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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Economics, Georgia State University June 2018–

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University May 2018
M.A., Economics, Cornell University February 2016
M.S., Statistics, Utah State University August 2012
B.A., Economics, Utah State University, *Summa Cum Laude* May 2011
• Minors: Mathematics, Chinese
Non-Degree-Seeking, Chinese Language, Shanghai JiaoTong University, China Fall 2007

RESEARCH FIELDS

Economics of Education, Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics

PUBLICATIONS

“Information and the Beauty Premium in Political Elections” (with Joseph Price), 2017, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 35: 677-683. [Link to paper.](#)

“SigTree: A Microbial Community Analysis Tool to Identify and Visualize Significantly Responsive Branches in a Phylogenetic Tree” (with John Stevens, Michael Lefevre, Balasubramanian Ganesan, and Bart Weimer), 2017, *Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal*, 15:372-378. [Link to paper.](#)

WORKING PAPERS

“Do Peers Influence Occupational Preferences? Evidence from Randomly-Assigned Peer Groups at West Point” (with Michael Kofoed). *Revisions requested at Journal of Public Economics.* [Link to paper.](#)

“Are High-Quality PhD Programs at Universities Associated with More Undergraduate Students Pursuing PhD Study?” (with Ronald Ehrenberg). *NBER Working Paper 22372. Revised and resubmitted to Education Economics.*

“Maxed Out: The Human Capital Effects of Larger Student Loan Limits” (with Jeffrey Denning). [IZA Working Paper 12239. Submitted.](#)

“The Effects of Financial Aid Loss on Student Persistence and Graduation: A Multi-Dimensional Regression Discontinuity Approach” (with Daniel Kreisman, Ross Rubenstein, Cynthia Searcy, and Rachana Bhatt).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Effect of a College Summer Program on Outcomes of At-Risk Students: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design” (with Ross Rubenstein).

“Changes in Parental Gender Preference in the United States: Evidence from 1830-1940” (with Matthew Millington and Joseph Price).

“First Generation Students and Peer Effects” (with Michael Kofoed).

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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|---|------------------|
| Price Theory Summer Camp, The Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago | 2016 |
| The <i>Ernest Liu Family</i> Outstanding Teaching Award, Field of Economics, Cornell University | 2014 |
| Sage Fellowship, Field of Economics, Cornell University | 2012–13 |
| Vice President For Research Fellowship, School of Graduate Studies, Utah State University | 2011–12 |
| Seely-Hinckley Scholarship, School of Business, Utah State University | 2009–10 |
| National Advisory Board Scholarship, School of Business, Utah State University | 2008–09, 2010–11 |
| Presidential Scholarship, Utah State University | 2004–05, 2008–10 |
| Eagle Scout Award | 2002 |

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

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| European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference (by coauthor) | Sep. 2019 (scheduled) |
| Association for Education Finance and Policy | March 2016, March 2019 |
| Georgia State University | February 2018 |
| Ohio State University | February 2018 |
| Cornell University | October 2017 |
| Southern Economic Association (by coauthor) | November 2016 |
| Midwestern Economic Association/SOLE | April 2016 |
| Southern Economic Association | November 2015 |
| Labor Work in Progress Seminar, Cornell University | November 2015 |
| Economics of Education Meeting, Cornell University | May 2014, November 2014, April 2015 |
| Utah State University | June 2014 |
| Graduate Student Conference, Brigham Young University | June 2014 |

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

- Ronald Ehrenberg, Cornell University Summer 2014, Spring 2015–Summer 2016, Spring 2018
- Nicholas Sanders, Cornell University Spring–Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant

- Economic Analysis of the University, Ronald Ehrenberg, Cornell Fall 2014, 2016, 2017
- Introductory Microeconomics, Jennifer Wissink, Cornell Fall 2013, Spring 2014

Professional

- Statistics Intern, Autoliv, Ogden, UT May–August 2011
- Statistics Intern, National Agricultural Statistical Service, Salt Lake City, UT May–August 2010

PROGRAMMING

- R, Stata, Python, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk, web scraping
- Developed *SigTree*, an R package (with John Stevens), available at <http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/SigTree/index.html>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: Economics of Education Review (3), Education Finance and Policy, ILR Review

Conference Discussant: Southern Economic Association (2015, 2018), Midwestern Economic Association (2016)

ATTENDANCE AT INVITED CONFERENCES

NBER Spring Economics of Education Meeting
NBER Spring Children's and Economics of Education Meeting
NBER Fall Economics of Education Meeting
NBER Summer Institute, Economics of Education

Spring 2019
Spring 2017, 2018
Fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Summer 2015, 2016, 2017

OTHER

Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)
Citizenship: USA

REFERENCES

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