreover, those who report their job relates to their degree report indicate

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<sup>7</sup> Tenure is typically awarded to faculty after a period of 6 to 8 years on an "up or out" basis. The awarding of tenure provides a very high degree of job security such that typically only malfeasance can be grounds for dismissal.

an intermediate degree of satisfaction. They report more job satisfaction than those whose job does not at all relate to their degree but less satisfaction than those whose degree closely relates.<sup>8</sup>

The regression estimation in column 1 of Table 3 is reproduced for each of the subsamples in columns 2 through 4. The estimation for academics generally mirrors that for the entire sample. One exception is that female academics in the US report significantly lower job satisfaction contrasting with female academics in Scotland (Ward and Sloane, 2000) who report similar satisfaction and with females in more general samples in the US and UK who typically report greater satisfaction. Other unique aspects for academics are the higher job satisfaction reported for those with vacation leave and the lower satisfaction associated with currently being employed as a postdoc.

The estimation for government workers also closely follows the overall estimation but there are a few differences. First neither women nor racial minorities report different levels of job satisfaction. Similarly, no discipline is associated with job satisfaction significantly different from that of economists. Unlike the general estimation or any of the other subsamples, those in government report greater job satisfaction with increased hours. This seems anomalous and may reflect that those working more hours in the government are more nearly on an upward moving career path which generates greater job satisfaction.

The estimation for scientists working in business is perhaps the most interesting. The first unique result is that those who are doing teaching within their business report significantly greater job satisfaction. The second unique result is that women in private business report significantly greater job satisfaction. Thus, the overall finding of no female result reflects offsetting influences among academics and those in business. Women have greater job satisfaction than men in private business and lower job satisfaction than men in academia. Finally, as in the government, there is no difference in job satisfaction across disciplines (relative to economists) but like academics, blacks and Asians report lower job satisfaction.

Hidden behind these estimates is the issue of sample selection. The choice of sector may influence job satisfaction and may be associated with unmeasured variables. In turn, these variables may be correlated with the included regressors, thereby biasing their coefficients. In an effort to examine this concern, we estimated sectoral

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<sup>8</sup> These results contrast with Allen and van der Velden (2001) who show that measures of “over-education” and “under-education” in the general population do not influence job satisfaction, although earlier evidence by Tsang and Levin (1985) did find a negative relationship between over education and job satisfaction. Belfield and Harris (2002) use a sample of UK university graduates finding mixed support for the notion that better job matches result in higher job satisfaction.



choice models together with the job satisfaction equations.<sup>9</sup> While the results indicate that sample selection is an issue for the business sector, neither the pattern of results for that sector or either of the others were altered by the estimation. Given that the results were not substantially changed, we proceed by reporting only the non-selection corrected results below.

### *Gender and Job Satisfaction*

In this section we examine further the contrasting results on the gender variable across sectors. The negative relationship between job satisfaction and academic women are similar to results in Sloane and Ward (2001) who also find a negative relationship, although only for women who are younger than 35 years old.<sup>10</sup> Conversely, here women in the business sector have higher job satisfaction, and in this respect they match the representative samples and cast doubt on the hypothesis from others that no gender difference should be expected among the highly educated. It appears that among the highly educated, the important determinant of gender differences is the sector in which they work.<sup>11</sup>

Further disaggregating the role of gender on job satisfaction leads to some interesting differences by discipline. Table 4 reports the results.<sup>12</sup> Although in the overall sample there is no evidence of significant differences by gender for all disciplines combined, some individual disciplines do show differences. Female economists, hard scientists and engineers have significantly lower job satisfaction, while women who are trained in the sciences but are in nonscience disciplines have significantly higher job satisfaction. Further disaggregating by sector shows that in addition to academicians in the above disciplines, female social and managerial scientists who

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<sup>9</sup> This was accomplished using the Limdep v8.0 routine that corrects for sample selection in an ordered probit estimation. Besides the job satisfaction variable specification utilized in Table 3, a sectoral equation also needed to be specified. This sectoral choice equation included all the variables from Table 3 as well as a set of variables assumed to influence sectoral choice but not job satisfaction. These variables included: mother and father's education level, geographic region of bachelor degree institution, geographic region of Ph.D. granting institution, whether the respondent is a 'new' Ph.D. of six or fewer years, and the Carnegie class of their Ph.D. granting institution. The results of these estimations are available from the authors.

<sup>10</sup> Sloane and Ward (2001) find positive female effect among an older cohort. We split our sample at several ages, including that of 35 used by Sloane and Ward but found no significant differences by age. In particular, the negative female effect among academics and the positive female effect among those in business persisted both above and below cuts in age anywhere between ages 30 and 45.

<sup>11</sup> We recognize that this difference might reflect a sorting of workers with different levels of job satisfaction across sectors.

<sup>12</sup> The government sector is not included in this table since in no estimation was the female coefficient significant.

are in academia also have lower job satisfaction than their male counterparts. Female engineers in the business sector also experience lower job satisfaction. Only women in nonscience occupations working in the business sector follow the pattern from representative samples by expressing higher job satisfaction than males.

Although the results in Table 4 control for differences in female and male characteristics, they do not allow for differences in the returns to those characteristics across gender. Therefore, Table 5 reports results from ordered probit regressions estimated separately for each gender in both the academic and business sectors. Examining the results for the academic sector, we find differences in the significance of variables across genders. For example among academics, race plays a stronger role among males than among females, the negative relationship between age and job satisfaction is less for females, and except for difficulty in seeing, there is less influence of disabilities on job satisfaction for females. In addition, the positive effect of increased salary emerges as less important for female academics, while having a temporary job influences the job satisfaction of females. Other differences include a greater role for the discipline indicators but less of a role for the tenure status of women compared to men.

The final two columns in Table 5 report the variable coefficients across gender for those in the business sector. Black females have lower job satisfaction while black males experience no difference in their job satisfaction, *ceteris paribus*. The difference in the effect of salary is smaller than in the academic sample, and there is now a significantly positive effect of being in a postdoc for females compared to males.

#### *Academic Tenure and Job Satisfaction*

The finding from the overall equation that academics report no different job satisfaction deserves further inquiry. One might suspect that having held earnings constant in the estimation, the increased freedom and flexibility of academics would have resulted in significantly greater job satisfaction. Table 6 follows the evolution of the coefficient on academics in the overall equation as the list of controls is expanded. The initial estimation includes all of the demographic variables, the discipline indicators, health status, the fringe benefit indicators, earnings and hours (identified as 'Basic variables' in Table 2). The coefficient on the academic indicator is almost four times its size in Table 3 with a double-digit t-statistic. The size of the coefficient and its t-statistic drop modestly when the primary responsibility ('Activity') indicators are included. It drops again when the indicators of how closely the current work fits with the degree ('Relate') are included. At this point everything except the tenure indicators are

included and academics still report significantly greater satisfaction. Adding those indicators recovers the insignificant coefficient from Table 3 as the t-statistic drops from 6.487 to 0.986.

Thus, controlling for tenure status plays a critical role in determining the relative job satisfaction of academics. To further explore this two additional estimations were estimated from slightly different samples. The first sample consists of all nonacademic scientists plus those academic scientists who have tenure. The estimation from the first column of Table 3 is replicated (obviously without the controls for tenure) and the coefficient for academics is shown in the first row of the second panel in Table 6. As is evident, those academics having tenure report significantly higher job satisfaction than those outside academia. Despite the full set of controls, the t-statistic remains above eight. The second sample consists of all nonacademic scientists plus those academic scientists who are not tenured. Again, the estimation from the first column of Table 3 is replicated and the coefficient for academics is shown in the second row of the second panel in Table 6.<sup>13</sup> The coefficient for academics is now smaller than in the original estimate and even further from statistical significance. Thus, those academics without tenure report similar job satisfaction as those outside academia but those with tenure report substantially greater job satisfaction.<sup>14</sup>

### *Comparison Income and Job Satisfaction*

We now examine the role of comparison income in the job satisfaction of each of our major sectors. We estimate the same three job satisfaction equations as done in Table 3 for academics and business but add a measure of comparison income. Comparison income for an individual is typically estimated from a comprehensive earnings equation based on the characteristics of the worker and the job (Clark and Oswald, 1996). This estimated comparison income measure acts as a proxy for a market wage for the individual accounting for qualifications, characteristics and the nature of the job. When the individual earns more than the comparison income, greater job satisfaction is typically reported and vice versa. Thus, a dummy variable is constructed equal to one when actual exceeds comparison income. This is included as a determinant of job satisfaction.

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<sup>13</sup> The estimation includes all of the tenure related indicators except that for achieving tenure.

<sup>14</sup> Naturally, the casual relationship may not run only from tenure to job satisfaction. While tenure implies job security which workers value, those academics who are more successful and have higher job satisfaction are surely more likely to be awarded tenure.

While the typical approach has been to include a single comparison earnings measure, our interest in the two sectors in which scientists work suggests an alternative specification. Thus, we use estimated earnings equations for each sector and generate two separate measures of comparison income. Therefore, every individual in the sample will have their own earnings measured relative to comparison income in their own sector and relative to comparison income in the alternative sector. Table 7 summarizes the results.<sup>15</sup>

Overall, the results show that relative income is important. Both of the relative income indicators show that job satisfaction is increased when income is greater than predicted income in either sector. However, disaggregating by sector indicates a similar story. Academics report greater satisfaction when their own earnings are above the comparison earnings of academics and nonacademics. Similarly, the satisfaction of scientists in business is sensitive to their own comparison income as well as comparisons with academic salaries, although this effect is statistically significant only at the ten percent level.

We next examine the importance of comparison income within each discipline to see if this pattern is repeated across disciplines. The estimates, also reported in Table 7, show many positive and significant relationships isolating the importance of comparison income. Yet, there are differences. Academic social scientists follow a different pattern from above, with increasing satisfaction when income is greater than academic comparison income, but no effect with nonacademic comparison income. ‘Business’ social scientists similarly report higher satisfaction when income is compared to other business social scientists but not academics. This pattern is repeated for ‘hard’ scientists. The job satisfaction of business engineers are influenced by both comparison measures, while others such as mathematicians and health scientists are not influenced by either. Further results show that only one sector’s comparison income is an important correlate with job satisfaction. Relative academic pay for economists and ‘other’ occupations are important, while relative nonacademic pay for management scientists are influential on job satisfaction. Clearly, sector and discipline specific effects are critical in determining the role of comparison income among the highly educated.<sup>16</sup> General patterns of comparison income in aggregate samples represent only an average of the differing and off-setting patterns of less aggregate samples.

