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Research Interests

Public Economics, Urban Economics, Industrial Organization

Current Position

Financial Economist, Center for Financial Research, FDIC

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Education

Ph.D. Economics, Michigan State University
M.A. Economics, Old Dominion University
B.A. Economics, Old Dominion University

2015 - 2021
2013 - 2015
2009 - 2013

Research

"The General Equilibrium Incidence of the Earned Income Tax Credit" 2021
"Is the Rent Too High: Land Ownership and Monopoly Power" (with O.Ziv) 2021
"Comment: Estimating Both Supply & Demand Elasticities Using Variation in a Single Tax Rate" 2020
"The Local Effects of State EITC Expansions" *In progress*
"Who Goes to Work with the EITC?" (with B. VanderBerg) *In progress*
"The Earned Income Tax Credit with Binding Minimum Wages" *In progress*
"What Does an EITC DiD Estimate?" *In progress*
"Where You Start Work Depends on Where You Finish School" (with H.Gabriel) *In progress*

Prior Positions

Instructor : Development Economics (Michigan State University) Fall 2020
Instructor : Principles of Microeconomics (Old Dominion University) Summer 2015
TA : (MSU) Public Revenues, Ec. of Poverty & Income, Int'l Trade (x4), Urban Econ (x3)
Interm.Micro, Intro.Micro, Intro.Macro 2015-2020
TA : (AEASP) Foundations Microeconomics and Mathematics Summer 2017
RA : (MSU) Oren Ziv, Prabhat Barnwal, (ODU) Gary Wagner, Tim Komarek 2013-2020

Presentations

2022: AREUEA / ASSA. 2021: UEA (Europe). 2020: Ohio University; MVEA Conference; NTA Annual Conference on Taxation. 2019: NTA Annual Conference on Taxation.

Service

Michigan State University - Applied Economics Student Workshop Organizer	2017-2020
Michigan State University - Graduate Student Seminar Organizer	2018-2020
Michigan State University - Graduate Instruction Committee	2017-2018
Old Dominion University - Ad Hoc Committee on Birthday Singing	2013-2015

Referee

Contemporary Economic Policy (x2)

Awards and Grants

Dissertation Completion Fellowship (MSU)	2020
Outstanding Graduate Economics Student Award (ODU)	2015
Graduate Student Tuition Fellowship (ODU)	2013-2015
Constant Dominion Business Student Merit Scholarship (ODU)	2013
Governor's Technology Tuition Scholarship (ODU)	2009-2013

Memberships

American Economic Association, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association,
Midwest Economic Association, National Tax Association

Skills

R, Stata, MATLAB, Julia, ArcGIS, Gauss, L^AT_EX

References

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