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### EMPLOYMENT

#### **Assistant Professor of Economics**

School of Economics, University of Maine

Aug 2021 – Present

### EDUCATION

#### **The University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

PhD, Economics

May 2021

#### **The University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

MA, Applied Economics

Dec 2016

#### **Davidson College**

BA, Economics (Honors)

May 2013

BA, Religion

May 2013

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics, Public Economics, Urban Economics, Innovation Economics

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Hobbs, K. G., Link, A. N., and Swann, C. A. (2021). The Overcrowding of Zion National Park: Is It a Pricing Problem? *Journal of Environmental Economics and Policy*, 11(4): 351-360.

Hobbs, K. and Wooten, J. (2021). Teaching Principles of Microeconomics with the Economics Media Library. *Applied Economics Teaching Resources*, 3(1): 37 – 57.

Hobbs, K. G., Link, A. N., and Shelton, T. (2018). The Regional Economic Impacts of University Research and Science Parks, *Journal of the Knowledge Economy*, 11: 42 – 56.

Hobbs, K. G., Link, A. N., and Scott, J. T. (2017). The Growth of U.S. Science and Technology Parks: Does Proximity to a University Matter?, *The Annals of Regional Science*, 59: 495 – 511.

Hobbs, K. G., Link, A. N., and Scott, J. T. (2017). Science and Technology Parks: An Annotated and Analytical Literature Review, *Journal of Technology Transfer*, 42: 957 – 976.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Rent control won’t solve Maine’s affordable housing crisis,” Bangor Daily News, June 2023.

Sills, S. J., Sheldon, P. G., and Hobbs, K. G. (2018). Greensboro’s Eviction Crisis: Qualitative Interviews and Observations, *UNCG Center for Housing and Community Studies Report*.

### WORKING PAPERS

We Look Like Economists: A First Day of Class Lesson Plan (with Elif Dilden), *R&R at Journal of Economic Education*.

Economic Crises and Renter Residential Instability: The Effect of the Great Recession on Rental Housing Evictions, *under review*.

Landlord Responsiveness to Eviction Filing Fees: Evidence from Northern New England (with Oluwafisayo Ajayi and Eliane Wibabara).

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Unemployment Insurance and Residential Stability: Evidence from the Household Pulse Survey.

The Effectiveness of Eviction Prevention Programs: A Scoping Review (with Nilay Unsal).

## **MEDIA**

"Can luxury apartments actually help solve the housing crisis in Maine?" Portland Press Herald, October 2024.

"Business is good in 'vacationland.' It would be even better with more housing." NBC News, August 2024.

"Economists Forecast that Portland Rent Control Rollback Would Drive Up Rents," WMTM, June 2023.

"The Hunt in Four Acts," WMPG, May 2022.

"Reasons behind Greensboro's High Eviction Rate," WXII, June 2018.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **2024**

SEA Annual Meeting (scheduled), SSN National Convening, Maine Economics Conference, Old Town High School, Colorado College (guest lecture)

### **2023**

Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, Maine Economics Conference

### **2022**

Elon University (guest lecture), University of Connecticut, Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association International Conference, Journal of Economic Teaching Symposium on Economic Teaching, Ankara University, Rockhurst University (guest lecture), Association of Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference (poster)

### **2021**

University of Maine, Abt Associates, #Econ\_ProSem, SEA Annual Meeting, Heronfield Academy

### **2020**

EEA Annual Conference, APPAM Fall Research Conference, SEA Annual Meeting

### **2019**

APPAM Fall Research Conference

**2018**

Triad Gentrification Symposium, Innovations in Planning for Better Community Housing & Health Symposium

**2017**

Technology Transfer Society Annual Meeting

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE****University of Maine**

Principles of Microeconomics, Econometrics, International Economics, Urban Economics

**The University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

Principles of Microeconomics Recitation Section, International Economics, Economics of a Global Sustainable Society, Bryan Abroad in Dublin (TA), The Global Economy (TA)

**ADVISING****Masters' Students (\*: thesis chair, \*\*: thesis committee member, \*\*\*: research assistant)**

Oluwafisayo Ajayi (ongoing, expected May 2025)\*

Malcolm Svec (Dec 2023)\*\*\*

Eliane Wibabara (Dec 2022)\*\*\*

Katie Klinko (May 2022)\*\*

**Undergraduate Students (\*: honors thesis committee member, \*\*: fellowship advisor)**

Andrew Chamberland (expected May 2025)\*\*

Cameron Hasselbaum (May 2024)\*

Brenna Jones (May 2024)\*

August Gray (Dec 2023)\*\*

Kjer Conway (May 2023)\*\*

Zoe Prats (May 2023)\*

**GRANTS****External**

E-RISE 2024

Role: Senior Personnel

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Amount: \$4.5 Million

**Internal**

Assessment Mini Grant 2022

Role: PI

Sponsor: Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, University of Maine

Amount: \$500

Bangor Savings Bank Faculty Development Fund 2021

Role: PI

Sponsor: University of Maine

Amount: \$2,000

**OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

SaveFirst Outreach and Logistics Coordinator AmeriCorps VISTA Member, Impact Alabama	2014 – 2015
Regional Coordinator AmeriCorps State Member, Impact Alabama	2013 – 2014

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

Maine SSN Policy Fellow Scholars Strategy Network, Maine Chapter	2022-2023
CUGR Research Faculty Fellows University of Maine	2022-2023
Bryan School Medal for Academic Excellence Bryan School of Business and Economics, UNCG	2021
BB&T Capitalism, Markets & Morality Fellowship Bryan School of Business and Economics, UNCG	2018 – 2019, 2020 – 2021
Wells Fargo Fellow Bryan School of Business and Economics, UNCG	2017 – 2018
Research Development Program Fellow UNCG	2016 – 2017
Bryan School Medal for Academic Excellence Bryan School of Business and Economics, UNCG	2016
Dietrich-Wazenberg Scholar Davidson College	2009 – 2013

**SERVICE**

**Referee Service:** *Journal of Technology Transfer, Maine Policy Review, Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences, Public Finance Review, International Review of Economics Education, Agricultural and Resource Economics Review, Southern Economic Journal*

**Editorial Service:** *Journal of Faculty of Political Sciences* (Field Editor)

**Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management:** Mentor (2022-2023)

**#Econ\_ProSem:** Co-host (2021-2023)

**University of Maine:** SOE Awards Committee (2021-2023), SOE Undergraduate Committee (2022-present), SOE Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (2023), SOE Policy Advisory Committee (2023-present), Swimming & Diving Faculty Liaison (2023-present) Maine Policy Scholars Selection Committee (2021-2024), Maine Policy Scholars Advisor (2023-2024)

**United Way:** Maine ALICE Research Advisory Committee (2023-present)

**LANGUAGES**

English (native), French (intermediate), Korean (intermediate), Mandarin (basic)