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<sup>15</sup> Regressions were also estimated for workers in government, although the coefficients on the comparison income dummy variables were rarely significant and so are not reported here. The full results from the estimates are available in a data appendix from the authors.

<sup>16</sup> The results presented previously on the gender and academic tenure differences in job satisfaction are not significantly changed when we add in the controls for comparison income.

## V CONCLUSIONS

By focusing on the job satisfaction of the highly educated, this paper has presented a series of findings that amplify, and modify, those that precede it. First, several traditional results from representative samples have been confirmed among the highly educated. These include the role of earnings, the role of marital status, health limitations and many of the fringe benefits. Second, we present a new and more complex pattern for gender. Among those scientists working in business we confirm the traditional pattern of the more satisfied female workers. Yet, among those scientists working in academia we find just the opposite: females are less satisfied. Third, we emphasize the large increase in job satisfaction associated with being a tenured academic. This increase is relative both to non-academics and to those academics that do not have tenure. Note, however, this is not an increment in satisfaction associated with academia *per se* as academia yields an insignificant difference in job satisfaction when it is not associated with tenure. Fourth, strong confirmation of the role of comparison earnings is found. This includes comparison not only within a worker's sector but also across to other sectors. This role does, however, vary considerably across discipline and sector.

This initial investigation of the job satisfaction of the highly educated points to other areas of research. First, a more thorough investigation of the gender difference in job satisfaction is warranted to examine the causes of such a difference. Indeed, one would think that with the flexibility of academic jobs, women, who may be more likely to demand flexible jobs if they are primary caregivers to other household members, would be more satisfied than men. A second issue involves the apparent job mismatch for a substantial portion of the sample. Many scientists report either performing tasks that are not closely related to their education or are working in a nonscience occupation. Since these have implications for job satisfaction, further investigation of why these scientists are not doing what they were trained to do would be an interesting avenue of further research.

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TABLE 1  
*Job Satisfaction and Salary by Discipline and Sector*

Discipline	Sector	Average Job Satisfaction	% Very Satisfied	Average Salary
All	Academic	3.43	52.3	\$59,881
	Nonacademic	3.37	49.8	80,070
Economics	Academic	3.48	52.3	62,909
	Nonacademic	3.44	52.7	88,299
Social Science	Academic	3.45	53.2	53,818
	Nonacademic	3.44	54.3	66,880
Computer	Academic	3.39	51.0	57,036
	Nonacademic	3.28	44.3	77,782
Math	Academic	3.39	50.9	56,565
	Nonacademic	3.33	49.1	76,758
Hard Science	Academic	3.41	51.5	56,067
	Nonacademic	3.35	49.2	72,572
Engineering	Academic	3.43	52.6	68,200
	Nonacademic	3.31	42.7	80,444
Management	Academic	3.56	60.9	90,202
	Nonacademic	3.47	56.8	104,885
Health	Academic	3.44	52.3	80,098
	Nonacademic	3.46	56.5	101,106
Other Disciplines	Academic	3.23	43.8	39,462
	Nonacademic	3.28	47.6	65,627

TABLE 2  
Variable Definitions and Means

Variable Description	Variable Name	Sector of Employment				
		All	Academic	All	Nonacademic Government	Business
Satisfaction with job	jobsat	3.399 (0.741)	3.426 (0.734)	3.373 (0.747)	3.302 (0.782)	3.391 (0.737)
<b>'Basic' Variables</b>						
Female	female	0.230	0.260	0.203	0.221	0.199
White, non-Hispanic (excl)	white	0.818	0.832	0.805	0.854	0.793
Asian, non-Hispanic	asian	0.133	0.108	0.155	0.097	0.17
Hispanic	hisp	0.023	0.027	0.019	0.02	0.019
Black, non-Hispanic	black	0.023	0.029	0.017	0.025	0.015
Other race, non-Hispanic	othrace	0.004	0.004	0.003	0.005	0.003
Age	age	47.5 (9.8)	47.7 (10.1)	47.3 (9.6)	48.3 (8.9)	47.1 (9.8)
Age squared	agesq	2352.1 (966.4)	2373.9 (989.6)	2332.3 (944.4)	2409.1 (877.6)	2313.4 (959.2)
Any difficulty hearing	difhear1	0.146	0.153	0.139	0.142	0.139
Any difficulty lifting	diflift1	0.035	0.038	0.031	0.038	0.029
Any difficulty seeing	difsee1	0.143	0.151	0.136	0.143	0.134
Any difficulty walking	difwalk1	0.03	0.034	0.026	0.035	0.024
Married	married	0.794	0.786	0.802	0.776	0.808
US citizen	uscit	0.906	0.907	0.906	0.963	0.892
Annual salary	salary	\$70,449 (48905)	59,881 (39116)	80,070 (54608)	69,161 (40620)	82,754 (57214)
Log of hours worked/week	lnhrs	3.792	3.836	3.752	3.771	3.747
Supervisor	superv	0.534	0.497	0.568	0.57	0.568
Job is temporary	tempjob	0.07	0.001	0.133	0	0.166
Has job sharing arrangement	jobshare	0.003	0.002	0.004	0.004	0.003
Full time employment	fulltime	0.922	0.937	0.909	0.963	0.896
Pension is available	pension	0.817	0.902	0.74	0.905	0.699
Profit sharing is available	profit	0.208	0.044	0.358	0.068	0.429
Vacation plan is available	vacat	0.811	0.815	0.807	0.946	0.773
Employer size<1000 (excl)	sizesmal	0.261	0.117	0.392	0.03	0.481
Employer size>1000 & <5000	size999	0.044	0.051	0.038	0.009	0.045
Employer size>5000	sizebig	0.695	0.831	0.571	0.962	0.474
# memberships in prof. org.	member	2.488 (2.021)	2.968 (2.126)	2.042 (1.759)	2.251 (1.909)	2.003 (1.786)
<b>Discipline Indicators</b>						
Economics (excl)	econ	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.035	0.017
Computer	computer	0.088	0.087	0.088	0.057	0.096
Math	math	0.047	0.081	0.017	0.028	0.014
'Hard' Science	science	0.328	0.392	0.269	0.396	0.238
Social Science (not Economics)	socsci	0.171	0.198	0.146	0.15	0.145
Engineering	engineer	0.135	0.093	0.172	0.106	0.189
Management	managsci	0.137	0.077	0.192	0.181	0.194
Health	health	0.028	0.023	0.032	0.026	0.034
Teacher	teacher	0.04	0.081	0.003	0.003	0.003
Other (nonscience) Occupation	othocc	0.045	0.01	0.077	0.045	0.085

TABLE 2  
continued

Variable Description	Variable Name	Overall	Academic	All	Nonacademic Government	Business
<b>SDR Variables</b>						
<i>Sector of employment</i>						
Academic	aca	0.477	1	0	0	0
Nonacademic (excl)	nonaca	0.523	0	1	1	1
<i>Tenure Status</i>						
Worker is tenured (excl)	tenured	0.242	0.507	0	0	0
Tenure track	tentrack	0.074	0.154	0	0	0
No tenure in job	notenure	0.097	0.204	0	0	0
Not tenure track	nottentk	0.052	0.11	0	0	0
Tenure not applicable	tenurena	0.535	0.025	1	1	1
<i>Main activity at work</i>						
Research (excl)	research	0.407	0.371	0.439	0.498	0.424
Teaching	teaching	0.218	0.45	0.007	0.007	0.007
Management	manage	0.161	0.092	0.225	0.226	0.224
Computer work	comput	0.048	0.013	0.08	0.04	0.089
Other	othact	0.166	0.073	0.25	0.229	0.255
<i>Relation of job and degree</i>						
Closely relates to degree	clrelate	0.693	0.835	0.564	0.643	0.544
Relates to degree	relate	0.234	0.141	0.319	0.291	0.325
No relation to degree (excl)	norelate	0.073	0.024	0.118	0.065	0.130
Currently on postdoc	postdoc	0.050	0.079	0.023	0.058	0.014
Number of observations		31,845	15,811	16,034	3,342	12,692

*Notes:*

All means are weighted using sample weights. Numbers in parentheses are standard deviations for continuous variables. '(excl)' indicates that this variable was a reference variable in the ordered probit regressions.

TABLE 3  
Ordered Probit Regression Results

	Overall (1)	Academic (2)	Government (3)	Business (4)
<b>'Basic Variables'</b>				
Female	-0.021	-0.085***	-0.061	0.084**
	-1.095	-3.202	-1.053	2.534
Asian	-0.114***	-0.076**	-0.052	-0.145***
	-4.560	-1.968	-0.682	-3.983
Hispanic	0.012	0.088	-0.053	-0.093
	0.261	1.470	-0.382	-1.182
Black	-0.157***	-0.166***	0.030	-0.202**
	-3.540	-2.880	0.248	-2.378
Other race	-0.189*	-0.154	-0.231	-0.188
	-1.674	-1.114	-1.002	-0.755
Age	-0.085***	-0.088***	-0.073***	-0.086***
	-11.469	-8.004	-2.896	-7.512
Age squared	9.6E-04***	9.9E-04***	7.7E-04***	9.8E-04***
	12.673	8.975	3.051	8.222
Difficulty hearing	-0.162***	-0.194***	-0.103	-0.138***
	-6.536	-5.740	-1.211	-3.478
Difficulty lifting	-0.133***	-0.130**	-0.176	-0.123
	-2.817	-2.089	-1.230	-1.477
Difficulty seeing	-0.151***	-0.143***	-0.249***	-0.141***
	-6.130	-4.124	-3.195	-3.576
Difficulty walking	-0.089*	-0.125*	-0.156	0.031
	-1.680	-1.763	-1.047	0.344
Married	0.134***	0.136***	0.098*	0.138***
	6.584	4.764	1.649	4.153
US citizen	0.077**	0.104**	0.140	0.037
	2.566	2.403	1.037	0.834
Ln(salary)	0.208***	0.233***	0.066	0.212***
	11.044	7.942	0.940	8.139
Ln(hours)	0.026	-0.009	0.333**	0.030
	0.697	-0.176	2.160	0.532
Supervisor	0.115***	0.083***	0.278***	0.105***
	6.220	3.111	5.063	3.659
Temporary job	0.319***	0.400		0.219***
	7.216	1.221		4.311
Jobshare	-0.156	0.031	-0.594*	-0.223
	-1.285	0.123	-1.890	-1.514
Full time	-0.142***	-0.194***	-0.540**	-0.010
	-2.978	-2.889	-2.481	-0.144
Pension available	0.054*	0.038	0.072	0.148***
	1.909	0.876	0.590	3.570
Profit sharing	0.148***	0.105*	0.120	0.183***
	6.134	1.789	1.127	6.463
Vacation available	-0.010	0.084**	-0.144	-0.226***
	-0.373	2.554	-0.989	-4.158
Empl size>1000 & <5000	-0.136***	0.019	-0.239	-0.269***
	-3.298	0.313	-0.898	-4.638
Empl size>=5000	-0.150***	-0.092**	-0.102	-0.187***
	-6.349	-2.406	-0.729	-5.909

