Eric J. Koepcke

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Summary: I am an economist and data scientist, with excellent training in causal inference and designing/analyzing experiments and surveys. I have conducted research in academia, and both the public and private sector, and have communicated research and public policy findings to parties with diverse backgrounds and technical expertise.

Education

University of California, Berkeley | May 2023

Doctor of Philosophy Economics | GPA: 3.87

University of Wisconsin-Madison | May 2015

Bachelor of Science; graduated with Distinction

Majors: Economics, Mathematics; Minor: Computer Science | GPA: 3.94

Relevant Research and Experience

- "Can Hourly Workers Predict Their Short-Term Liquidity Needs? Evidence from an Earned Wage Access Fintech Experiment" (with Luisa Cefala and Nicholas Swanson)
 - o Secured a research partnership with an Earned Wage Access (EWA) fintech company
 - O Designed and implemented a survey-based, online experiment run with app users
 - o Combined experiment and app data to answer a key policy question in the EWA space
 - o Made methodological contributions to the estimation of self-control models
 - o Communicated research idea and findings to parties with varying expertise and interests
- Research Assistant, UC Berkeley Economics | 2019–2020
 - o Coded, calibrated, and ran model simulations in R
 - o Created tables and data visualizations using R
- Senior Research Assistant, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C. | 2015–2017
 - o Cleaned and analyzed public and restricted datasets using SAS
 - o Communicated research findings to journalists and policymakers
 - o Co-authored and published a research paper on the US workplace retirement system

Skills

- Numerous causal inference techniques, experiment design and analysis, surveys (Qualtrics, JavaScript, HTML), model calibration and simulations, numerous machine learning techniques
- Python, Stata, SQL, R

Recent Honors

 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship; UC Berkeley Departmental Fellowship; UC Berkeley Opportunity Lab Graduate Research Award

Letters of Recommendation: Available from Professors Dmitry Taubinsky, Stefano DellaVigna, and Ned Augenblick