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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Economics and Georgia Policy Labs, June 2018–
Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University

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

Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Education, Labor Economics

WORKING PAPERS

“Maxed Out: The Human Capital Effects of Larger Student Loan Limits” (with Jeffrey Denning). *Revised and resubmitted to **Journal of Human Resources**. [IZA Working Paper 12239](#).*

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

“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). *Revise and Resubmit at **Education Finance and Policy**.*

PUBLICATIONS

“Are High-Quality PhD Programs at Universities Associated with More Undergraduate Students Pursuing PhD Study?” (with Ronald Ehrenberg). Forthcoming, ***Education Economics***. [Link to paper](#).

“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](#).

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 and Paige Sims).

“The Graduate School Origins of Economics Faculty” (with Arielle Sloan).

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

“Peer Effects on Academic Achievement of First Generation College Students” (with Michael Kofoed).

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Georgia State University, Ph.D. Seminar	December 2019 (scheduled)
Southern Economic Association	November 2015, November 2019 (scheduled)
European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference (by coauthor)	Sep. 2019 (scheduled)
Georgia State University, Economics Brownbag	July 2019
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
Cornell University, Labor Work in Progress Seminar	November 2015
Cornell University, Economics of Education Meeting	May 2014, November 2014, April 2015
Utah State University	June 2014
Brigham Young University, Graduate Student Conference	June 2014

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

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

Guest Lecturer

- Introduction to Data Management and Analysis, Jon Smith, Georgia St. Spring 2020 (planned)
- Graduate Labor Economics, Jon Smith, Georgia St. Fall 2019 (planned)

Professional

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

RESEARCH GRANTS

“Building Research Capacity to Study Special Education Students: A Partnership with Metro-Atlanta School Districts” (Co-PI). Spencer Foundation Research-Practice Partnership (RPP) Grants Program. *Under Review.*

ATTENDANCE AT INVITED CONFERENCES

NBER Summer Institute, Economics of Education	Summer 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019
NBER Spring Economics of Education Meeting	Spring 2019
NBER Fall Economics of Education Meeting	Fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
NBER Spring Children’s and Economics of Education Meeting	Spring 2017, 2018

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)

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>

OTHER

Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)
Citizenship: USA

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