	<b>Discipline Indicators</b>			
Computer science	0.068	0.376**	0.063	-0.021
	0.956	2.314	0.264	-0.177
Math	-0.148**	-0.426***	-0.126	-0.074
	-2.459	-2.777	-0.556	-0.613
‘Hard’ science	-0.040	0.008	-0.057	-0.130
	-0.735	0.120	-0.367	-1.161
Social science	0.015	0.052	-0.112	-0.045
	0.252	0.726	-0.664	-0.381
Engineering	-0.104*	-0.074	-0.136	-0.154
	-1.796	-0.961	-0.803	-1.355
Managerial science	0.161***	0.182**	-0.028	0.136
	2.627	2.017	-0.168	1.183
Health	0.169**	0.151	0.271	0.072
	2.257	1.387	1.330	0.539
Teacher	-0.022	0.012	-0.057	0.072
	-0.333	0.151	-0.119	0.268
Other discipline	0.108	0.096	0.083	0.043
	1.556	0.728	0.412	0.357
	<b>SDR Variables</b>			
Academic sector	0.079			
	0.986			
Government sector	0.013			
	0.397			
Tenure track	-0.167***	-0.151***		
	-4.639	-3.938		
No tenure in job	-0.151***	-0.137***		
	-4.485	-3.783		
Job not tenure track	-0.257***	-0.241***		
	-6.656	-5.947		
Tenure not applicable	-0.204**	-0.208**		
	-2.556	-2.541		
Teaching is primary activity	-0.044	-0.043	0.463	0.384**
	-1.575	-1.364	1.546	2.383
Management is primary act.	-0.087***	-0.065	-0.183**	-0.071*
	-2.912	-1.148	-2.392	-1.751
Computers are primary act.	-0.129***	-0.241**	-0.157	-0.088*
	-2.937	-2.164	-1.281	-1.653
Other primary activity	-0.096***	-0.026	-0.180**	-0.123***
	-3.321	-0.500	-2.507	-2.838
Job closely relates to degree	0.434***	0.467***	0.408***	0.448***
	11.705	5.808	3.654	9.672
Job relates to degree	0.115***	0.176**	0.174	0.094**
	3.123	2.136	1.553	2.109
Currently on postdoc	-0.051	-0.107*	-0.062	0.128
	-1.209	-1.921	-0.473	1.235
MU(1)	-1.251***	-1.086***	-1.832**	-1.104***
	-4.750	-2.746	-1.977	-3.178
MU(2)	-0.534**	-0.389	-1.038	-0.381
	-2.028	-0.985	-1.125	-1.093
MU(3)	0.727***	0.854**	0.193	0.923***
	2.759	2.163	0.209	2.651
Log Likelihood	-30491.33	-14848.07	-3447.06	-12068.50

Notes: Significance: \*, \*\*, \*\*\* indicate 10%, 5%, and 1%, respectively. t-statistics under coefficient estimates. There were no observations for ‘tempjob’ in the government sector. Excluded variables: tenured, research activity, white, and economics discipline. Regressions weighted by sample weights.

TABLE 4

*Female Coefficient from Job Satisfaction Ordered Probits by Discipline*

Discipline	Overall	Sample Academic	Business
All	-0.021	-0.085***	0.084***
Economics	-0.212*	-0.207	-0.190
Social Science	-0.020	-0.114**	0.105
Computers	0.040	0.038	0.085
Math	-0.005	0.014	0.100
Hard Sciences	-0.083***	-0.114***	-0.032
Engineers	-0.159**	-0.201*	-0.155*
Managerial Science	-0.038	-0.205*	0.097
Health	-0.004	-0.157	0.120
Other disciplines	0.249***	0.070	0.261**

*Notes:*

Other covariates controlled for are the same as in Table 3, with subdiscipline indicators where applicable.

Significance: \*, \*\*, \*\*\* indicate 10%, 5%, and 1%, respectively.

