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## Academic Appointments

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Fall 2023 to Present
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics	
Affiliate, Center for Future Workplaces and Practices	
Affiliate, Kellogg Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	
University of Notre Dame	Fall 2023 to Present
Affiliate, Center for Research on Educational Opportunity	
W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research	Summer 2025
Summer Economics Fellow	

## Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Notre Dame	May 2023
Dissertation Title – “Essays on the Economics of Education”	
Committee – Daniel Hungerman, Chloe Gibbs, Kasey Buckles, and William Evans	
M.A. Economics, University of Notre Dame,	June 2019
B.A. Economics, University of Florida,	May 2018
Minor - Actuarial Science	
Honors - Summa Cum Laude	

## Fields of Interest

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, and Economics of Education

## Working Papers (sorted alphabetically)

1. “Can Light-Touch Interventions in High School Impact Education Outcomes?”
2. “Examining Key Impacts of the Test-Optional Movement for Early Adopters”  
(conditionally accepted at *AEA Papers and Proceedings*)
3. “Labor Market Shocks and Immigration Enforcement” with Sergio Barrera and Sarina Heron (conditionally accepted at *AEA Papers and Proceedings*)
4. “Supply-Side Responses in School Choice” with Chandon Adger (revise and resubmit at *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*)
5. “The Impacts of Removing College Entrance Exams: Evidence from the Test-Optional Movement” (revise and resubmit at *Southern Economic Journal*)

## **Research in Progress** (sorted alphabetically)

1. “Evaluating the Impact of Vouchers on Peer Interactions in Private Schools Using Mixed Methods” with Joseph Waddington
2. “The Free Tuition Laws and Their Impact on Educational Attainment in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century” with Christopher Monjares
3. “The Non-Labor Impacts of GED Receipt” with Antionette Strotter
4. “The War on Poverty and Higher Education Access: Educational Attainment and Intergenerational Effects of Upward Bound” with Chloe Gibbs and Esra Kose
5. “Understanding the Impacts of First Semester Math Placement on Post Secondary Outcomes” with Sergio Barrera and Susan Sajadi

## **Research Experience**

Research Assistant, University of Notre Dame, Department of Economics

Chloe Gibbs, Fall 2021 through Summer 2022

Kasey Buckles, Spring 2020 through Summer 2021

## **Presentations**

- 2025 Allied Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Association of Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Program on Education Policy and Governance, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (scheduled)
- 2024 Association of Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, 2024 Society of Government Economists Annual Conference, APPAM Fall Research Conference, Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting
- 2023 Texas Christian University, Xavier University, Bates College, Montana State University Applied Economics Summer Conference, APPAM Fall Research Conference (presenter x 2, discussant), Commonwealth Finance Workshop (discussant)
- 2022 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

## **Trainings**

- 2025 CeMENT Mentoring Workshop for Junior Faculty (scheduled)
- 2024 AEFPP Early Career Mentoring Workshop, AEFPP Writing for Federal Policy Impact Workshop, Mentorship Program to Support NSF Grant Proposal Development for MSI Faculty Workshop
- 2023 APPAM Networking and Mentoring in Economics and Policy

2020 Successfully Navigating Your PhD: A Mentoring Workshop for Third- and Fourth-Year Women and Non-Binary PhD Students

## Teaching Experience

Instructor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Department of Economics  
Labor Economics, Fall 2024  
Analysis of Economic Data, Fall 2023

Instructor, University of Notre Dame, Department of Economics  
Statistics for Economics Tutorial, Fall 2022  
Principles of Microeconomics, Summer 2022

Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame, Department of Economics  
Graduate Microtheory I, Michèle Müller-Itten, Fall 2019  
Principles of Microeconomics, Daniel Hungerman, Spring 2019  
Principles of Microeconomics, Ethan Lieber, Fall 2018

Academic Student Services, University of Notre Dame, Tutor  
Principles of Microeconomics, Fall 2018 through Fall 2021

## Advising (\* denotes student outside of current affiliation)

Amaryllis Adey\*, Committee Member (2025)  
Initial Placement: Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Etymology, Virginia Tech  
Jonathan Gendron, Committee Member (expected completion 2026)  
Reza Tavakoli Jaghargh, Co-Adviser (expected completion 2027)  
Faezah Najafi, Committee Member (expected completion 2027)  
Yuecheng Gong, Committee Member (expected completion 2027)

## Awards and Fellowships

Outstanding Faculty in Undergraduate Courses, Virginia Tech, Spring 2024  
New Faculty Mentoring Grant, Virginia Tech, Spring 2024  
Burns Fellow, Program for Interdisciplinary Educational Research, Spring 2020 to Spring 2023  
Dean's Fellow, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2018 to Spring 2023

## Service

Referee: *Journal of Human Capital*, *Research in Higher Education*, *China Economic Review*, *Economics of Education Review*

Professional Memberships:

- American Economic Association
- Association for Education Finance and Policy
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- Southern Economic Association

Service Committees, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Department of Economics

- Diversity Committee, Fall 2024
- Seminar Coordinator, Fall 2024
- Visibility Committee, Fall 2024, Fall 2023
- Enrollment Committee, Fall 2023

Faculty Advisor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

- Women in Economics Club, Spring 2024 to Present
- Econ Games Team, Spring 2025 to Present

Graduate Student Committee, University of Notre Dame

- Co-Chair, Fall 2021 to Spring 2022