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Professional Appointments

Vanderbilt University: Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics	2019 -
National Bureau of Economic Research: Faculty Research Fellow	2017 -

Previous Appointments

The College of William & Mary: Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics	2015 - 2019
The College of William & Mary: Faculty Affiliate, Public Policy	2015 - 2019

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Pittsburgh; 2015
Dissertation "Government and Economic Outcomes"
Supervised by: Werner Troesken

M.A. Economics, University of Pittsburgh; 2012
B.A. Business Finance, University of Washington (Tacoma); 2010

Publications

[Culture and the Historical Fertility Transition](#)

(with Walker Hanlon)

Accepted: **The Review of Economic Studies.**

[Re-Evaluating the Long-Term Effects of In Utero Exposure to the 1918 Influenza Pandemic](#)

(with Ryan Brown, Joseph Ferrie, Martin Saavedra, and Duncan Thomas)

Accepted: **The Journal of Political Economy.**

*This paper subsumes NBER working paper W24725: "Fetal Shock or Selection?"
(by Beach, Ferrie, and Saavedra) and "On the Long-Term Effects of the 1918 U.S.
Influenza Pandemic" (by Brown and Thomas)

[Recessions, Mortality, and Migration Bias: Evidence from the Lancashire Cotton Famine](#)

(with Vellore Arthi and Walker Hanlon)

Accepted: **American Economic Journal: Applied Economics**

[Water Infrastructure and Health in U.S. Cities](#)

Accepted: **Regional Science and Urban Economics.**

[Segregation and the Initial Provision of Water in the United States](#)

(with John Parman and Martin Saavedra)

AEA Papers and Proceedings, 2022.

Publications continued

The 1918 Influenza Pandemic and its Lessons for COVID-19

(with Karen Clay and Martin Saavedra)

Journal of Economic Literature, 2022. 60(1): 41-84.

Losing by Less? Import Competition, Unemployment Insurance Generosity, and Crime

(with John Lopresti)

Economic Inquiry, 2019. 57(2): 1163-81

Coal Smoke and Mortality in an Early Industrial Economy

(with Walker Hanlon)

The Economic Journal, 2018. 128(615): 2652-75.

Gridlock: Ethnic Diversity in Government and the Provision of Public Goods

(with Daniel Jones)

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 2017. 9(1):112-36.

Business as Usual: Politicians with Business Experience, Government Finances, and Policy Outcomes

(with Daniel Jones)

Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 2016 131: 292-307.

Typhoid Fever, Water Quality, and Human Capital Formation

(with Joseph Ferrie, Martin Saavedra, and Werner Troesken)

The Journal of Economic History, 2016. 76(1) 41-75.

Awarded Arthur H. Cole prize for best article 2015-16.

Mitigating the Effects of Low Birth Weight: Evidence from Quasi-randomly Assigned Adoptees

(with Martin Saavedra)

American Journal of Health Economics, 2015.1(3): 275-96.

Time or Spot? A Reevaluation of Amsterdam Market Data Prior to 1747

(with Stephen Norman and Douglas Wills)

Econometrica, 2013. 7 (1): 61-85.

Working Papers

Minority Representation in Local Government

(with Daniel Jones, Tate Twinam, and Randall Walsh)

Revisions Requested: **American Economic Journal: Economic Policy**.

Disease and the Municipalization of Private Waterworks in England and Wales

(with Werner Troesken and Nicola Tynan)

Do Markets Reward Constitutional Reform? Lessons from America's State Debt Crisis

Land Use Regulation and Individual Welfare (with Tate Twinam)

Invited Seminars

Colby College (Nov. 2019) ■ U. of Tennessee, Knoxville (Apr. 2019) ■ U. Pittsburgh (Dec. 2018) ■ Florida State U. (Oct. 2018) ■ Oberlin College (Oct. 2018) ■ George Mason U. (Sep. 2018) ■ Princeton U. (May 2018) ■ Auburn U. (Dec. 2017) ■ Northwestern U. (May 2015) ■ U. of South Carolina (Oct. 2014).

Conferences and Workshops

ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting (2022, 2020*, 2019, 2018*, 2016*) ■ Economic History Society Annual Meeting (2021) ■ NYU Stern Health and History Workshop (2020) ■ Economic Demography Workshop (2020) ■ UC Irvine Demography & Development (2020) ■ Urban Economic Association Annual Meeting (2019) ■ Economic History Association Annual Meeting (2019, 2014) ■ Cliometrics Society Annual Meeting (2019, 2014) ■ University of Michigan's H2D2 Workshop (2019) ■ Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting (2019) ■ Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2018*, 2016, 2015) ■ World Economic History Congress (2018) ■ NBER DAE Spring Meeting (2018) ■ Social Science History Annual Meeting (2017) ■ Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2017) ■ Pittsburgh Economics Medley (2014, 2013) ■ NBER Summer Institute, DAE group (2013).

* Denotes discussant only.

Teaching Experience

Vanderbilt University

Economic History (PhD).
Public Economics (undergraduate).
Seminar in Microeconomic Policy (undergraduate).

College of William & Mary

Public Economics (undergraduate).
Economics of State and Local Policymaking (graduate).
Microeconomics for Public Policy (graduate).
Introduction to Microeconomics (undergraduate).
Economics of Regulation (undergraduate).

University of Pittsburgh

Introduction to Microeconomics (undergraduate).

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

College of William & Mary Summer Research Grant, 2017
Arthur H. Cole Prize for best article in the Journal of Economic History, 2016
Suzann Wilson Matthews Summer Research Grant, 2016
Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, 2014-2015
Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2013-2014
Arts and Sciences Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, 2013
Jerome C. Wells Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistance, 2012

Referee Service

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics ■ American Economic Journal: Economic Policy ■ American Economic Review ■ American Journal of Health Economics ■ Applied Economics ■ British Journal of Political Science ■ Demography ■ Economic Inquiry ■ Economic Journal ■ Economica ■ Economics of Education Review ■ Economic History Review ■ European Review of Economic History ■ Explorations in Economic History ■ Journal of Comparative Economics ■ Journal of Development Economics ■ Journal of Economic History ■ Journal of Health Economics ■ Journal of Political Economy ■ Journal of Urban Economics ■ National Tax Journal ■ Public Choice ■ Quarterly Journal of Economics ■ Review of Economics and Statistics ■ Southern Economic Journal ■ The World Economy.

Grant Reviewer: National Science Foundation

Graduate Advising and Placement

Sijie Li (2019, Freddie Mac)
Nicholas Holtkamp (2021, ASPE — Health and Human Services)
Craig Sylvera* (2022, Cleveland Fed)
Kayleigh McCrary (in progress)

* Denotes Main Advisor/Co-Advisor