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EMPLOYMENT

West Virginia University; Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics

2021 - Present

EDUCATION

🎓 West Virginia University; Doctor of Philosophy, Economics

2017 - 2021 (Completed)

🎓 Ramapo College of New Jersey; Bachelor of Science, Mathematics

2013 - 2017

RESEARCH INTERESTS



Urban Economics



Sports Economics



Transportation Economics



Applied Econometrics & Statistics

TEACHING INTERESTS



Microeconomics



Statistics



Econometrics, Causal Inference



Urban, Sports Economics

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Readership and Citations as Alternative Measures of Impact (with R. Congleton & A. Marsella) *Constitutional Political Economy* (2021)

WORKING PAPERS

- Don't Distract and Drive: Unintended Consequences of Dynamic Message Signs in Virginia
Job Market Paper Abstract: Traffic safety represents an important nationwide transportation issue. Car crash fatalities accounted for 1.3% of all deaths in the United States in 2017. Therefore, maintaining safe roads is a top priority for all transportation departments. One tool used by transportation departments to address this priority is Dynamic Message Signs (DMS). DMS convey traffic conditions and other information to drivers in order to increase attentiveness, reduce harmful behavior, and caution drivers of upcoming incidents. Previous research (Hall and Madsen, 2021) has identified certain uses of DMS can in fact increase the number of crashes on a highway by distracting drivers. This study uses variation in the message text displayed by Virginias Department of Transportations (VDOT) DMS to explain detailed speed and crash data along Virginias Federal-Aid Highway System. Results indicate that messages that transition between multiple pages increase the risk of a crash and reduce speed around DMS. Policy implications of these results are DOTs should make efforts to eliminate transitioning messages to reduce negative externalities.
- Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Pavement Damage Reduces Traffic Safety and Speed (with M. Bock & B. Humphreys) *NBER Working Paper 29176*
- Blaming The Ref: Interpreting the Effect of Unexpected Emotional Cues on Family Violence (with B. Humphreys, B. McCannon & Z. Rodriguez) *Revisions Requested at Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*
- Professional Sporting Events Increase Seasonal Influenza Mortality in US Cities (with B. Humphreys, J. Ruseski, B. Soebbing, N. Watanabe) (*Under Review*)
- Mass Gathering Sport Events and The Spread of Viral Respiratory Infection: Japanese Professional Baseball and Influenza (with H. Funahashi & N. Watanabe) (*Under Review*)
- Employee Satisfaction and Stock Returns During the COVID-19 Pandemic (with M. Becker & Z. McGurk) (*Under Review*)
- Information Avoidance and Celebrity Exposure: The Effect of "Magic" Johnson on AIDS Diagnoses and Mortality in the U.S. (with J. Martin & Z. Rodriguez)
- The Amenity Value of Aggressive Policing: Evidence from Stop & Frisk in New York City

TEACHING EXPERIENCE - CLASSROOM

West Virginia University

Instructor, MA Econometrics	Fall 2021
Instructor, Introductory Econometrics	Fall 2020
Instructor, Business Statistics	Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2021
Instructor, Intermediate Microeconomics	Summer 2019
Teaching Assistant, MA Causal Inference	Spring 2021
Teaching Assistant, Ph.D. Econometrics	Spring 2019
Teaching Assistant, Business Statistics	Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant, Introductory Macroeconomics	Spring 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE - WORKSHOPS

Claremont Graduate University, Two Day Programming Workshop	2019
West Virginia University, CFE Empirical Workshop	2019, 2020, 2021
Introduction to R Programming	Web Scraping & Crawling in R
Regressions in R	Plotting and GIS in R
Text Data and Loops in R	Materials Here

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Labor Utilization: Lessons From the National Basketball Association (with B. Blemings)
- The Impact of WWII on The Baby Boom (with Z. Rodriguez)
- The Economic Impact of Eruvin (with K. Lawson)
- The Impact of Pavement Quality on Air Quality (with M. Bock & B. Humphreys)
- Alternate Definitions and Measures of Road Smoothness (with M. Bock)

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- "Understanding the NBA through the Lens of Economic Research" in *Advances in Sports Economics* Brad R. Humphreys & Alexander Cardazzi, Agenda Publishing, *forthcoming*.

CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

2022: American Economic Association; **2021:** Southern Economic Association, University of North Texas ERG Workshop, Western Economics Association, Eastern Economics Association; **2020:** Eastern Economics Association, The Economics of Infrastructure Investment (NBER), The Economics of Transportation in the 21st Century (NBER); **2019:** Eastern Economics Association, Public Choice Society; **2018:** Eastern Economics Association; **2017:** Southern Economics Association

GRANTS & AWARDS

WEAI Graduate Student Workshop (WEAI)	2021
\$76,758 - Economics of Transportation in the 21st Century Initiative (NBER)	2020

SERVICE

Ad Hoc Referee: Journal of Sport Management, Contemporary Economic Policy, Heliyon

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCIES

R, L^AT_EX, QGIS, High Performance Computing

REFERENCES

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