TABLE 5  
*Job Satisfaction Regressions by Sector and Gender*

	Academic		Business	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
<b>'Basic' Variables</b>				
Asian	0.056	-0.119**	-0.194**	-0.131***
	0.890	-2.509	-2.332	-3.234
Hispanic	-0.084	0.189**	-0.222	-0.081
	-0.961	2.462	-1.457	-0.871
Black	-0.116	-0.192**	-0.348**	-0.162
	-1.437	-2.373	-2.325	-1.535
Other race	-0.225	-0.156	-0.074	-0.284
	-0.814	-0.945	-0.219	-0.947
Age	-0.033**	-0.112***	-0.072***	-0.091***
	-1.985	-8.135	-3.370	-6.827
Age squared	4.3E-4**	1.2E-3***	8.2E-4***	1.0E-3***
	2.465	8.994	3.688	7.452
Difficulty hearing	-0.034	-0.238***	-0.023	-0.152***
	-0.594	-6.142	-0.270	-3.482
Difficulty lifting	-0.107	-0.153**	-0.206**	-0.055
	-1.453	-1.761	-2.097	-0.477
Difficulty seeing	-0.180***	-0.131***	-0.226***	-0.118***
	-3.574	-3.148	-3.074	-2.702
Difficulty walking	-0.138	-0.117	3.9E-4	7.4E-5
	-1.417	-1.323	0.003	0.001
Married	0.104***	0.147***	0.146***	0.136***
	3.046	3.807	3.001	3.319
US citizen	0.109	0.099*	0.090	0.027
	1.634	1.901	0.946	0.540
Ln(salary)	0.154***	0.269***	0.203***	0.222***
	3.867	7.167	5.483	7.216
Ln(hours)	-0.086	0.024	-0.125	0.114
	-1.311	0.362	-1.624	1.607
Supervisor	0.125***	0.070**	0.119**	0.104***
	3.428	2.111	2.349	3.154
Temporary job	0.706**	0.016	0.435***	0.127**
	1.975	0.041	5.941	2.075
Jobshare	0.137	-0.084	-0.182	-0.233
	0.461	-0.231	-0.595	-1.353
Full time	-0.094	-0.223**	0.224***	-0.150
	-1.142	-2.383	2.647	-1.548
Pension available	0.040	0.052	0.133*	0.159***
	0.690	0.932	1.930	3.273
Profit sharing	0.128*	0.096	0.095*	0.196***
	1.763	1.243	1.708	6.174
Vacation available	0.067	0.088**	-0.159*	-0.254***
	1.455	2.226	-1.879	-3.954
Empl size>1000 & <5000	0.137*	-0.033	-0.461***	-0.215***
	1.661	-0.420	-4.440	-3.170
Empl size>=5000	-0.104**	-0.085*	-0.189***	-0.187***
	-2.170	-1.720	-3.248	-5.171

	<b>Discipline Indicators</b>			
Computer science	0.912***	0.239	0.375*	-0.120
	2.914	1.328	1.942	-0.808
Math	-0.876***	-0.312*	-0.313	-0.030
	-2.921	-1.827	-1.532	-0.227
'Hard' science	0.010	0.005	0.008	-0.187
	0.087	0.070	0.050	-1.331
Social science	0.096	0.039	0.134	-0.133
	0.833	0.476	0.818	-0.881
Engineering	-0.136	-0.080	-0.120	-0.218
	-0.903	-0.957	-0.686	-1.544
Managerial science	0.242*	0.151	0.315*	0.066
	1.734	1.454	1.868	0.462
Health	0.256*	0.099	0.202	0.045
	1.652	0.712	1.095	0.270
Teacher	0.009	0.028	1.423***	-0.464
	0.077	0.299	3.104	-1.487
Other discipline	0.221	0.034	0.309*	-0.047
	1.241	0.196	1.744	-0.316
	<b>'SDR' Variables</b>			
Tenure track	0.004	-0.229***		
	0.080	-4.593		
No tenure in job	-0.086	-0.145***		
	-1.633	-3.275		
Job not tenure track	-0.168***	-0.268***		
	-3.055	-5.248		
Tenure not applicable	-0.154*	-0.221*		
	-1.798	-1.829		
Teaching is primary activity	-0.036	-0.038	-0.070	0.558***
	-0.812	-0.993	-0.281	2.832
Management is primary act.	-0.179**	-0.018	0.006	-0.087*
	-2.357	-0.269	0.082	-1.915
Computers are primary act.	-0.225	-0.230*	-0.225*	-0.065
	-1.246	-1.740	-1.791	-1.135
Other primary activity	-0.056	-0.020	-0.084	-0.125**
	-0.866	-0.277	-1.206	-2.449
Job closely relates to degree	0.426***	0.476***	0.413***	0.453***
	4.194	4.686	4.851	8.629
Job relates to degree	0.112	0.199*	0.182**	0.074
	1.075	1.907	2.221	1.482
Currently on postdoc	-0.061	-0.130*	0.675***	-0.100
	-0.879	-1.758	4.320	-0.768
MU(1)	-0.685	-1.247	-0.954	-1.055
	-1.212	-2.499	-1.569	-2.581
MU(2)	-0.009	-0.534	-0.306	-0.307
	-0.016	-1.073	-0.505	-0.751
MU(3)	1.217	0.721	0.964	1.012
	2.154	1.448	1.588	2.475
Log likelihood	-5305.29	-9633.77	-2755.99	-9258.58

Notes:

Significance: \*, \*\*, \*\*\* indicate 10%, 5%, and 1%, respectively. t-statistics under coefficient estimates. Excluded variables: tenured, research activity, white, and economics discipline. Regressions weighted by sample weights.



