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## Academic Appointments

### UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Policy 2020-Present

Visiting Assistant Professor 2019-2020

### UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Post-Doctoral Research Analyst & Instructor 2018-2019

## Education

*University of Kentucky*, Ph.D. Public Policy & Administration 2018

*University of Kentucky*, Master of Public Administration 2014

*Eastern Kentucky University*, B.A. Political Science 2009

## Research

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

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

Combs, A.E., Foster, J. (forthcoming). The effects of homestead exemptions for seniors and disabled people on school districts. *Rural Education Finance and Policy*, special issue of *AERA Open*.

### WORKING PAPERS

The expenditure response of colleges to state postsecondary subsidy composition: Diverging instruction, student support, and amenities.

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.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

The impact of state oversight on property assessments and school district revenues. 2019  
*Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management*.

The effects of homestead exemptions for the disabled and the elderly on school districts. 2019  
*Association of Education Finance and Policy*.

High-tuition, high-aid policy and college expenditures. <i>Association of Education Finance and Policy.</i>	2018
Are state subsidies in higher education driving a divergence in institutional expenditures? <i>Association for Budgeting and Financial Management.</i>	2018
The effect of NCLB waivers on college outcomes. <i>Association for Public Policy Analysis &amp; Management.</i>	2017
Local response to school finance equalization: The important of place. <i>Association for Public Policy Analysis &amp; Management.</i>	2017
Local response to school finance equalization. <i>Association for Budgeting and Financial Management.</i>	2017
The effect of distance on degree completion. <i>Association of Education Finance and Policy.</i>	2016
Trends and determinants of state government privatization activity. <i>Association for Budgeting and Financial Management.</i>	2015

#### RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Research Analyst, Kentucky Center for Statistics	2018-2019
Research Assistant, University of Kentucky	2016-2018
Research Fellow, Council of State Governments	2013-2014

#### REVIEW SERVICE

Journal Referee: AERA Open

### Teaching

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA	2019-2021
Data Applications in Public Administration	
Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector	
Introduction to Public Policy Analysis	
Public Financial Management	
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY	2015-2019
Public Program Evaluation	
Strategic Planning & Organizational Change	
Economic and Business Statistics	
Education: Economics & Policy (TA)	

**Honors**

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

**Non-Academic Employment**

SIGMA NU FRATERNITY, INC.

Associate Director of Education & Evaluation	2010-2013
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Leadership Consultant	2009-2010
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