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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University August 2020–
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Georgia Policy Labs and Economics, June 2018–June 2020
Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University

AFFILIATIONS

Invited Contributor, EdWorkingPapers, Annenberg Institute, Brown University January 2020–

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

“College Credit on the Table? Advanced Placement Course and Exam Taking” (with Ishtiaque Fazlul and Jonathan Smith). Forthcoming, *Economics of Education Review*. [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). Forthcoming, *Education Finance and Policy*. [Link to IZA Working Paper 13849](#).

“Do Peers Influence Occupational Preferences? Evidence from Randomly-Assigned Peer Groups at West Point” (with Michael Kofoed). 2020, *Journal of Public Economics*, 184, 104154. [Link to paper](#).

“Are High-Quality PhD Programs at Universities Associated with More Undergraduate Students Pursuing PhD Study?” (with Ronald Ehrenberg), 2019, *Education Economics*, 27(5):451-471. [Link to paper](#).

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

PUBLICATIONS (Continued)

“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

“The Graduate and Undergraduate Origins of Economics Faculty” (with Arielle Sloan). [Link to EdWorkingPaper 20-324](#).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Education and Longevity in Early 20th Century Mississippi” (with Kendall Kennedy and Joe Price).

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

“The Graduate School Origins of Faculty Across Disciplines” (with Will Davis and Haoyang Xiong).

“The Graduate School Origins of Finance Faculty” (with Haoyang Xiong).

“Reporting of Suspected Child Maltreatment During Pre-Kindergarten” (with Rodrigo Aranda Balcazar and Thomas Goldring).

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

OTHER WRITING

“Taking Advanced Placement Courses but Not the Exam” (with Ishtiaque Fazlul and Jonathan Smith), 2020. Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education, Georgia Policy Labs. [Link to Report](#).

“Post-Secondary Financial Aid Foundational Report: 2013-14 to 2018-19,” 2020. Child & Family Policy Lab, Georgia Policy Labs. [Link to Policy Brief](#).

PRESENTATIONS

2022 March: University of Mississippi (planned).

2021 March: Mississippi State University (Agricultural Economics); Association for Education Finance and Policy. November: Southern Economic Association (planned).

2020 January: Mississippi State University; Southern Utah University. February: Ryerson University; San Diego State University. March: Association for Education Finance and Policy (two presentations by coauthors). June: Western Economic Association (by coauthor). October: Georgia Policy Labs CFPL Equitable Access Webinar (panelist). November: Association for Public Policy & Management (poster; and session by coauthor); Southern Economic Association.

2019 March: Association for Education Finance and Policy; July: Georgia State University, Economics Brownbag; September: European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference (by coauthor); December: Georgia State University, Ph.D. Seminar.

2018 February: Ohio State University; Georgia State University, MAPLE.

2017 October: Cornell University.

PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

2016 March: Association for Education Finance and Policy; April: Midwestern Economic Association/SOLE; November: Southern Economic Association (by coauthor).

2015 April: Cornell University, Economics of Education Meeting; November: Cornell University, Labor Work in Progress Seminar; Southern Economic Association.

2014 May: Cornell University, Economics of Education Meeting. June: Brigham Young University, Graduate Student Conference; Utah State University; November: Cornell University, Economics of Education Meeting.

TEACHING

Instructor

- Introductory Microeconomics, Mississippi State Spring 2021; Fall 2021 (x2)
- Intermediate Microeconomics, Mississippi State Fall 2020 (x2); Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant

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

Guest Lecturer

- Ph.D. Labor Economics, Jon Smith, Georgia State Fall 2019

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Price Theory Summer Camp, The Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago 2016
The *Ernest Liu Family 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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad Hoc Referee: Journal of Human Resources, Economics of Education Review (6), Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Education Finance and Policy (3), ILR Review

Hiring Committee: Mississippi State University, 2020-2021 market

Interview Committee: Mississippi State University, 2020-2021 market

Conference Session Chair: Southern Economic Association (2021, planned), Association for Education Finance and Policy (2021)

Conference Discussant: Southern Economic Association (2015, 2018, 2021 (planned)), Midwestern Economic Association (2016)

ATTENDANCE AT INVITED CONFERENCES

NBER Summer Institute, Economics of Education 2015–2017, 2019–2021
NBER Spring Economics of Education Meeting 2019, 2021
NBER Fall Economics of Education Meeting 2015–2020
NBER Spring Children’s and Economics of Education Meeting 2017–2018

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

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

Professional

- Statistics Intern, Autoliv, Ogden, UT Summer 2011
- Statistics Intern, National Agricultural Statistical Service, Salt Lake City, UT Summer 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>
- Data visualization—see <http://www.toddrjones.com/data-visualization>

OTHER

Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)

Citizenship: USA

REFERENCES

Michael Lovenheim, Ronald Ehrenberg, Daniel Kreisman