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Academic Appointments

Visiting Assistant Professor, Skidmore College

2025-Present

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	May 2025
M.S. Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	May 2022
B.A. Economics and Mathematics, Hobart College, NY	May 2017

Research Fields

Applied Microeconomics, Child Development, Human Capital, Mental Health, Labor Economics

Working Papers

"Parenting Decisions and Child Skill Development" - Job Market Paper

Publications

"Can Bitcoin Mining Increase Renewable Electricity Capacity?" (with Andrew J. Yates, and Paige Weber), Resource and Energy Economics, 2023

"U.S. West Coast Droughts and Heat Waves Exacerbate Pollution Inequality and Can Undermine Emission Control Policies?" (with Amir Zeighami, Jordan Kern, Andrew J. Yates, and Paige Weber), Nature Communications, 2023

Works in Progress

"Child Screen Time, Mental Health, and Cognitive Skill Development"

"Parenting, Children's Time Allocation, and Skill Development"

"Traditional Household Preferences and its Impact on Parenting Practices"

"Estimating Heterogeneous Marginal Environmental Effects on Electrical Grids: Regularized Panel Data Regression Approach" (with Andrew J. Yates, Andrew Capron, and Valentin Verdier)

Teaching Experience

Skidmore College

Instructor: Introductory Microeconomics 2025
Instructor: Labor Economics 2025

Instructor: Health Economics	Spring 2026
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
Teaching Assistant: Intermediate Microeconomics Instructor: Intermediate Microeconomics	2024 2024
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	
Teaching Assistant	2016 - 2017

Conferences and Seminar Presentations

Society of Labor Economics (2025 invited)

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2022, 2023, 2024)

UNC Chapel Hill Applied Microeconomics Seminar (2023, 2024)

UNC Greensboro Brown Bag Seminar (2024)

Honors and Awards

Robert Gallman Graduate Scholarship (UNC)	Spring 2022
Phi Beta Kappa (Hobart College)	2017

Technical Skills

Julia, STATA, Matlab, Python, LaTeX, Git, Microsoft Office

References

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