TABLE 6  
*Evolution of the Academic Job Satisfaction Coefficient*

Sample	Coefficient	t-stat	Variable Specification
Overall	0.257	10.484	Basic
	0.231	8.812	Basic+Activity
	0.171	6.487	Basic+Activity +Relate
	0.079	0.986	Basic+Activity+Relate+Tenure Status
Tenured and Nonacademic	0.288	8.081	Basic+Activity +Relate
Not Tenured and Nonacademic	0.057	0.688	Basic+Activity+Relate+Tenure Status

*Notes:*

‘Basic’ specification includes all variables identified in Table 2 as ‘Basic Variables’. ‘Activity’ includes the major job activity of the scientists. ‘Relate’ includes the variables that capture how closely related the scientist’s training is to his or her current job. ‘Tenure Status’ includes the five variables identifying tenure status. Since there are no tenured academics in the third sample above, the excluded tenure status variable is ‘tentrack’. Full results are available from the authors.

TABLE 7  
*Comparison Income by Discipline*

Discipline	Sector	Salary >acahat	Salary > nacahat
All	Overall	0.075***	0.102***
	Academic	0.071**	0.076**
	Business	0.079*	0.118***
Economics	Overall	0.260**	-0.113
	Academic	0.383**	-0.020
	Business	-0.068	-0.023
Social Science	Overall	0.203***	0.121**
	Academic	0.263**	0.024
	Business	0.123	0.309***
Computer	Overall	0.147**	0.219***
	Academic	0.156*	0.154
	Business	0.175	0.268***
Math	Overall	0.182**	0.065
	Academic	0.147	0.046
	Business	0.271	0.113
Hard Science	Overall	0.088**	0.131***
	Academic	0.127***	0.082
	Business	0.094	0.206***
Engineering	Overall	0.159**	0.086***
	Academic	0.169*	0.139
	Business	0.178**	0.203***
Management	Overall	0.028	0.141**
	Academic	-0.008	0.270**
	Business	0.100	0.120*
Health	Overall	0.146	0.026
	Academic	0.092	-0.142
	Business	0.210	0.041
Other	Overall	0.404***	0.009
	Academic	0.043	-0.549
	Business	0.507***	-0.001

*Notes:*

Significance: \*, \*\*, \*\*\* indicate 10%, 5%, and 1%, respectively. ‘Acahat’ is the predicted academic earnings for each worker. ‘Nacahat’ is the predicted nonacademic earnings for each worker. Full results are available from the authors.

Data Appendix for 'Job Satisfaction of the Highly Educated: The Role of Gender, Academic Tenure, and Comparison Income', by Keith A. Bender and John S. Heywood

APPENDIX TABLE 1.  
*Log Salary Regressions by Sector of Employment*

Variable	Academic	Nonacademic	Variable	Academic	Nonacademic
# Professional memberships	0.030*** 13.521	0.024*** 7.521	Supervisor	0.110*** 12.898	0.108*** 9.116
Region midatlantic	0.001 0.090	0.058** 2.210	Pension	0.209*** 9.401	0.101*** 5.478
Region east north central	-0.054*** -3.367	-0.058** -2.183	Health insurance	0.477*** 11.506	0.066** 2.461
Region west north central	-0.111*** -6.327	-0.141*** -4.126	Profit sharing	0.031* 1.716	0.139*** 13.450
Region south atlantic	-0.046*** -2.810	0.012 0.490	Computer science	0.094 1.632	-0.084** -2.014
Region east south central	-0.132*** -6.665	-0.079** -2.169	Mathematics	-0.139** -2.506	-0.036 -0.862
Region west south central	-0.126*** -6.762	-0.045 -1.527	'Hard' science	-0.137*** -6.605	-0.191*** -4.980
Region mountain	-0.071*** -3.512	-0.085*** -2.894	Social science	-0.184*** -8.337	-0.180*** -4.312
Region Pacific	-0.014 -0.803	0.038 1.517	Engineering	0.050** 2.233	-0.084** -2.156
Female	-0.125*** -13.831	-0.137*** -9.332	Managerial sci	0.087*** 3.172	0.033 0.802
Asian	-0.048*** -3.467	-0.018 -1.499	Health science	0.060 1.426	1.1E-3 0.022
Hispanic	-0.046*** -2.869	0.023 0.640	Teacher	-0.109*** -4.121	-0.174 -0.525
Black	-0.024 -1.383	-0.018 -0.548	Other discipline	-0.379*** -6.100	-0.363*** -7.843
Other race	-0.156*** -4.326	-0.010 -0.148	Activity:Teaching	-0.168*** -17.584	-0.104 -1.180
Age	0.053*** 12.838	0.079*** 14.513	Activity: Manage	-0.030* -1.710	-0.021 -1.303
Age squared	-4.1E-4*** -9.600	-7.6E-4*** -13.040	Activity: computer	-0.134*** -3.290	0.016 0.841
Married	0.031*** 3.186	0.103*** 6.797	Activity: Other	-0.025 -1.189	-0.005 -0.247
Empl size>1000 & <5000	0.043* 1.925	-0.012 -0.477	Currently postdoc	-0.308*** -16.890	-0.349*** -12.888
Empl size>=5000	0.053*** 3.763	-0.013 -0.957	Constant	8.241*** 82.268	8.402*** 67.207
Full time	0.564*** 17.330	0.633*** 17.228	R-squared	0.495	0.316

*Notes:*

All variables are defined in Table 2 of the paper except 'regma' – 'regpac' which identify Census region of residence (New England region is excluded). '# of Professional memberships' and region are the identifiers of the salary equations and therefore are not included in the job satisfaction regression. When included they are insignificant. t-statistics are under coefficient estimates. \*, \*\*, \*\*\* indicate 10%, 5%, and 1% significance, respectively.

