

EDUCATION

2015 University of California, San Diego, Ph.D., Economics

2010 University of California, San Diego, M.A., Economics

2008 University of Kentucky, B.A., Foreign Language and International Economics (French)

CURRENT POSITION

2019 – present Economist, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Consumer and Community Research

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Geographic inequality, public economics, development economics, household finance, political economy

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2015 – 2018 Economist, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Economic Policy

2011 – 2015 Research Assistant for Professor Eli Berman, UC San Diego

2011 Research Assistant for Professor Joshua Graff-Zivin, UC San Diego

2010 Research Assistant for Professor Julie Cullen, UC San Diego

2009 Intern for Dr. Shane Sherlund, Federal Reserve Board of Governors (Division: Research and Statistics, Section: Household and Real Estate Finance)

2009 Intern, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Economic Policy

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

[*Does Getting Health Insurance Affect Women's Fertility? Evidence from the United Mine Workers' Health Insurance*](#)

(with Theodore Figinski)

American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings 2019

[*Modest, Secure, and Informed: Successful Development in Conflict Zones*](#)

(with Eli Berman, Joseph Felter, Jacob Shapiro)

American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings 2013

WORKING PAPERS

[*Health Insurance and Hospital Supply: Evidence from 1950s Coal Country*](#)

(with Theodore Figinski)

[*Can Fiscal Transfers Increase Local Revenues? Evidence from the Philippines*](#)

[*Predation, Taxation, Investment, and Violence: Evidence from the Philippines*](#)

(with Eli Berman, Joseph Felter, and Ethan Kapstein)

ACADEMIC WORK IN PROGRESS

Long Run Impacts of Early Childhood Health Insurance on Earnings: Evidence from the United Mine Workers of America Health Care Programs in Appalachia
(with Theodore Figinski)

Economic Vulnerability in Rural America: Consumer Credit and the Coal Boom-Bust in the 2000s
(with Brigitte Roth Tran)

Integrating Isolated Communities: How Does First-Time Mobile Phone Access Affect Remote Communities in the Philippines?
(with Joshua Blumenstock, Niall Keleher, and Arman Rezaee)
Funding from the Development Impact Lab and the Gates Foundation

Can State Oversight Improve Local Property Assessments? Evidence from Education Finance Reform in Kentucky
(with Alex Combs and John Foster)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (including planned)

- 2020 National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute
- 2019 National Tax Association Annual Conference
W.E. Upjohn Institute and Economic Development Quarterly Workshop on Rural Economic Development
Federal Reserve Committee on Regional Analysis Annual Conference
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Federal Reserve Board of Governors Consumer Finance Round Robin
American Economic Association Annual Meeting
- 2018 7th GREThA International Conference on Economic Development
- 2017 U.S. Treasury Office of Tax Analysis Research Conference
Political Economy of Development: Western Political Science Association Mini-Conference
- 2016 6th GREThA International Conference on Economic Development
- 2015 Herbert York Global Security Dissertation Fellowship Symposium
- 2014 National Tax Association Annual Conference
Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference
Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting

OUTSIDE SEMINARS (including planned)

University of Kentucky Department of Economics, George Mason University Schar School of Public Policy, West Virginia University Department of Economics

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Referee: Economic Development and Cultural Change, Public Finance Review, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Conflict Management and Peace Science

2013-2014 Leader, UCSD Women in Economics Mentoring Group

Panelist, Advice for Job Seekers and Early Career: 2018 Southern Economics Association-Committee for the Status of Women in the Economics Profession n (planned)

Discussant at 2016 Society of Government Economists Conference

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2014-2015 Herbert F. York Global Security Dissertation Fellowship

2011 Graduate Student Research Fellowship (UC San Diego)

2010 Graduate Student Research Fellowship (UC San Diego)

2009 First Runner Up, Midwest Economics Association Undergraduate Research Competition

2008 James W. Martin Award for Outstanding Senior in Economics (University of Kentucky)

GRANTS

\$50,000 Development Impact Lab (DIL)

\$25,000 UC San Diego Policy Design and Evaluation Lab (PDEL)

TEACHING POSITIONS

2017 Instructor: Development Economics (Spring and Fall Semester)

University of Maryland, College Park – Masters in Applied Economics Program

2009-2011, 2015 Teaching Assistant: Upper Division Microeconomics, Public Policy

University of California, San Diego – Undergraduate Economics Program