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PRIMARY POSITION Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University 2020–

AFFILIATIONS & APPOINTMENTS IZA Research Fellow 2025–
CESifo Research Network Affiliate 2023–
Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago 2024–
EdWorkingPapers Invited Contributor 2020–
IZA Research Affiliate 2021–2025
Guest Researcher, CESifo, Center for the Econ. of Education 1/2023
Postdoc, Georgia Policy Labs, Georgia State University 2018–2020

EDUCATION Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University 2018
M.A., Economics, Cornell University 2016
M.S., Statistics, Utah State University 2012
B.A., Economics, Utah State University, *Summa Cum Laude* 2011
 Minors: Mathematics, Chinese
Chinese Language, Shanghai JiaoTong University, China 2007

FIELDS Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Education, Labor Economics

PUBLICATIONS [The Academic Origins of Economics Faculty](#). *Journal of Economic Education* (2024), 55(4), 434-454. (Joint with Arielle Sloan.)
[Parental and Student Time Use Around the Academic Year](#). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* (2024), 224: 66-110. (Joint with Benjamin Cowan and Jeffrey Swigert.)
[Changes in Parental Gender Preference in the United States: Evidence from 1850-2019](#). *Journal of Population Economics* (2023), 36: 3057–3070. (Joint with Matthew Millington and Joseph Price.)
[The Graduate School Origins of Finance Faculty](#). *Journal of Empirical Finance* (2023), 71:88-103. (Joint with Haoyang Xiong)

The Effects of Financial Aid Loss on Student Persistence and Graduation: A Multi-Dimensional Regression Discontinuity Approach. *Education Finance and Policy* (2022), 17(2): 206-231. (Joint with Daniel Kreisman, Ross Rubenstein, Cynthia Searcy, and Rachana Bhatt.)

Maxed Out: The Human Capital Effects of Larger Student Loan Limits. *Journal of Human Resources* (2021), 56 (4): 1113-1140. (Joint with Jeffrey Denning.)

College Credit on the Table? Advanced Placement Course and Exam Taking. *Economics of Education Review* (2021), 84: 102-155. (Joint with Ishtiaque Fazlul and Jonathan Smith.)

Do Peers Influence Occupational Preferences? Evidence from Randomly-Assigned Peer Groups at West Point. *Journal of Public Economics* (2020), 184: 104-154. (Joint with Michael Kofoed.)

Are High-Quality PhD Programs at Universities Associated with More Undergraduate Students Pursuing PhD Study? *Education Economics* (2019), 27(5):451-471. (Joint with Ronald Ehrenberg.)

Information and the Beauty Premium in Political Elections. *Contemporary Economic Policy* (2017), 35: 677-683. (Joint with Joseph Price.)

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

WORKING
PAPERS

School and Crime (with Ezra Karger). [Link to IZA Working Paper 16506](#). *Reject and resubmit, AEJ: Economic Policy*.

First Generation College Students and Peer Effects (with Michael Kofoed). [Link to IZA Working Paper 16198](#). *Revised and resubmitted to Labour Economics*.

Paying for Prestige: Compensating Differentials in Faculty Job Choice (with Alex Bell). Draft available upon request.

WORKS IN
PROGRESS

Cheaper by the Dozen: Parental Time Use and Returns to Scale in Raising Children (with Ezra Karger and Valerie Michelman).

The Effects of School and Non-school Resources on Student Outcomes (with Ezra Karger and Sarah Komisarow).

BOOKS

[Quick Stata Tips](#).

OTHER WRITING **Moms Lose Significant Sleep and Free Time During Kids' School Year, New Study Finds.** *The Conversation*, 2023. (Joint with Benjamin Cowan and Jeffrey Swigert.) Also appears in *Fortune* and PBS.

Taking Advanced Placement Courses but Not the Exam. *Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education, Georgia Policy Labs*, 2020. (Joint with Ishtiaque Fazlul and Jonathan Smith.)

Post-Secondary Financial Aid Foundational Report: 2013-14 to 2018-19. *Child & Family Policy Lab, Georgia Policy Labs*, 2020.

PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED) **2025:** NBER Summer Institute GITE (by coauthor) **2024:** ASSA Meetings (SGE), University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, University of Memphis, University of Delaware (by coauthor), Mississippi State University **2023:** ifo Center for the Economics of Education, AEFM Meetings, APPAM Meetings, GLO-JOPE 2023 Global Conference (by coauthor) **2022:** AEFM Meetings, Atlanta Fed Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop, Mississippi State University, NBER Spring Education Meeting, NBER Spring Children's Meeting, University of Connecticut, University of South Carolina, APPAM Meetings (by coauthor), Southern Meetings, University of Mississippi (canceled-sickness) **2021:** Mississippi State University Ag Econ, AEFM Meetings, Southern Meetings **2020:** Mississippi State University, Southern Utah University, Ryerson University, San Diego State University, AEFM Meetings (two presentations by coauthors), Western Meetings (by coauthor), Georgia Policy Labs CFPL Equitable Access Webinar (panelist), APPAM Meetings (poster; and presentation by coauthor), Southern Meetings **2019:** AEFM Meetings, Georgia State University Brownbag, European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference (by coauthor), Georgia State University Ph.D. Seminar **2018:** Ohio State University, Georgia State University MAPLE **2017:** Cornell University **2016:** AEFM Meetings, Midwestern Economic Association/SOLE, Southern Meetings (by coauthor) **2015:** Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting, Cornell University Labor Work in Progress Seminar, Southern Meetings **2014:** Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting, Brigham Young University Graduate Student Conference, Utah State University, Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting

TEACHING Instructor (including scheduled):
Principles of Microeconomics, Miss. St. S2021, F2021 (x2), S2022
F2022 (x2), S2023, F2023 (x2), F2024 (x2), S2025, F2025 (x2)
Intermediate Microeconomics, Miss. St. F2020 (x2), S2021, S2022
S2023, S2024 (x2), S2025
Data Analytics Internship in Athletics, Miss. St. S2023

Teaching Assistant:
Econ. Analysis of the University, Cornell, Ehrenberg F2014, F2016, F17
Introductory Microeconomics, Cornell, Wissink F2013, S2014

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| PROFESSIONAL SERVICE | <p>Advising:</p> <p>Ph.D. Committee Member, Haoyang Xiong, Miss. St. 2022 Initial Placement: Assistant Prof. of Finance, Montana St. Univ.</p> <p>Department:</p> <p>Seminar Series Co-Organizer, Miss. St. 2022- Applied Economics Research Group, Founder and 2021- Organizer, Miss. St.</p> <p>Journal Ranking Committee, Miss. St. 2022-2023, 2024 Hiring Committee, Miss. St. 2020-21, 2021-2022, 2025 Interview Committee, Miss. St. 2020-21, 2025</p> <p>Referee:</p> <p>Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources (2), Journal of Public Economics, Economics of Education Review (10), Education Finance and Policy (6), Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (2), Economic Inquiry, Journal of Empirical Finance, ILR Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Review of Economics of the Household, Southern Economic Journal (2), Contemporary Economic Policy (2), Journal of Economic Education</p> <p>Conference Session Chair:</p> <p>APPAM 2023 AEFP 2021, 2022 Southerns Meetings 2021</p> <p>Conference Discussant:</p> <p>Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop 2024 APPAM 2023 Southerns Meetings 2015, 2018 (x2), 2021 (x2), 2022 Midwestern Meetings 2016</p> <p>Helping Candidates Prepare for Job Market:</p> <p>Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics 2021–2023</p> |
| ATTENDANCE AT INVITED CONFERENCES | <p>NBER Fall Education Meeting 2015–2024 NBER Summer Institute 2015–2017, 2019–2024 NBER Spring Education Meeting 2019, 2021–2023 NBER Spring Childrens Meeting 2022 NBER Spring Childrens and Education Meeting 2017–2018</p> |
| MEDIA | <p>Podcasts: The Atlantic’s Good on Paper podcast (Coauthor interviewed, September 24, 2024).</p> <p>Newspaper references: Slate (May 10, 2023). Chattanooga Times Free Press (December 12, 2024).</p> |

TV Interviews: WTVA Mississippi (February 11, 2022; February 25, 2022; April 29, 2022); Mississippi State University College of Business Dividends Show (March 2021).

Newspaper interviews: KHN (March 22, 2021).

Other: My Stata tips were featured in [Stata News 37-3](#). My [graph](#) was used in the 2024 State of the City address by the Mayor of Chattanooga. My [paper](#) was featured in FutureEd.

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| 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 |
| | National Advisory Board Scholarship School of Business, Utah State University | 2008-09, 2010-11 |
| | Seely-Hinckley Scholarship School of Business, Utah State University | 2009-10 |
| | Presidential Scholarship Utah State University | 2004-05, 2008-10 |
| | Eagle Scout Award | 2002 |
| OTHER EXPERIENCE | Research Assistant: Cornell: Ron Ehrenberg Summer 14, Spring 15-Summer 16, Summer 18 Cornell: Nick Sanders | Spring-Summer 2017 |
| PROGRAMMING | Stata, R, \LaTeX | |
| | Developed <i>SigTree</i> , an R package (with John Stevens), available at CRAN | |
| | Data visualization: see http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz | |
| OTHER | Citizenship: USA Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic) Latter-day Saint Student Association, Advisor, Miss. St. University | 2022– |