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Education:

Ph.D (Economics), Stanford University, June 2009
A.B. (Economics), Princeton University, June 2002 (*magna cum laude*)
Certificate in Applied & Computational Mathematics

Positions Held:

Mary Julia and George R. Jordan, Jr. Professor of Public Policy, Department of
Economics, Texas A&M University, 2020-
Faculty Fellow, Center for Nonprofits and Philanthropy, Bush School of Government and
Public Service
Eppright University Professorship for Undergraduate Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M
University, 2021-2023
Professor, Department of Economics, Texas A&M University, 2018-2020
Private Enterprise Research Center Professor, Texas A&M University, 2013-2020
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Texas A&M University, 2014-2018
Associate Professor (by courtesy), Public Service and Administration Department,
Bush School of Government and Public Service
Ray A. Rothrock Fellow, Texas A&M University, 2014-2017
Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, Fall 2015
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2015-
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2013-2014
Economics of Education Program
Public Economics Program
Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, 2009-2014

Honors and Awards:

Kenneth G. Elzinga Distinguished Teaching Award, Southern Economic Association, 2023.

Best Supporter of Graduate Students, Texas A&M University Department of Economics, 2022.

Eppright University Professorship for Undergraduate Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M University, 2021.

Jeff Edwardson Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Instructor, Texas A&M University Department of Economics, 2020.

Jeff Edwardson Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Instructor, Texas A&M University Department of Economics, 2017.

Dr. Dennis Berthold Innovations in Teaching Endowment Award, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, 2017.

Distinguished Achievement Award (College), Texas A&M University Association of Former Students, 2015.

Best Graduate Instructor, Texas A&M University Department of Economics, 2014.

CASE H.S. Warwick Award for Outstanding Research in Alumni Relations for Educational Advancement, May 2012.

CASE H.S. Warwick Award for Outstanding Research in Alumni Relations for Educational Advancement, May 2009.

Claire and Ralph Landau Student Working Paper Prize, Stanford University, May 2009.

Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research Fellow, awarded 2006.

Wolf Balleisen Memorial Prize for Best Thesis, Princeton University Department of Economics, June 2002.

Publications:

Clemens, Jeffrey, Melissa Gentry and Jonathan Meer. "Divergent Paths: Differential Impacts of Minimum Wage Increases on Individuals with Disabilities." Forthcoming, *National Tax Journal*.

Meer, Jonathan and Hedieh Tajali. "Charitable Giving Responses to Education Budgets." Forthcoming, *Economic Inquiry*.

Gee, Laura, Anoushka Kiyawat, Jonathan Meer, and Michael Schreck. "Pivotal or Popular: The Effects of Social Information and Feeling Pivotal on Civic Actions." Vol. 219, March 2024. pp. 404-413.

Meer, Jonathan and Hedieh Tajali. "Effects of the Minimum Wage on the Nonprofit Sector." *Oxford Economic Papers*. Vol. 75, No. 4, October 2023. pp. 1012-1032.

Meer, Jonathan and Joshua Witter. "Effects of the Earned Income Tax Credit for Childless Adults: A Regression Discontinuity Approach." in *Tax Policy and the Economy*, Volume 37, Robert Moffitt, ed. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2023.

Adams, Camilla, Jonathan Meer, and CarlyWill Sloan. "The Minimum Wage and Search Effort." *Economics Letters*. Vol. 212, March 2022.

Alston, Mackenzie, Catherine Eckel, Jonathan Meer, and Wei Zhan. "High-Capacity Donors' Preferences for Charitable Giving." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*. Vol. 50, No. 6, December 2021.

Meer, Jonathan and Benjamin Priday. "Generosity Across the Income and Wealth Distributions." *National Tax Journal*. Vol. 74, No. 3, September 2021.

