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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics

Expected May 2023

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

- Focus: Education and Labor Economics
- Dissertation Title: *The Kid Down the Block: Decomposing Neighborhood and Cohort Exposure Peer Effects*
- Dissertation Advisors: Scott Imberman, Todd Elder, Ben Zou

M.A., Economics

December 2018

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Bachelor of Arts, Mathematical Economics

May 2014

Pomona College, Claremont, CA

- Minor: Mathematics

PUBLICATIONS

Person, A. E., Thomas, J., Bruch, J., Johann, A., & Maestas, N. (September 30, 2016). *Outcomes of competency-based education in community colleges: Summative findings from the evaluation of a TAACCCT grant*. Report submitted to Sinclair Community College. Oakland, CA: Mathematica Policy Research.

Borkum, E., Cheban, I., Fortson, J., Johann, A., & Morgan, S. B. (September 8, 2016). *The Access to Agricultural Finance Loan Program in Moldova: Findings from an End-of-Compact Analysis*. Oakland, CA: Mathematica Policy Research.

Borkum, E., Morgan, S. B., Fortson, J., Johann, A., & Fortson, K. (October 23, 2015). *Evaluation of the Transition to High-Value Agriculture Project in Moldova: Baseline Findings from the 2013-2014 Farm Operator Survey*. Oakland, CA: Mathematica Policy Research.

WORKING PAPERS

Johann, A. *The Kid Down the Block: Decomposing Neighborhood and Cohort Exposure Peer Effects*. Working Paper.

Johann, A. *Equalizing Inputs, Enduring Gaps: Examining Changes in Levels and Correlates of Gender Gaps in Noncognitive Skills Over Time*. Working Paper.

Johann, A. *Raising Boys, Raising Girls: Modeling Gender Differences in the Dynamic Process of Early Childhood Skill Formation*. Working Paper.

AWARDS

Red Cedar Award

March 2020

Michigan State University Department of Economics

- Awarded to best third year paper and presentation among Economics PhD students

Staff Recognition Award: Innovation Award

January 2015

Mathematica Policy Research

- Awarded to staff who implement innovative solutions to difficult problems.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Course Instructor**

January 2021-May 2021

Michigan State University Department of Economics

- Course: Economics of Developing Countries (EC 310)

Teaching Assistant

August 2017-May 2018,

Michigan State University Department of Economics

August 2019-Present

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**Research Assistant**

August 2018– August 2019

Education Policy Innovation Collaborative at MSU College of Education

Research Assistant/Programmer

June 2014 – August 2017

Mathematica Policy Research

Research Assistant

June 2013– August 2013

Pomona College Department of Economics

PRESENTATIONS

Midwestern Economics Association

March 2022

Missouri Valley Economic Association

October 2021

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Statistical software including Stata and SAS. Also proficient in LaTeX and Microsoft Excel.