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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2011- Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Case Western Reserve University

EDUCATION

2011 Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, Economics
2003 MPP, University of Chicago, Environmental Policy
1999 B.A., Middlebury College, International Politics and Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Economics, Household Finance, Public Economics

PUBLICATIONS

“Household Finance after a Natural Disaster: The Case of Hurricane Katrina” with Daniel Hartley, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* (2017), 9(3), 199-228.

“Learning about an Infrequent Event: Evidence from Flood Insurance Take-up in the US” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* (2014), 6(3), 206-233.

“Does Hazardous Waste Matter? Evidence from the Housing Market and the Superfund Program” with Michael Greenstone, *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2008) 123(3), 951-1003.

WORKING PAPERS

“School Lunch Quality and Academic Performance” with Michael L. Anderson and Elizabeth Ramirez Ritchie, *Revisions Requested Journal of Public Economics*

“Criminal Deterrence when there are Offsetting Risks: Traffic Cameras, Vehicular Accidents, and Public Safety” with Paul J. Fisher

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Effect of Federal Assistance on Household Finance and Business Survival after a Natural Disaster” with Daniel Hartley and Shawn Rohlin

“Local Banking Institutions and Post-Disaster Recovery” with Daniel Hartley

“Public Investment and Infrastructure Externalities: Evidence from Municipal Water Provision” with Francisca Richter

GRANTS AND AWARDS

NSF Grant 1638320 (Co-PI; \$2.1 million), 2016-2020
Lewis-Progressive Fellowship, 2017-2018
Nominated WSOM Undergraduate Teaching Award: 2013, 2016, 2017
CWRU Weatherhead Research Grant (\$14,000), 2014-2016
Freedman Fellows Research Grant (\$4,600), 2014-2015
NBER Household Finance Research Grant (\$10,000), 2010-2011
IBER Dissertation Research Award, 2010-2011
UC Berkeley Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, 2009-2010
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2008-2009
EPA Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Fellowship, 2005-2009

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2018: AEA Annual Meetings (Discussant), University of Colorado—Boulder (Economics)

2017: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference (Discussant), Case Western Reserve University (Economics), Claremont Graduate University (Economics), NBER Education and Childrens Spring Joint Meetings, UC Irvine (Economics), Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting

2016: Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference, Northeast Ohio Economics Workshop, University of Houston (Economics)

2015: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Summer Conference, Middlebury College (Economics), Resources for the Future, University of Akron (Economics), University of Maryland (Agricultural and Resource Economics), Southern Economics Association Annual Conference

2014: AEA Annual Meetings (Discussant; 2 sessions), Case Western Reserve University (Economics), NBER Insurance Working Group, University of Washington (Economics)

2013: Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference, International Banking, Economics and Finance Summer Conference

2012: Kent St. University (Economics)

2011: Case Western Reserve University (Economics), Congressional Budget Office, Loyola Marymount University (Economics), University of Pennsylvania (Wharton)

2010: MIT (Public and Labor Economics Seminar), UC Berkeley (Agricultural and Resource Economics Environmental Seminar), UC Berkeley (Labor Economics Seminar)

JOURNAL REFEREE AND GRANT REVIEW SERVICE

Journal Referee Experience: *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Journal of Agricultural*

Economics, Economic Journal, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of the European Economics Association, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Risk and Insurance, Journal of Urban Economics, Management Science, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics

Grant Review: National Science Foundation, Sloan Foundation

Scientific Review Committee Member, The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center, Annapolis, MD, 2017 - present

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

[“Public Data that Isn’t \(or Wasn’t\) Public.”](#) *Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences*, September 11, 2017.

[“Insurance and government assistance means that homeowners often have less debt following a flood disaster.”](#) *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*, September 7, 2017.

[“What victims of Hurricane Harvey can learn from Katrina as rebuilding begins.”](#) *The Conversation*, September 4, 2017 (republished by *Business Insider, Houston Chronicle, Salon, San Francisco Chronicle, Seattle Post-Intelligencer*).

[“How the quality of school lunch affects students’ academic performance”](#) (with Michael Anderson and Elizabeth Ramirez Ritchie). *The Brookings Institution Brown Center Chalkboard*, May 3, 2017.

[“Why vaccinating our child is a good idea”](#) (with Mariana Carrera). *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, May 3, 2015.

[“Homeowners forget about past floods when assessing flood risk and are then repeatedly caught unprepared by the next flood.”](#) *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*, August 25, 2014.

SAMPLE OF MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

Radio Times (NPR, WHYY), September 13, 2017, [“School lunch; teens and sleep”](#)

American Economic Association Chart of the Week, August 21, 2017, [“Debts and Disasters”](#)

Innovation Hub (NPR, WHBH), June 9, 2017, [“An Apple A Day Gives You An A”](#)

The New York Times, June 5, 2017, [“Feeding Young Minds: The Importance of School Lunches”](#)

The NBER Digest, June, 2017, [“Benefits and Costs of Healthier School Lunches”](#)

The Atlantic, March 22, 2017, [“Do Healthy Lunches Improve Student Test Scores?”](#)

American Economics Association Research Highlights, January 15, 2016, [“Will there be a spike in flood insurance take-up in 2016?”](#)

REFERENCES

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