

Jonathan Petkun

Personal Information

Born: December 2, 1984 (Portland, OR)
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Education

Fall 2016 - J.D. (expected 2019)
Yale Law School
2013 - Ph.D., Economics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Fields: Public Economics, Labor Economics, and Industrial Organization
Primary Interests: Empirical Law & Economics, Economics of National Security
Advisors: Jon Gruber, Heidi Williams, and Amy Finkelstein
2004 – 2007 B.A. with High Honors, Economics
Swarthmore College

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

2016 George and Obie Shultz Research Support Grant (MIT)
2013 – 2016 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2007 Phi Beta Kappa (Swarthmore College)
2006 Harry S. Truman Scholarship
2004 Rufus Choate Scholar (Top 5% of freshmen class at Dartmouth College)
2007-2011 Military decorations include Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals

Working Papers

“Can (and Should) Judges Be Shamed? Evidence from the ‘Six-Month List’”

“I Want You! (but not you): Selection in Military Retention,” with Christina Patterson (MIT) and William Skimmyhorn (West Point)

“Do Military Housing Allowances Inflate Local House Prices?” with Paul Goldsmith-Pinkham (Federal Reserve Bank of New York)

In-Progress

“An Empirical Analysis of Oral Argument in the District Courts”

“An Empirical Analysis of Negligent Hiring Laws”

“The Economic Consequences of Product Liability: Evidence from Defense Contracting”

Research and Teaching Experience

2018 Teaching Assistant, 1L Civil Procedure (Yale Law School)
2014 – 2015 Research Assistant to Professor Jon Gruber (MIT and NBER)
2011 – 2013 Research Assistant to Professor Michael Greenstone (MIT and NBER)

Professional Experience and Service

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Review: Insights*

2017 – Member, Student Advisory Committee on Faculty Hiring, Yale Law School
2017 – Co-President, Yale Law Veterans
2017 – Law Student Intern, Veterans Legal Services Clinic at Yale Law School
2015 – 2016 Co-President, Graduate Economics Association, MIT
2014 – 2016 Graduate Resident Tutor, Baker House (MIT)
2011 – Captain, United States Marine Corps Reserve
2007 – 2011 First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps
2007 Intern, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Presentations

Annual Meeting of the Canadian Law and Economics Association (Fall 2018); Fifth International Conference on Economic Analysis of Litigation (Summer 2018); MIT Public Finance Lunch (Spring 2018; Spring 2016; Fall 2015)