

EDUCATION

- Northwestern University** Evanston, IL
Ph.D. Candidate in Human Development and Social Policy, Advisor: Kirabo Jackson
2016–Current
– Dissertation: “Exploring the Influence of Education Policy on Social Geography”
- Vanderbilt University** Nashville, TN
M.P.P., Quantitative Methods in Education Policy
2014–2016
- The College of Wooster** Wooster, OH
B.A., International Economics
2007–2011
– Undergraduate Thesis: “Core Labor Standards and Economic Growth”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University** Evanston, IL
Graduate Research Assistant
2020–2021
– Working closely with Dr. Kirabo Jackson, examined the impact of school spending cuts after the Great Recession on students’ academic achievement and college-going rates.
- Evanston Township High School (ETHS) and Northwestern University** Evanston, IL
Multidisciplinary Program in Education Sciences Research Practicum
2017–2018
– Working in close collaboration with ETHS, conducted descriptive research on the use of disciplinary action for ETHS students, including the relationship between disciplinary use, race, and academic achievement.
- Vanderbilt Peabody College and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** Nashville, TN
Graduate Research Assistant
2014–2016
– Coordinated the development of a guide to aid school leaders’ use of data for human capital decision-making.
– Coordinated a randomized control trial of the implementation of the guide with Vanderbilt Professors Jason Grissom and Ellen Goldring with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Jefferson County Public Schools** Louisville, KY
Graduate Research Intern
Summer 2015
– Conducted analysis of reliability and validity of the district’s annual Comprehensive School Survey and made recommendations for survey improvement.
– Analyzed the relationship between student commute to school time and school climate ratings.
- Peabody Research Institute, Vanderbilt University** Nashville, TN
Research Assistant
2014
– Coded empirical research for a meta-analysis on science education programming.
- The College of Wooster** Wooster, OH
Research Assistant
2009–2011
– Conducted literature reviews and archival research on the United Nations Secretary-General.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. “Do School Spending Cuts Matter? Evidence from the Great Recession” (With C. Kirabo Jackson and Heyu Xiong). NBER Working Paper 24203. *Forthcoming American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. [Link to Working Paper](#)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **Midwestern Economics Association**, Annual Meeting (Presentation), March 2020*, Evanston, IL.
*Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic
2. **Association for Education Finance and Policy**, Annual Conference (Presentation), March 2020, Zoom.
3. **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management**, Fall Research Conference (Presentation), November 2019, Denver, CO.
4. **Eastern Economics Association**, Annual Meeting (Presentation), February 2011, New York, NY.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. “The Costs of Cutting School Spending: Lessons from the Great Recession” (With C. Kirabo Jackson and Heyu Xiong). **Education Next** (Summer 2020). [Link to Article](#)
2. “Mental Scars Linger from Killings,” **The Courier Journal** (December 2, 2016). [Link to Article](#)
3. “The PGES Student Growth Component,” **Kentucky Education Report: Education Politics and Policy in the Bluegrass State** (2015).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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| • National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship | 2020–2021 |
| • Multidisciplinary Program in Education Sciences Graduate Fellowship (IES Training Grant) | 2017–2020 |
| • Northwestern University Graduate Fellowship | 2016–2017 |
| • Vanderbilt University Dean’s Tuition Scholarship | 2014–2016 |
| • College of Wooster College Scholar Award | 2007–2011 |
| • Peter H. Gore Prize for Research in International Relations | 2011 |

TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

- Probability and Statistics (Graduate-Level) - *Northwestern University*
- Regression Analysis (Graduate-Level) - *Northwestern University*
- Empirical Tools for Causal Quantitative Analysis (Graduate-Level) - *Northwestern University*
- Statistics and Research Methodology (Undergraduate-Level) - *Northwestern University*
- Statistical Analysis (Undergraduate-Level) - *Vanderbilt University*
- The United Nations System (Undergraduate-Level) - *The College of Wooster*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Reviewer for Academic Journals

- American Economic Journal: Economic Policy
- Journal of Human Resources
- Economics of Education Review
- AERA Open
- Educational Policy

Conference and Seminar Service

- Association for Economic Finance and Policy (AEFP), Panel Chair
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Panel Chair
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Panel Organizer
- Graduate Students in Economics of Education Zoom Seminar Series (GEEZ), Co-Organizer
- American Educational Research Association (AERA), Conference Submission Reviewer

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES AND SOFTWARE

- **Stata:** Advanced
- **ArcGIS:** Intermediate
- **Python:** Intermediate

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Tennessee Department of Education
Lead Graduation Cohort Specialist

Nashville, TN
2016

The Center for Women and Families
Integrated Data Manager

Louisville, KY
2011–2014