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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 |
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| 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, Labor Economics, Environmental 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

"Differences in Parenting Style and the Development of Children"

"Traditional Household Preferences and its Impact on Parenting Practices"

"Children's Time Allocation and Their Skill Development"

"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

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University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Teaching Assistant: Intermediate Microeconomics 2024
Instructor: Intermediate Microeconomics 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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