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Education

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics

Expected June 2026

Ball State University, Muncie, IN
Master of Science in Statistics
Master of Arts in Social Psychology

2021

Marietta College, Marietta, OH
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Environmental Science
Bachelor of Arts in Economics

2018

Research

Primary Interests: Behavioral Economics, Labor Economics, Public Policy, Economics of Crime and Health

Secondary Interests: Economics of Nonprofits, Leadership Development, Group Dynamics

Working Papers

"Sports Betting Legalization and Family Risk: Evidence from Child Protective Services Cases."

"A Classroom Experiment: Exploring Bid-Rent Theory."

Works in Progress

"Artificial Aging and Face Morphing: Testing the Double Standard of Aging Hypothesis." with Mary Kite

"Together in Purpose, Not Persona: Leader Identity's impact on Volunteer Effort."

"Bounding the Link Between Bullying and Adolescent Suicidality."

Teaching Experience

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
Instructor of Record

Issues in Public Economics (EC 340)

scheduled Spring 2026

Urban and Regional Economics (EC 330)

Fall 2024, Spring 2025

Topics in Labor Economics (EC 350)

Summer 2024

Introduction to Economic Analysis - Microeconomics (EC 201)

Summer 2023, Fall 2023, Winter 2024

Ball State University, Muncie, IN
Instructor of Record

Quantitative Reasoning (MATH 125)

Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH
Summer Faculty

Digital Marketing - Access Exeter (Years 8-9)

Summer 2023, 2024, 2025

Investing in a Changing World - Upper School (Years 10-12)

Summer 2023, 2024, 2025

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
Teaching Assistant

Public Economics (EC440/540)

Fall 2025

Inequality and Economic Mobility (EC 410/510)

Winter 2023, Spring 2023

Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (EC 311)

Fall 2022

Introduction to Economic Analysis: Macroeconomics (EC 202)

Spring 2022

Introduction to Economic Analysis: Microeconomics (EC 201)

Fall 2021, Winter 2022, Spring 2023

Conferences and Presentations

Conference Presentation

Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting. Tampa, FL. <i>Sports Betting Legalization's Impact on Child Maltreatment: Evidence from Child Protective Services Reports.</i>	November 2025
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference. Seattle, WA. <i>Sports Betting Legalization and Family Risk: Evidence from Child Protective Services Cases.</i>	November 2025
International Leadership Association Annual Conference. Prague, CZ. <i>Together in Purpose, Not Persona: Leader Identity's impact on Volunteer Effort.</i>	October 2025
CSQIEP Mentoring Conference for Economics PhD Students and Early Career Economists. Chicago, IL.	July 2025
SWEET Conference. Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania. <i>Leader Identity and Follower Motivation: A Lab Experiment</i>	March 2025
International Leadership Association Annual Conference. Vancouver, BC. <i>Queer Leadership and Navigating Followers' Heteronormative Beliefs</i>	October 2023
Midwestern Psychological Association Meeting. Chicago, IL. <i>Using Face Morphing to Examine the Double Standard of Aging</i> (with Mary Kite and Sophia Müller)	April 2023
ODK National Leadership Conference. Virtual. <i>Rainbow Leadership: Lessons from LGBT Leaders.</i>	April 2021
Beneficence Leadership Conference. Muncie, IN. <i>Coming Out to Lead: Authentic Leadership and Embracing a Stigmatized Identity.</i>	February 2020

Poster Presentations

American Psychological Association. Virtual. <i>The Impact of Height on the Perceptions of Children's Futures</i> (with Mary Kite).	August 2021
International Leadership Association. <i>Prisoner Reentry: A Servant Leadership Approach</i> (with Mande Young and Evan Hensel).	October 2017

Conference Planning

Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Conference. Lexington, KY. Conference Co-Chair	June 2022
Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Conference. Virtual. Technology Committee Chair	June 2021

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Graduate Teaching Award - Outstanding Online Instruction, University of Oregon	Summer 2025
Kleinsorge Research Fellowship, University of Oregon	Spring 2025
Department of Economics Travel Grant, University of Oregon	Summer 2023
Edward G Daniel Scholarship, University of Oregon	Fall 2022
Five Star Society, Omicron Delta Kappa	Spring 2022
Department of Mathematics Merit Fellowship, Ball State University	2019 - 2021
Dale Edward Umbach Memorial Scholarship, Ball State University	Fall 2020
Sherrill Cleland Prize in Leadership, Marietta College	Spring 2018

Professional Service and Board Governance

Referee Services: *International Review of Law & Economics*

Eugene Science Center, Eugene, OR
Board of Directors

2023 - Present

- Vice-Chair	2024 - Present
Department of Economics , University of Oregon, Eugene, OR	
Department Graduate Student Union President	2023 - 2024
Peer Mentor	2022 - Present
International Leadership Association	
Undergraduate Case Study Competition Judge	Oct 2025
Omicron Delta Kappa - The National Leadership Honor Society	
Diversity Committee Member	2022 - 2025
Podcast Editor	2020 - 2022

Other Professional Experience

Educational Testing Services (ETS)	June 2024
AP Microeconomics Exam Reader	
Department of Criminal Justice , Ball State University, Muncie, IN	Summer 2020
Research Assistant: Prof. Indigo Koslicki	
Luxottica , Cincinnati, OH	2018 - 2019
Business Analyst	

References

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