Heissel, Jennifer, Emma Adam, Jennifer Doleac, David Figlio, and Jonathan Meer. "Testing, Stress, and Performance: How Students Respond to Physiologically to High-Stakes Testing." *Education Finance and Policy*. Vol. 16, No. 2, Spring 2021. pp 183-208

Clemens, Jeffrey, Lisa Kahn, and Jonathan Meer. "Dropouts Need Not Apply? The Minimum Wage and Skill Upgrading." *Journal of Labor Economics*. Vol. 39, Number S1, January 2021. pp. S107-S149.

Yang, Xiang, Peter Meer, and Jonathan Meer. "A New Approach to Robust Estimation of Parametric Structures." *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*. doi: 10.1109/TPAMI.2020.2994190.

Lim, Jaegeum and Jonathan Meer. "Persistent Effects of Teacher-Student Gender Matches." *Journal of Human Resources*. Vol. 55, No. 3, Summer 2020. pp. 809-835.

Gee, Laura and Jonathan Meer. "The Altruism Budget: Measuring and Encouraging Charitable Giving." In *The Nonprofit Sector: A Research Handbook*, 3rd Edition. Walter W. Powell and Patricia Bromley, eds. Stanford University Press. 2020.

Meer, Jonathan and Benjamin Priday. "Tax Prices and Charitable Giving: Projected Changes Under the 2017 TCJA." in *Tax Policy and the Economy*, Volume 34, Robert Moffitt, ed. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2020.

Brown, Alexander, Jonathan Meer and J. Forrest Williams. "Why Do People Volunteer? An Experimental Analysis of Preferences for Time Donations." *Management Science*. Vol. 64, No. 4, April 2019. pp. 1455-1468

Lim, Jaegeum and Jonathan Meer. "How Do Peers Influence BMI? Evidence from Randomly Assigned Classrooms in South Korea." *Social Science and Medicine*, Vol. 197, January 2018. pp. 17-23.

Eckel, Catherine, David Herberich, and Jonathan Meer. "It's Not the Thought That Counts: A Field Experiment on Gift Exchange and Giving at a Public University." in *The Economics of Philanthropy*, Kimberley Scharf and Mirco Tonin, ed. MIT Press, 2018.

Lim, Jaegeum and Jonathan Meer. "The Impact of Teacher-Student Gender Matches: Random Assignment Evidence from South Korea." *Journal of Human Resources*. Vol. 52, No. 4, Fall 2017. pp. 979-997.

Meer, Jonathan, David Miller, and Elisa Wulfsberg. "The Great Recession and Charitable Giving." *Applied Economics Letters*. Vol. 24, Issue 21, 2017. pp. 1542-1549.

Eckel, Catherine, David Herberich, and Jonathan Meer. "A Field Experiment on Directed Giving at a Public University." *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*. Vol. 66, February 2017. pp. 9-15.

Brown, Alexander, Jonathan Meer and Jacob Forrest Williams. "Social Distance and Quality Ratings in Charity Choice." *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*. Vol. 66, February 2017. pp. 66-71.

Meer, Jonathan. "Does Fundraising Create New Giving?" *Journal of Public Economics*. 145C, January 2017. pp. 82-93.

West, Jeremy, Mark Hoekstra, Jonathan Meer, and Steven Puller. "Vehicle Miles (Not) Traveled: Why Fuel Economy Requirements Don't Increase Household Driving." *Journal of Public Economics*. 145C, January 2017. pp. 65-81.

Bernheim, B. Douglas, Jonathan Meer, and Neva K. Novarro. "Do Consumers Exploit Precommitment Opportunities? Evidence from Natural Experiments Involving Liquor Consumption." *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. Vol. 8, No. 4, November 2016. pp. 41-69.

Meer, Jonathan and Jeremy West. "Effects of the Minimum Wage on Employment Dynamics." *Journal of Human Resources*. Vol. 51, No. 2, Spring 2016. pp. 500-522.

Dinerstein, Michael, Caroline Hoxby, Jonathan Meer, and Pablo Villaneuva. "Did the Fiscal Stimulus Work for Universities?" in *How the Financial Crisis and Great Recession Affected Higher Education*, Jeffrey Brown and Caroline Hoxby, eds. University of Chicago Press. 2015.