APPENDIX TABLE 2.  
*Occupations Identified in the 1997 SDR*

**Computer Scientists**

Computer Systems Analysts  
 Computer Scientists, Except Systems Analysts  
 Information Systems Scientists etc  
 OTHER Computer and Information Science  
 Computer Engineers-Software  
 Postsecondary Teachers-Computer Science

**Mathematicians**

Mathematicians  
 Operations Research Analysts, etc  
 Statisticians  
 OTHER Mathematical Scientists  
 Postsecondary Teachers-Math Science

**‘Hard’ Scientists**

Agricultural and Food Scientists  
 Postsecondary Teachers-Agriculture  
 Biochemists and Biophysicists  
 Biological scientists  
 Postsecondary Teachers-Biological Science  
 Medical Scientists, Except Practitioners  
 Postsecondary Teachers-Medical Science  
 OTHER Biological and Life Scientists  
 Forestry and Conservation Scientist  
 OTHER Postsecondary Teachers-Biology  
 Chemists, except Biochemists  
 Postsecondary Teachers-Chemistry  
 Atmospheric and Space Scientists  
 Geologists  
 Oceanographers  
 Postsecondary Teachers-Earth, Environmental Sciences  
 Astronomer  
 Physicists  
 Postsecondary Teachers-Physics  
 OTHER Physical and Related Scientists

**Economists**

Economists  
 Postsecondary Teachers-Economics

**Social Scientists (not Economists)**

Political Scientists  
 Postsecondary Teachers-Political Science  
 Psychologists  
 Postsecondary Teachers-Psychology  
 Anthropologists  
 Sociologists  
 Postsecondary Teachers-Sociology  
 Historians, Science and Technology  
 OTHER Social Scientists  
 Postsecondary Teachers-OTHER Social Scientists

Appendix Table 2 continued

**Engineers**

Aerospace and related Engineers  
Chemical Engineers  
Civil Engineers  
Computer Engineers-Hardware  
Electrical and Electronics Engineers  
Industrial engineers  
Mechanical Engineers  
Agricultural Engineers  
Bioengineers and Biomedical Engineers  
Environmental Engineers  
Marine Engineers or Naval Architects  
Materials and Metallurgical Engineers  
Mining and Geological Engineers  
Nuclear Engineers  
Petroleum Engineers  
Sales Engineers  
OTHER Engineers  
Postsecondary Teachers - Engineering

**Management**

Top and Mid-Level Managers, Executives  
Accountants, Auditors, and other  
Personnel, Training and Labor Relations  
OTHER Management Related Occupations

**Health**

Diagnosing and Treating Health Professionals  
Registered Nurses, Pharmacists  
Health Technologists and Technicians  
OTHER Health Occupations

**Teachers**

Teachers, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten  
Teachers, Elementary School  
Teachers, Secondary-Computer, Math  
Teachers, Social Sciences  
Teachers, OTHER Subjects  
Teachers, Special Education  
Teachers, OTHER Precollegiate Education  
Postsecondary Teachers-Art, Drama  
Postsecondary Teachers-Business, Economics  
Postsecondary Teachers-Education  
Postsecondary Teachers-English Teachers  
Postsecondary Teachers-Foreign Language  
Postsecondary Teachers-History Teachers  
Postsecondary Teachers-Home Economics  
Postsecondary Teachers-Law Teachers  
Postsecondary Teachers-Physical Education  
Postsecondary Teachers-Social Work  
Postsecondary Teachers-Theology  
Postsecondary Teachers-Trade and Industry  
Postsecondary Teachers-OTHER Health  
Postsecondary Teachers-OTHER, Non-science

Appendix Table 2 continued

**Other nonscience Occupations**

Clergy and OTHER Religious Worker  
Counselors, Educational and Vocational  
Social Workers  
Technologists/Technicians In Biotechnology  
Computer Programmers  
E&E, Indus., Mechanical Engineers  
Drafting Occupations  
Surveying/Mapping Engineers Technology  
OTHER Engineers Technologists/Technicians  
Surveyors  
Technologists/Technicians In Math  
Technologists/Technicians In Physical Sciences  
Sales/Mrkt. - Insurance, Securities  
Sales Occupations - Commodities  
Sales Occupations - Retail  
OTHER Marketing and Sales Occupations  
Artists, Editors, Entertainers,  
Historians, Except Science and Teachers  
Accounting Clerks and Bookkeepers  
Secretaries, Receptionists and Typing  
OTHER Administrative  
Architects  
Farmers, Foresters and Fishermen  
Lawyers and Judges  
Librarians, Archivists and Curators  
Actuaries  
Food Preparation and Service Workers  
Protective Service Workers  
OTHER Service Occupations  
Construction Trades, Miners  
Mechanics and Repairers  
Precision Production Occupations  
Operators and Related Occupations  
Transportation and material-moving  
OTHER Occupations