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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Economics Indiana University, <i>Bloomington, IN, USA</i>	2018 - 2023
Master of Arts, Economics Indiana University, <i>Bloomington, IN, USA</i>	2018 - 2020
Bachelor of Science, Mathematics and Business Economics, Honors Scholar Louisiana Tech University, <i>Ruston, LA, USA</i>	2013 - 2017

HONORS AND AWARDS

Best Graduate Paper Award recipient, <i>Hoosier Economics Conference (Indiana University)</i>	2021
W. Phillip Saunders Award for Outstanding Introductory Economics Associate Instructor recipient, <i>Department of Economics, Indiana University</i>	2021
Hayek Fund for Scholars Research Stipend recipient, <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	2021
Don Lavoie Fellowship recipient, <i>Mercatus Center</i>	2020 - 2021
College Graduate Fellowship recipient, <i>Indiana University</i>	2018 - 2019
Top-Up Fellowship recipient, <i>Indiana University</i>	2018 - 2019
Presidential Scholarship recipient, <i>Louisiana Tech University</i>	2013 - 2017
Louisiana/Mississippi Section of Mathematical Association of America 1st Place – Louisiana Tech Competition Team, member	2016
Lothar I. Iverson Scholarship recipient, <i>Louisiana Tech University</i>	2015 - 2016
P.K. Smith Scholarship recipient, <i>Louisiana Tech University</i>	2014 - 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Instructor , ECON-E 251 (Fundamentals of Economics I) <i>Indiana University</i>	Fall 2020, Spring 2021
Associate Instructor , ECON-E 201 (Intro to Microeconomics) <i>Indiana University</i>	Fall 2019, Spring 2020
Tutor , ECON 510 (Managerial Economics) <i>Louisiana Tech University</i>	Spring 2017

RESEARCH

Research Interests: Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Economics of Information, Networks

Research Papers:

“A Recursive Logit Model with Choice Aversion and Its Application to Transportation Networks.” 2021
Submitted to Transportation Research Part B: Methodological
Co-authors: Jorge Lorca, Emerson Melo

“Effects of Public Price Transparency Tools on Shopping for Health Care” Latest Draft: June 2021
Working Paper

Conference Presentations:

Poster Session, “A Recursive Logit Model with Choice Aversion and Its Application to Transportation Networks,”
6th Annual Conference on Network Science and Economics (Virtual). Presented on March 26th, 2021.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Field Underwriter (Louisiana Farm Bureau Insurance Companies) June 2017 - June 2018

- Analyzed personal, farm, and commercial property and liability exposures of the insured applicant to ensure optimum coverage was provided in the event of a loss
- Oversaw the performance of local Louisiana Farm Bureau agents across northeast Louisiana by acting as a regional liaison between parish offices and the state underwriting department
- Assessed the risk of potential policyholders by inspecting dwellings, farms, and other insurable items and verifying production was within underwriting guidelines

Student Service Assistant (Registrar’s Office, Louisiana Tech University) Sep. 2013 - May 2017

- Solved daily problems regarding student registration and records by collaborating and communicating directly with university faculty and students
- Navigated the Student Information System to extract specific material from the university’s current operating mainframe network and database
- Performed tasks to provide useful, detailed information to office staff in an efficient and timely manner