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Positions

Economist, Federal Reserve Board, 2018 -

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Michigan, 2018

M.A., Economics, University of Michigan, 2013

B.A., Mathematics and Economics (Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa), Kenyon College, 2008

Working papers

Local Ties in Spatial Equilibrium

Under review

FEDS Working Paper 2019-080.

Parental Proximity and Earnings After Job Displacements (with Pawel Krolikowski and Patrick Coate)

Under revision for Labour Economics

FEDS Working Paper 2019-062.; Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Working Paper 17-22.

Press: Wall Street Journal: Real Time Economics, Forbes, The Atlantic, MarketWatch

Housing Inequality (with Aditya Aladangady and David Albouy)

NBER Working Paper 21916.

Press: Washington Post, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, The Atlantic: City Lab

Work in progress

“Worker Quality and Firm Heterogeneity” (with Dimitrije Ruzic and Canyon Bosler)

“Replacing Workers with Capital? Evidence from German establishments”

“Uncertainty and Misperceptions in the Housing Market” (with Gabriel Ehrlich)

Publications

“Parental Assistance after Job Loss” (2018) with Patrick Coate and Pawel Krolikowski. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland *Economic Commentary* 2018-07.

“Parental Proximity and the Earnings Consequences of Job Loss” (2017) with Patrick Coate and Pawel Krolikowski. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland *Economic Commentary* 2017-03.

“The 2009 Survey of Consumer Payment Choice” (2011) with Kevin Foster, Erik Meijer, and Scott Schuh. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston *Public Policy Discussion Paper* 11-1.

“The 2008 Survey of Consumer Payment Choice” (2009) with Kevin Foster, Erik Meijer, and Scott Schuh. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston *Public Policy Discussion Paper* 09-10.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan Department of Economics
 Honors Introductory Economics with William J. Adams, Winter 2015
 Economics of the European Union with William J. Adams, Fall 2014
 Introductory Microeconomics with Janet Gerson, Fall 2012

Previous Research Experience

Graduate Student Research Assistant, Health and Retirement Study, 2013
 Research Analyst, The Moving to Opportunity Project at NBER, 2011
 Research Associate, The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), 2010
 Senior Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, 2008 - 2010

Fellowship, Awards, and Honors

Finalist for HCEO and Upjohn Institute Dissertation Prizes, 2019.
 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2017-2018
 University of Michigan Population Studies Center NICHD Predoctoral Fellowship, 2013-14, 15-16, 16-17
 Parker Memorial Prize in Labor Economics, University of Michigan, 2016
 Marshall Weinberg Research Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2015-16
 University of Pennsylvania Social Science and Policy Forum Pre-dissertation Fellowship, 2013
 University of Michigan Summer Research Assistantship, 2012 and 2013
 University of Michigan SYLF Fellowship, 2011-12
 Phi Beta Kappa, Kenyon College, 2008

Presentations

2019: Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting; Federal Reserve System Applied Micro (discussant); Georgetown Center for Economic Research; Urban Economics Association Annual Meetings; Federal Reserve System Regional

2018: University of Delaware; the US Naval Academy; German IAB Conference on Demographics, Immigration, and the Labor Market; Health, History, Demography, and Development Research Day at the University of Michigan; several potential employers

2017: American Economics Association (joint with AREUEA); Health, History, Demography, and Development Research Day at Michigan; US Census Bureau CES; Society of Labor Economists (poster); Barcelona GSE Summer Forum; IRP Summer Research Workshop at the University of Wisconsin; Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland; Cleveland State University; APPAM; Upjohn Institute

2016: University of Michigan (Labor lunch, Macro lunch, H2D2 lunch, Summer seminar); Population Association of America; Midwest Economics Association; EconCon at Princeton; Urban Economics Association; Midwest Macro

2015: University of Michigan (Public Finance lunch, Labor lunch, Macro lunch, Summer seminar, Health, History, Demography, and Development Research Day)

2014: University of Michigan (Labor lunch, Summer seminar)

2013: University of Pennsylvania SSPF Summer Institute

Miscellaneous

Special Sworn Status: US Census Bureau, June 2016 -

Referee: American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association Annual Conference, 2020

Steering committee: Federal Reserve and George Washington University Financial Literacy Seminar Series, 2018-2019

Co-organizer: Michigan PhD Summer Seminar, Summers 2015, 2016, 2017

Pennsylvania Social Science and Policy Forum Summer Institute on Inequality, 2013

Referee

Journal of the European Economic Association, AEJ: Economic Policy, Demographic Research, Population Research and Policy Review