Meer, Jonathan. Effects of the Price of Charitable Giving: Evidence from an Online Crowdfunding Platform." *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. Vol. 103, July 2014. pp. 113-124.

Meer, Jonathan and Oren Rigbi. "The Effects of Transactions Costs and Social Distance: Evidence from a Field Experiment." *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy (Contributions)*. Vol 13, No. 1, July 2013. pp. 271-296.

Meer, Jonathan. "The Habit of Giving." *Economic Inquiry*. Vol. 51, No. 4, October 2013. pp. 2002-2017.

Meer, Jonathan and Harvey S. Rosen. "Donative Behavior at the End of Life." *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. Vol. 92, August 2013. pp. 192-201.

Bernheim, B. Douglas and Jonathan Meer. "Do Real Estate Brokers Add Value When Listing Services are Unbundled?" *Economic Inquiry*. Vol. 51, No. 2, April 2013. pp. 1166-1182.

Meer, Jonathan and Harvey S. Rosen. "Does Generosity Beget Generosity? Alumni Giving and Undergraduate Financial Aid." *Economics of Education Review*. Vol. 31, No. 6, December 2012. pp. 890-907.

Meer, Jonathan. "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime: Peer Pressure in Charitable Solicitation." *Journal of Public Economics*. Vol. 95, Nos. 7-8, August 2011. pp. 926-941.

Meer, Jonathan and Harvey S. Rosen. "The ABCs of Charitable Giving." *Journal of Public Economics*. Vol. 95, Nos. 5-6. June 2011. pp. 363-371.

Meer, Jonathan and Harvey S. Rosen. "Family Bonding with Universities." *Research in Higher Education*. Vol. 51, No. 7, November 2010. pp. 641-658.

Meer, Jonathan and Harvey S. Rosen. "The Impact of Athletic Performance on Alumni Giving: An Analysis of Micro Data." *Economics of Education Review*. Vol. 28, No. 3, June 2009. pp. 287-294.

Meer, Jonathan and Harvey S. Rosen. "Altruism and the Child-Cycle of Alumni Donations." *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. Vol. 1, No. 1, February 2009. pp. 258-286.

Meer, Jonathan. "Evidence on the Returns to Secondary Vocational Education." *Economics of Education Review*. Vol. 26, No. 5, September 2007. pp. 559-573.

Meer, Jonathan and Harvey S. Rosen. "Insurance and the Utilization of Medical Services." *Social Science and Medicine*. Vol. 58, No. 9, May 2004. pp. 1623-1632.

Meer, Jonathan, Douglas L. Miller, and Harvey S. Rosen. "Exploring the Health-Wealth Nexus." *Journal of Health Economics*. Vol. 22, No. 5, September 2003. pp. 713-730.

Working Papers:

Edwards, Olivia and Jonathan Meer. "The Economics of Encouragement: Can A Simple Email Shape Major Choice?" NBER Working Paper No. 33676. April 2025.

Clemens, Jeffrey, Lisa Kahn, and Jonathan Meer. "The Minimum Wage, Fringe Benefits, and Worker Welfare." NBER Working Paper No. 24635. May 2018.

Meer, Jonathan and Jeremy West. "Identifying the Effects of Health Insurance Mandates on Small Business Employment and Pay."

Meer, Jonathan and Edward D. Van Wesep. "Learning Without Losing Confidence: Evidence from US College Debaters."

Other Writing:

Meer, Jonathan. "Don't want the COVID-19 vaccine? Then pay the full cost if you land in the hospital." *MarketWatch*. August 8, 2021.

Meer, Jonathan and Michael Farren. "Subsidized – Not Minimum – Wages Should Assist Workers During the Pandemic." *The Hill*. August 20, 2020.

Meer, Jonathan. "The Real Cost of Doubling the Minimum Wage." *Economics 21*. January 23, 2020.

Meer, Jonathan. "The Wrong Tool for the Job." *City Journal*. Summer 2019.

Meer, Jonathan. "What are the Broader Impacts of the Minimum Wage?" Econofact. January 2019.

Meer, Jonathan. "Recent Research on the Minimum Wage: Implications for Missouri." *Missouri Policy Journal*. No. 7, Fall/Winter 2018.

Meer, Jonathan. "Does Giving Donors Stuff Actually Raise More Money?" The Conversation. November 2018.

Meer, Jonathan and Harvey Rosen. "Measuring the Motives for Charitable Giving." NBER Reporter 2018, No. 1.

Meer, Jonathan. "Will Tax Reform Have an Impact on Charitable Giving?" Econofact. October 2017.

Meer, Jonathan. "A Minimum Wage Study Faces Misplaced Skepticism." National Review Online. June 29, 2017.

Meer, Jonathan. "Are Overhead Costs a Good Guide for Charitable Giving?" IZA World of Labor. January 2017.

Hoekstra, Mark, Jonathan Meer, Steve Puller, and Jeremy West. "Fuel Economy Requirements and Household Driving." VoxEU. July 2015.

Meer, Jonathan and Jeremy West. "The Minimum Wage and Employment Dynamics." VoxEU. September 2013.

Grants:

CSWEP-SSRC Research Consortium Grant (Co-PI), July 2023. (\$175,843)

Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts Advancing Climate Together Grant for Inclusive Excellence, April 2019. (\$12,000)

Texas A&M University Core Curriculum Technology Enhancement Grant, December 2015. (\$75,000)

Spencer Foundation, "High-Stakes Testing, Stress, and Performance: Biological Pathways," January 2015. With Emma Adam, Jennifer Doleac, and David Figlio. (\$50,000)

National Science Foundation, SES-1338680, “Field Experiments on Charitable Giving at a Public University,” August 2013-July 2014. (\$199,000)

Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts Strategic Development Grant, June 2014-August 2017. With Alexander Brown, Catherine Eckel, Daniel Fragiadakis, Li Gan, Mark Hoekstra, Jason Lindo, Fernando Luco, Steve Puller, and John Van Huyck. (\$38,000)

Texas A&M University Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities (PESCA), December 2013. (\$9,650)

Texas A&M University Honors and Undergraduate Research Summer Activities Grant, April 2013. (\$7,500)

W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research Policy Mini-Grant for “The Minimum Wage and Employment Outcomes,” February 2013. (\$5,000)

Texas Census Research Data Center Small Grant Program, January 2013. (\$2,600)

Texas A&M University Honors and Undergraduate Research Summer Activities Grant, April 2012. (\$5,000)

Texas A&M University College of Liberal Arts Seed Grant, March 2012. (\$13,000)

Texas A&M University College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Enhancement Grant, December 2010. (\$1,500)

W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research Policy Mini-Grant for “Effects of Health Insurance Mandates on Employment,” February 2010. (\$5,000)

Teaching & Service:

Director of Undergraduate Programs, Department of Economics, Fall 2014-

Director of Engagement & Outreach, Department of Economics, Fall 2020-Fall 2023

Founder and Co-Director, Economics Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, 2010-2016

ECON 202: Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate, online). Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025.

ECON 328: Economics of Education (undergraduate). Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024.

ECON 412: Public Finance (undergraduate). Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011.

ECON 603/604: Public Economics I/II (graduate). Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2025.

Reviewing:

Excellence in Reviewing Award, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 2021.

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Economics of Education Review, Economics and Human Biology, Economic Journal, Economic Inquiry, Economics Letters, Education Economics, Education Finance & Policy, European Economic Review, Games and Economic Behavior, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, International Economic Review, International Journal of Equity in Health, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Management Science, National Tax Journal, Nature Human Behavior, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Oxford Economic Papers, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, The RAND Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Research in Higher Education, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Industrial Organization, Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Science Advances, Social Choice and Welfare, Social Science and Medicine, Southern Economic Journal.