Matthew Estes

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Education

California Institute of Technology, Ph.D. Candidate in Economics (2021–present)

Dissertation Committee: Mike Alvarez, Jim Greiner, Jonathan Katz, Bob Sherman

The University of Chicago Law School, J.D., with Honors (2021)

Honors: Kirkland & Ellis Scholar

Activities: Poverty & Housing Law Clinic, Kirkland & Ellis Corporate Lab Clinic

Harvard University, A.B. in Mathematics, cum laude (2018)

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, John Harvard Scholar, National Merit Scholar,

Language Citation (Chinese)

Research Fields

Primary: Law & Economics, Empirical Legal Studies, Econometrics

Law Subjects: Property Law, Housing Law, Contract Law

Working Papers

Housing & Eviction

- 1. "Eviction Reduction Policies" (Job Market Paper)
- 2. "Justice Divided, Justice Denied? The Effects of Court Rules on Eviction Outcomes in Los Angeles County" (with Kyle Nelson)
 - (a) Under review
- 3. "Regression Discontinuity Designs: Applications to Eviction and Property"

Legal Academy & Courts

- 1. "Courting the Academy: The Judicial Role in Popularizing Legal Scholarship" (with Ransi Clark)
 - (a) Under review
- 2. "Parallel Lifecycles: Applications to Approval Ratings, Citations, and Judicial Ideology" (with Ransi Clark)
- 3. "Law and Education: The Law School Curriculum and Elite Judges, 1870-1930"

Conferences and Presentations

The Dismantling of the Regulatory State, Conference Co-Organizer (Dec 2025)

MPSA Annual Conference, "Causal Inference" session (Apr 2025)

MPSA Annual Conference, "Observational Causal Inference" session (Apr 2025)

Other Funding and Awards

Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center at GMU (2025-2026)

Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Haynes Foundation (2023-2024)

- Award of \$26,000

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University (2016)

Teaching Experience

Teaching at Caltech

Teaching Assistant: PS 12 "Introduction to Political Science" (Winter 2025)

Teaching Assistant: EC 122 "Econometrics" (Fall 2024)

Teaching Assistant: PS 141B "A History of Budgetary Politics in the U.S." (Spring 2024)

Teaching Assistant: PS 123 "The Politics of Regulation" (Winter 2023, Spring 2024)

Teaching Assistant: PS 141A "A History of Budgetary Politics in the U.S." (Winter 2023)

Teaching Assistant: Math 6A/106A "Introduction to Discrete Mathematics" (Fall 2022)

Teaching at University of Chicago

Grader: Math 27300 "Basic Theory of Ordinary Differential Equations" (Winter 2020)

Grader: Math 19620 "Linear Algebra" (Fall 2019)

Teaching at Harvard University

Teaching Assistant: Math 110 "Vector Space Methods for Diff. Eq." (Spring 2017, Spring

2018)

Teaching Assistant: Math 23a "Linear Algebra and Real Analysis I" (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)

Teaching Fellow: Math S-1A "Calculus I" (Summer 2016, Summer 2017)

Teaching Assistant: Math 21b "Linear Algebra and Differential Equations" (Spring 2016)

Other Experience

Legal Aid Chicago, Housing Practice Group, Chicago, IL (Jan 2020–Oct 2020)

Skills

R, Julia, Mathematica, Stan, LaTeX

References

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