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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of South Carolina, Department of Economics

Assistant Professor

Fall 2024 -

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D Economics

Expected 2024

University of Wisconsin-Madison

M.S. Economics

2019

DePauw University

B.A. Mathematics, Minors in Economics and Computer Science

2017

Summa cum laude

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Economics of Education

RESEARCH PAPERS

Job Market Paper

- [Switching Schools: Effects of College Transfers](#)

Publications

- [Making College Affordable? The Impacts of Tuition Freezes and Caps](#) (with Minseon Park), *Economics of Education Review* 89 (2022): 102265.
- [Workforce Entry Including Career and Technical Education and Training](#) (with Burt Barnow and Jeffrey Smith) in “What Has Happened to the American Working Class Since the Great Recession?”, *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 695, no. 1 (2021): 260-274.

Working Papers

- [Who Scars the Easiest? College Quality and the Effects of Graduating into a Recession](#) (with Garrett Anstreicher)
- [Effects of College Quality: Occupation and Major as Mechanisms of Earnings Increases](#)

Works in Progress

- Small Distances that Matter: Effects of Local Community College Openings on Enrollment and Degree Completion
- Quantifying Non-Sampling Variation: College Quality and the Garden of Forking Paths (with Eleanor Dillon and Jeffrey Smith)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- 2024 *(including scheduled)* Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) Conference; Census Bureau; Federal Trade Commission; ISO New England, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) Compliance Risk Analysis Division, OCC Retail Credit Risk Analysis Division, RAND Corporation; United States Military Academy at West Point; University of Rochester, University of South Carolina, Virginia Commonwealth University; U.S. Department of Education/Brookings Institute Economics of Education Seminar, National Science Foundation Evaluation and Assessment Capability Seminar
- 2023 AEFP; Census Bureau; Midwest Economics Association (MEA) Conference; Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Fall Conference (*presenter and discussant*); Federal Statistical Research Data Center Annual Research Conference; Abt Associates; Institute for Employment Research (IAB)*; State University of New York at Buffalo Graduate School of Education; University of Florida College of Education; University of Maryland*; University of North Carolina - Greensboro; University of Texas - San Antonio;
- 2022 AEFP; American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference; APPAM (*presenter and discussant*); Interdisciplinary Training Program in Education Sciences Seminar; Nordic Econometric Society Conference*; WHY Conference*
- 2021 AEFP*; ANNALS “What Has Happened to the American Working Class Since the Great Recession?” Conference*; Higher Education Working Group*
- 2020 AEFP; APPAM; E-con of Education Conference
- * presented by coauthor

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship	2023
Dorothy Rice Dissertation Fellowship, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics	2022
Mary Claire Ashenbrenner Phipps Dissertator Fellowship, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics	2021
Dissertation Research Award, UW-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty	2021
JPG Summer Research Scholarship (with Garrett Anstreicher), UW-Madison Dept. of Economics	2021
JPG Summer Research Scholarship (with Minseon Park), UW-Madison Dept. of Economics	2020
Department Fellowship, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics	2017

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Conference Travel Award, UW-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty	2022
Roe L. Johns Student Travel Grant, Association for Education Finance and Policy	2022,2023
Data Grant, UW-Madison Dept of Economics	2021,2022,2023
Conference Travel Award, UW-Madison Dept of Economics	2020,2021,2022
Conference Presentation Award, UW-Madison Graduate School	2020,2021,2022,2023

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

Center for Economic Studies Dissertation Mentorship Program, Census Bureau	2022
Honors with Distinction Award for Honor Scholar Thesis, DePauw University	2022
Phi Beta Kappa Society, Indiana Alpha Chapter	2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Jeffrey Smith (UW-Madison) May 2019-Aug 2022
Effects of College Quality

Research Assistant, Corina Mommaerts and Anita Mukherjee (UW-Madison) Jan-May 2019
Frictions in Claiming and Saving: An Analysis of Unclaimed Retirement Accounts

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

JPG Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2018

ECON 410, Introductory Econometrics, Prof. Kohei Yata Fall 2022

ECON 102, Introduction to Macroeconomics, Prof. Stella Chan Fall 2018

ECON 102, Introduction to Macroeconomics, Prof. Elizabeth Kelly Fall 2017

SERVICE

Referee: *Economics of Education Review, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Policy, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*

Co-founder & leadership team, Wisconsinites for Inclusion & Diversity in Economics (WIDE) 2019-2022

Cohort Representative, Wisconsin Economics Graduate Organization (WEGO) 2019-2021

Research Mentor, Lumiere Education 2021

Ph.D Student Mentor, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2018-2020

AFFILIATIONS

Graduate Research Fellow, Institute for Research on Poverty Aug 2018-Present

Researcher, Wisconsin Research Data Center, U.S. Census Bureau Jan 2021-Present

MISCELLANEOUS

Citizenship: United States of America

Memberships: American Economic Association, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Association for Public Policy and Management

Security Clearance: U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status