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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-20 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Georgia
2018-19 Post-Doctoral Research Analyst and Instructor, University of Kentucky and Kentucky Center for Statistics

EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky
2014 M.P.A., University of Kentucky
2009 B.A., Political Science, Philosophy Minor, Eastern Kentucky University

PUBLICATIONS

- Combs, A.E., Foster, J., & Toma E.F. (2018). Local response to school finance equalization: Wealth or place? *Public Finance and Management*, 18(3).

WORKING PAPERS

- The expenditure response of colleges to state postsecondary subsidy composition: Diverging instruction, student support, and amenities.
The effect of homestead exemptions for the elderly and disabled on school district revenue (with John Foster). *Under Review*
What if high schools were not punished? The effect of ESEA waivers on college enrollment.
The impact of state oversight on property assessments and school district revenue (with Erin Troland and John Foster).
Identification of an optimal state postsecondary subsidy composition.
A decomposition of the effect of distance on college degree completion and the role of policy.

TEACHING

- 2019-20 University of Georgia: Public Financial Management; Data Applications in Public Administration; Public Policy Analysis
2017-19 University of Kentucky: Public Financial Management; Economic and Business Statistics; Public Program Evaluation; Strategic Planning & Organizational Change

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2019 The impact of state oversight on property assessments and school district revenues. *National Tax Association; Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management; Association for Budgeting and Financial Management.*
- The effects of homestead exemptions for the disabled and the elderly on school districts. *Association for Budgeting and Financial Management*
- Does state intervention in local property assessments impact school finance equalization? *Association of Education Finance and Policy.*
- 2018 High-tuition, high-aid policy and college expenditures. *Association of Education Finance and Policy.*
- Are state subsidies in higher education driving a divergence in institutional expenditures? *Association for Budgeting and Financial Management.*
- 2017 The effect of NCLB waivers on college outcomes. *Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management.*
- Local response to school finance equalization: The important of place. *Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management.*
- Local response to school finance equalization. *Association for Budgeting and Financial Management.*
- 2016 The effect of distance on degree completion. *Association of Education Finance and Policy.*
- 2015 Trends and determinants of state government privatization activity. *Association for Budgeting and Financial Management.*

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2015-18 Research Assistant, University of Kentucky
- 2014 Research Fellow, Council of State Governments

HONORS

- 2015-16 Graduate School Academic Year Fellowship
- 2014 Daniel Reedy Award for Outstanding MPA Paper
- 2014 Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010-13 Associate Director of Education & Evaluation, Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc.
- 2009 Leadership Consultant, Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc.