

CURRICULUM VITAE

Ryan A. Mather

January 2025

Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Email: mather2@wisc.edu

Website: <https://ryanmather.github.io/>

Education

Pursuing a PhD in Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Fall 2020-Spring 2025 (Anticipated)

Committee: Chris Taber, Chao Fu, Jesse Gregory

B.S. Economics (Summa Cum Laude), University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Spring 2018

B.A. Mathematics (Magna Cum Laude), University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Spring 2018

Working Papers

Job Market Paper: "Home Town Labor Markets and Degree Choice" with Andrew Smith

"Top Percent Plans and Student Beliefs about STEM Ability"

"Student Transferring and Outcomes under the Texas Public Education Grant" with Andrew Smith

Publication

"The Effects of Macroeconomic Shocks: Household Financial Distress Matters" with Kartik Athreya, José Mustre-Del Río, and Juan M. Sánchez. The Review of Financial Studies, Vol 38, Issue 2, February 2025

Work Experience

Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin Madison *with Naoki Aizawa*

September 2022-May 2023

Research Associate, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

June 2018-May 2020

Intern II – Supervisory Policy and Risk Analysis, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

May-August 2017

Teaching Assistantships at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Statistics: Measurement in Economics (Econ 310) *with Gregory Pac*

Spring 2024, Fall 2024

Principles of Microeconomics (Econ 101, Online Course) *with Gregory Pac*

Summer 2024

Statistics: Measurement in Economics (Econ 310) *with Christopher McKelvey*

Fall 2023

Principles of Microeconomics (Econ 101, Head TA) *with David Johnson*

Spring 2022

Mathematical Economics I (Econ 703, PhD Math Camp) *with Anna Bykhovskaya*

Fall 2021

Principles of Microeconomics (Econ 101) *with David Johnson*

Fall 2020

Funding and Awards

Juli Plant Grainger Summer Research Scholarship *with Andrew Smith*

2022 and 2023

Department of Economics Funding to access Texas ERC data *with Andrew Smith*

2022-2023

Second place senior thesis, Minnesota Economic Association Student Paper Contest

2017

For "Determinants of Diversification: A Study of Ecuadorian Exports"

Paper Adviser: Thomas Holmes

Second place term paper, Minnesota Economic Association Student Paper Contest

2017

For "Temporary Assistance with Lasting Effects: A Report on Policies of Self-Determination in Native America"

Paper Adviser: Paul Glewwe

I-UROP Funding, University of Minnesota Twin Cities
UROP Funding, University of Minnesota Twin Cities

2017
2016

Presentations

Carroll Round at Georgetown University, Presented "Determinants of Diversification" 2018
Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales (IAEN) in Ecuador, Presented "Los determinantes de diversificación: Un estudio de las exportaciones ecuatorianas" 2017

Unpaid Experience

Volunteer, El Banco Desarrollo in Quito, Ecuador March-May 2017
Prepared and taught a short employee training course in Spanish on Excel
Intern, Rosebud Economic Development Corporation (REDCO) in Mission, South Dakota June-August 2016
Assisted in REDCO's work for the Rosebud Native American Reservation

Selected Citations of Research

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2019. "Other Policy and Program Approaches to Child Poverty Reduction." *A Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.
Cited "Temporary Assistance with Lasting Effects: A Report on Policies of Self-Determination in Native America." (2017)
Ritholtz, Barry. "The Economy is Booming. So is Financial Stress." *Bloomberg*. 30 May 2019
Cited "The Unequal Recovery: Measuring Financial Distress by ZIP Code" with Juan M. Sánchez
Cohen, Patricia. "Struggling in a Good Economy, and Now Struggling in a Crisis." *The New York Times*, 16 Apr. 2020
Cited "Covid-19 and Households' Financial Distress Part 1: Employment Vulnerability and (Financial) Pre-Existing Conditions." (2020) with Kartik Athreya, José Mustre-Del Río, and Juan M. Sánchez

Contact Information for References

Chris Taber (Chair of my PhD Committee): ctaber@ssc.wisc.edu Phone: 608-263-7791
Jesse Gregory (Professor on my PhD Committee): rgeorge2@wisc.edu Phone: 608-890-4913
Chao Fu (Professor on my PhD Committee): becca.george@wisc.edu Phone: 608-263-3886
Gregory Pac (Teaching Reference): rgeorge@ssc.wisc.edu Phone: 608-263-2287