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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,

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), *under review*.

The Effect of Unemployment Insurance on Rental Housing Evictions

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

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

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, 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 2014 – 2015

AmeriCorps VISTA Member, Impact Alabama

Regional Coordinator

2013 – 2014

AmeriCorps State Member, Impact Alabama

AWARDS AND HONORS

Maine SSN Policy Fellow

2022-2023

Scholars Strategy Network, Maine Chapter

CUGR Research Faculty Fellows

2022-2023

University of Maine

Bryan School Medal for Academic Excellence

2021

Bryan School of Business and Economics, UNCG

BB&T Capitalism, Markets & Morality Fellowship

2018 – 2019, 2020 – 2021

Bryan School of Business and Economics, UNCG

Wells Fargo Fellow

2017 – 2018

Bryan School of Business and Economics, UNCG

Research Development Program Fellow

2016 – 2017

UNCG

Bryan School Medal for Academic Excellence

2016

Bryan School of Business and Economics, UNCG

Dietrich-Wazenberg Scholar

2009 – 2013

Davidson College

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)

#EconTwitter Accountability and Writing Groups: Organizer (2022-present)

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 (lower intermediate), Korean (upper beginner), Mandarin (lower beginner)