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## Research Interests

Public Economics, Urban Economics, Industrial Organization, Applied Econometrics

## Education

Ph.D. Economics, Michigan State University	2015 - 2021 (expected)
M.A. Economics, Old Dominion University	2013 - 2015
B.A. Economics, Old Dominion University	2009 - 2013

## Research

Job Market Paper: "The General Equilibrium Incidence of the Earned Income Tax Credit"	2021
Abstract: The Earned Income Tax Credit is a \$67 billion tax expenditure that subsidizes 20% of all workers. Yet all prior analysis uses partial equilibrium assumptions on gross wages. I derive the general equilibrium incidence of wage subsidies, estimate labor market elasticities, and quantify the importance of EITC spillovers in three ways. I calculate the GE incidence of the 1993 and 2009 EITC expansions using new elasticity estimates. I contrast the incidence of counterfactual EITC and Welfare expansions. I quantify the effect of equalizing the EITC for workers with and without children. In all cases, I find spillovers are economically meaningful.	
"Is the Rent Too High: Land Ownership and Monopoly Power" (with Oren Ziv)	2021
"Comment: Estimating Both Supply & Demand Elasticities Using Variation in a Single Tax Rate"	2020
"The Local Effects of State EITC Expansions"	<i>In progress</i>
"Who Goes to Work with the EITC: Pro-Work Subsidies & Labor Supply Quality"	<i>In progress</i>
"What Does an EITC DiD Estimate?"	<i>In progress</i>
"Where You Start Work Depends on Where You Finish School"	<i>In progress</i>

## Teaching

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

## Other Positions

RA : (MSU) Oren Ziv, Prabhat Barnwal, (ODU) Gary Wagner, Tim Komarek	2013-2020
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## Presentations

2020: Ohio University; MVEA Conference; NTA Annual Conference on Taxation.  
2019: NTA Annual Conference on Taxation.

## Referee

Contemporary Economic Policy

## 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

## 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, Midwest Economic Association, National Tax Association

## Skills

R, Stata, MATLAB, Julia, ArcGIS, Gauss, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## References

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