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EDUCATION AND HONORS

Florida State University, College of Social Science and Public Policy **Tallahassee, FL**
Master of Science in Economics Candidate December 2021

- Adelaide D. Wilson Graduate Student Scholarship Fund (August 2020)
- Relevant Coursework: Panel Data Methods, Empirical Methods of Applied Economics, Urban and Regional Economics

Georgia Southern University, College of Business **Statesboro, GA**
Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics (Minor in Mathematical Sciences) May 2020

- Internship Scholarship Award (April 2019), Golden Eagle Award (November 2018)
- Relevant Coursework: Economic Development, Labor Economics, Health Economics, International Trade, Applied Econometrics, Applied Stats and Optimization

Maintained full-time employment throughout undergraduate studies.

SKILLS

- **Certifications:** Tableau Desktop Specialist
- **Software:** Stata, Excel, MatLab, Salesforce
- **Programming Languages:** Python, R, SQL

EXPERIENCE

Georgia Southern University **Statesboro, GA**
Research Assistant November 2019 – May 2020

- Extract, transform, and load 10+ GB of data from PISA datasets published from 2009 – 2015
- Identify variables of interest and ensure integrity of all underlying observations before model construction
- Utilize non-linear regression modeling to compare academic achievement returns and diminishing marginal effects to school inputs between public and private schools in 79 countries
- Independently present initial results at the Academy of Economics and Finance Conference in Atlanta
- Publication: Schiman and **Speakes**, “The Return to School Inputs in Private and Public Schools”
in preparation

World Trade Center Savannah **Savannah, GA**
Economic Research Intern April 2019 – August 2019

- Gather and clean demographic, employment, and industry specific data for the Savannah MSA from internal databases and external sources such as the BLS
- Create visualizations and present requested findings to the Director of Research and Grant Management
- Collect and organize requested data points for the Savannah MSA’s 2019 C2ER Cost of Living Index
- Assist with Salesforce contact database management

Georgia Southern University **Statesboro, GA**
Program Supervisor – Campus Recreation and Intramurals August 2017 – May 2020

- Provide training and guidance to new employees through official clinics and shadow shifts
- Manage employee scheduling and day-to-day operations of intramural programming
- Supervise intramural and facility operations to ensure safety of both employees and patrons

Three Tree Coffee Roasters, LLC. **Statesboro, GA**
Barista August 2019 – July 2020

- Provide exceptional customer service in the fast-paced environment of a specialty coffee shop
- Handle daily cash deposits and track KPIs such as daily and weekly revenue and profit

PROJECTS AND LEADERSHIP

Independent Research

Tallahassee, FL

“Gentrification and the Externalities of Qualified Opportunity Zones”

Current

- Utilize a differences-in-differences model structure to quantify externality effects of capital investment and physical development within Qualified Opportunity Zones at the census tract level from multiple database sources

Independent Research

Tallahassee, FL

“Racial Differences in Self-Reported Health Probabilities in the United States”

August 2021

- Utilize a logit model structure to show negative effects on the probability for self-reporting positive health categorization in minorities in the CDC’s annual BRFSS from 2011 – 2019, then establish a positive annual trendline after the implementation of the Affordable Care Act

President

Statesboro, GA

Athletic Professionals Group

January 2018 – December 2018

- Led a team of 7 board members to coordinate with various entities in the sports industry (ESPN, Atlanta Hawks, Jacksonville Jaguars, etc.) to arrange 8 volunteer and career development events per semester for undergraduate students

Treasurer

Statesboro, GA

Eagles Against Sex Trafficking

January 2018 – December 2018

REFERENCES

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