

# Joshua Brownstein

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## Summary

I am an economics PhD candidate. My dissertation research uses casual inference techniques to answer questions related to higher education in the United States.

## Education

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PhD, Economics   <i>Michigan State University</i>	May 2023
MA, Economics   <i>Michigan State University</i>	2018
BS, Mathematics and Economics   <i>University of Florida</i>	2016

## Experience

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**Graduate Researcher | Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI** 2019 - Present

- Analyzed data on Michigan State University students to explore the effect of honors college participation on student outcomes
- Fielded Qualtrics surveys to undergraduate students with information experiments to explore how they make choice related to student loans
- Studied the effect of test score labeling on post-secondary outcomes using administrative data on Michigan students

**Course Instructor and Teaching Assistant | Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI** 2017 - Present

- Wrote Exams, answered students' questions related to homework and test preparation, graded homework and exams, proctored exams, and manage grades on the online leaning software Brightspace

**Undergraduate Researcher | University of Florida, Gainesville, FL** 2016 - 2017

- Investigated college graduation rates by college type using data from the College Scorecard

**Research Assistant | North Park University, Chicago, IL** 2016

- Designed research project and collected data correlating changes in economic freedom with changes in economic growth

## Activities

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**Graduate Student Seminar Organizer | Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI** 2021 - Present

- Scheduled weekly research presentations, sent emails about seminar, created sign up, booked the room, and managed streaming the seminar online

**President MSU Anime Club | Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI** 2020 - Present

- Lead meetings of officers to plan club activities and presented announcements before weekly club meetings

## Skills

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Software (Advanced): Stata | Microsoft Office | R

Software (Intermediate): MATLAB | Java | LaTeX | Gauss | C++ | Unity

Research Methods: Causal Inference | Survey Design | Regression Discontinuity | Information Experiment