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Education

Ph.D.	Public Policy, Harvard University	2020
B.A.	Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences, Northwestern University	2013

Professional Experience

Associate Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation	2020-Present
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Research Fields

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Economics of Education

Working Papers

“Beyond Teachers: Estimating Individual Guidance Counselors' Effects on Educational Attainment”
Revise and Resubmit at the *American Economic Review*.

“O Brother, Where Start Thou? Sibling Spillovers in College and Major Choice in Four Countries”
with Adam Altmejd, Andres Barrios-Fernandez, Marin Drlje, Joshua Goodman, Michael Hurwitz,
Dejan Kovac, Christopher Neilson and Jonathan Smith.
Accepted at the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

Journal Publications

“Inequality in Household Adaptation to Schooling Shocks: Covid-Induced Online Learning Engagement in Real Time” with Andrew Bacher-Hicks and Joshua Goodman.
Forthcoming at the *Journal of Public Economics*

“Changing College Choices with Personalized Admissions Information at Scale: Evidence on Naviance”
Forthcoming at the *Journal of Labor Economics*.

“Can Low-Cost Online Summer Math Programs Improve Student Preparation for College-Level Math? Evidence from Randomized Control Trials at Three Universities” with Matthew Chingos, and Rebecca Griffiths. *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness*, 10(4): 794-816, 2017.

“Interactive Online Learning on Campus: Comparing Students Outcomes in Hybrid and Traditional Courses in the University System of Maryland” with Matthew Chingos, Rebecca Griffiths, and Richard Spies. *Journal of Higher Education*, 88(2): 210-233, 2016.

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

2020	Cesifo Economics of Education Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Society of Labor Economics World Conference, Massachusetts School Counselors Association, RAND Corporation, Urban Institute, University of Delaware, Boston University, Notre Dame University, University of Minnesota, Federal Trade Commission, Department of Justice
2019	Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Hobson's Summer Institute, University of Chicago Urban Labs, Association for Education Finance and Policy
2018	Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Student Conference
2017	Association for Education Finance and Policy

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

2019-2020	Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University
2016-2019	Partnering in Education Research Fellowship, Institute for Education Sciences
2018	Certificate of Distinction in Student Teaching, Harvard Kennedy School
2018	Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard College

Additional Experience

Teaching Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School	2017-2019
Research Assistant, Harvard University	2017-2019
Research Analyst, Ithaka S+R	2013-2015

Referee Service

Quarterly Journal of Economics; AEJ: Applied Economics; AEJ: Economic Policy; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Economics of Education Review; Review of Economics of the Household

University Service

Organizer, Applied Microeconomics Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School (2018)
Vice President, Harvard Kennedy School PhD Student Association (2018)
Faculty Outreach Chair, Harvard Kennedy School PhD Student Association (2017)

Media Coverage

Wall Street Journal, The Weeds Podcast, Chalkbeat, Inside Higher Ed, EdNC, EdSurge, Naviance

Additional Publications

“What Google Search Data Reveals About Learning During the Pandemic” with Andrew Bacher-Hicks and Joshua Goodman. *Education Next* July 2020.

“Better School Counselors, Better Outcomes.” *Education Next* 20(3), 2020.

“The Effects of Rising Student Costs in Higher Education: Evidence from Public Institutions in Virginia” with Richard R. Spies, Matthew P. Staiger, and D. Derek Wu. *Ithaka S+R*. 2015.

“Interactive Online Learning on Campus: Testing MOOCs and Other Platforms in Hybrid Formats in the University System of Maryland” with Rebecca J. Griffiths, Matthew M. Chingos, and Richard R. Spies. *Ithaka S+R*. 2014.

“Technology-Enhanced Education at Public Flagship Universities: Opportunities and Challenges” with Deanna Marcum and Clara Samayoa. *Ithaka S+R*. 2014.

“Making a Place for Curricular Transformation at the University of Technology Sydney” with Nancy Fried Foster. *Ithaka S+R*. 2015.

“CIC Consortium for Online Humanities Instruction: Evaluation Report for First Course Iteration” with Rebecca J. Griffiths and Jessie Brown. *Ithaka S+R*. 2015.

“Can Online Learning Improve College Math Readiness: Randomized Trials Using Pearson’s MyFoundationsLab in Summer Bridge Programs” with Rebecca J. Griffiths and Matthew Chingos. *Ithaka S+R*. 2015.

“In Pursuit of Excellence and Inclusion: Managing Change at Arizona State University” with Kevin M. Guthrie and Martin A. Kurzweil. *Ithaka S+R*. 2015.

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