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## Education

### **Vanderbilt University**

PhD Economics: Expected Completion May 2025

Committee: Kitt Carpenter (Co-Chair), Analisa Packham (Co-Chair), Michelle Marcus, Stephen Patrick

*Dissertation Proposal: November 2023*

### **Auburn University**

B.S. Economics: Quantitative, 2019

*Summa Cum Laude*

## Research Fields

Health Economics, Applied Microeconomics

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

How Much Can Hospital-Level Interventions Improve Maternal Health? Evidence from State Perinatal Quality Collaboratives (2024). *Economic Inquiry*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ecin.13226>

## Working Papers

Provider Choice, Home Births, and Health Outcomes (*Job Market Paper*)

Effects of Expanding Contraceptive Choice: New Evidence from Virginia's Contraceptive Access Initiative (with Analisa Packham) *Under Review*

## Works in Progress

Access to Birthing Facilities and the Impact on Health

Evaluating the Effectiveness of State-Level Contraceptive Access Initiatives (with Analisa Packham)

## Research Presentations

**2024:** Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Well-being; Vanderbilt Graduate Student Research Day; American Society of Health Economists; Western Economic Association Graduate Student Workshop; CINCH-dggö Academy in Health Economics; Florida State University; Southeastern Health Economics Study Group Conference\*; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference\*; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting\*; Samford University\*

**2023:** Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting; American Society of Health Economists; Vanderbilt Empirical Applied Microeconomics Seminar

**2022:** Vanderbilt Graduate Student Research Day; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting  
 \* denotes planned

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|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Research Experience     | <b>Vanderbilt University, Research Assistant</b>   |                                   |
|                         | Prof. Analisa Packham  | Summer 2023 – Fall 2023           |
|                         | Prof. Michelle Marcus  | Summer 2022 – Spring 2023         |
|                         | Prof. Lesley Turner  | Spring 2021                       |
|                         | <b>Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia</b>  |                                   |
|                         | Retail Risk Analysis Intern  | May 2018 – August 2018            |
| Grants and Awards       | <b>Auburn University, Research Assistant</b>   |                                   |
|                         | Prof. Alan Seals   | Spring 2018                       |
|                         | Arnold Ventures, Consultant, “Evaluating the Effectiveness of State-Level Contraceptive Access Initiatives” (\$288, 986) |                                   |
|                         |  | 2024                              |
|                         | Walter B. Noel Dissertation Fellowship   |                                   |
|                         |  | Fall 2024                         |
| Professional Activities | Kirk Dornbush Summer Research Grant (\$2, 750)   |                                   |
|                         |  | Summer 2023                       |
|                         | Referee:   |                                   |
|                         | <i>Journal of Health Economics, American Journal of Health Economics, Review of Economics of the Household</i>           |                                   |
|                         | Discussant:  |                                   |
|                         | CINCH-dggö Academy in Health Economics (2024)  |                                   |
| Teaching Experience     | American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference (2023, 2024)   |                                   |
|                         | Southern Economic Association Annual Conference (2022)   |                                   |
|                         | Representative, Council of Economics Graduate Students, Vanderbilt University (2022-2023)                                |                                   |
|                         | Organizer, Vanderbilt Graduate Student Research Day, Vanderbilt University (Spring 2023)                                 |                                   |
|                         | Mentee, “CSWEP Successfully Navigating Your Economics Ph.D.” (2022)  |                                   |
|                         | Mentee, “CSWEP Successfully Navigating Your Ph.D. – Health Econ/Health Policy” (2021)                                    |                                   |
|                         | Attendee, NBER Health Economics Program Meeting (Fall 2021)  |                                   |
|                         | <b>Instructor</b> , Vanderbilt University  |                                   |
|                         | Principles of Microeconomics   | Summer 2021                       |
|                         | <b>Teaching assistant</b> , Vanderbilt University  |                                   |
|                         | Public Economics: Expenditure (PhD Course)   | Spring 2024                       |
|                         | LGBTQ+ Economics and Policy  | Spring 2024                       |
|                         | Health Economics   | Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023 |
|                         | Intermediate Macroeconomics  | Spring 2022                       |
|                         | Intermediate Microeconomics  | Fall 2021                         |
|                         | First-Year Writing Seminar (Freakonomics)  | Fall 2020, Spring 2021            |

**Guest Lecturer,** Vanderbilt University  
Health Economics

2022, 2023

References

**Kitt Carpenter**

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