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Education

University of Minnesota

Spring 2018–Spring 2020

- Economics (BS) with minors in Mathematics and Statistics
- GPA: 3.982

Vanderbilt University

Fall 2017

Research Experience

Research Assistant (Ellen McGrattan, Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute)

August 2019–Present

- Responsible for helping to conduct research on the relationship between the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and corporate investment. My team and I worked to extract tens of thousands of firm-level effective tax rates from corporate 10K filings in the SEC's Edgar database
- Developed a web app to visualize and conduct statistical analysis on corporate financial data going back to 1950, including subcomponents of effective tax rates

Independent Research (Undergraduate Research Program)

June 2019–August 2019

- Funded by MSROP to do research on the public choice implications of Modern Monetary Theory under the direction of Professor Ian Maitland.

Research Projects

Incorporation, Tax Wedges, and Rent-seeking, working paper

2020

TCJA Through RBC: Testing Tax Shocks, report

2020

The Job Guarantee and Inflation, with Brian C. Albrecht, working paper

2020

Political Economy of MMT, working paper

2019

Conferences/Presentations

Corporate Taxation: History, Measurement, and Theory, Advanced Topics in Macro September 2020

TCJA 2017 and Corporate Investment, Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute

May 2020

Alternative Money University, Cato Institute

July 2019

Austrian Student Scholars Conference, Grove City College

February 2019

Work Experiences

Accenture Plc, Consultant

October 2020–Present

MN Dept. of Transportation, Data Analyst (Advanced Materials and Technology)

May 2016–May 2019

- Responsible for analyzing thermal variability data for Minnesota roads and making recommendations on how to reform the incentive/disincentive system for contractors based on that data.
- Developed a model for statistically analyzing and sorting the data. Created a contractor evaluation method that would save the state approximately \$200,000 annually and in the process of evaluating and updating current methods in place.
- Responsible for managing databases relating to Minnesota road data, conducting statistical analyses, and making recommendations based on those results

Awards

Don Lavoie Fellowship , Mercatus Center	Fall 2020
Douglas and Jane Gorence Endowed Scholarship in Economics , University of Minnesota	2019-20
Dean's List 6x	Fall 2017–Spring 2020
Thomas E. Woods Prize , Austrian Student Scholars Conference	2019
Shell Eco-Marathon Drivers' World Championship , World Champion	2017
Shell Eco-Marathon Americas , Americas Regional Champion	2016 & 2017
McKinsey & Co Diverse Young Scholars Award	2017
Clark Scholarship for Entrepreneurial Engineering , Vanderbilt University	2017
Curb Scholarship for Creativity and Academic Excellence , Vanderbilt University	2017
F. John Campbell Mathematics Award	2017
James M. Keane English Award	2017

Skills

R Statistical Programming
Matlab
Office Suite

Extracurriculars

- Mises Seminar**, President September 2018–February 2019
- Co-founded economics organization intended to provide an introduction to economics.
 - Responsible for organizing meetings, giving lectures on select topics, and advertising for the group.
- Experimental Vehicle Team**, Head Electrical Engineer 2015–2017
- Head of electrical engineering for a group that designed and built a new, full-sized electric vehicle every year. Responsible for managing the implementation of the electrical system and overseeing the work of several other team members.

References

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Assistant Professor of Economics
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