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Research interests	Applied microeconomics Education, disability employment, inter-generational policy effects.
Education	<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b> August 2021 – May 2026 ( <i>Expected</i> ) PhD in Economics, Committee: Professors Barr ( <i>Chair</i> ), Meer, Eckel, and Lahey <b>University of South Carolina</b> August 2017 – August 2018 MA in Economics, Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics <b>University of South Florida</b> August 2014 – August 2017 BS in Quantitative Economics
Publications	<a href="#">“Digital Incentives in Surveys: Response Rates and Sociodemographic Effects in a Large-Scale Parental Nudge Intervention”</a> with Kalena Cortes, Brian Holzman, and Miranda Lambert <i>Forthcoming at AEA: Papers and Proceedings</i> <a href="#">“Divergent Paths: Differential Impacts of Minimum Wage Increases on Individuals with Disabilities”</a> with Jeffrey Clemens and Jonathan Meer. <i>National Tax Journal, Forthcoming</i> <a href="#">“Can High School Counselors Help the Economics Pipeline?”</a> with Danila Serra and Jonathan Meer. <i>AEA: Papers and Proceedings, 2023</i>
Working Papers	<a href="#">“Driving Inclusion: The Effect of Improved Transportation for People with Disabilities”</a> <i>Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Human Resources (funded by NBER RDRC Fellowship)</i>
Work in Progress	<a href="#">“Going the Distance: The Contemporaneous and Intergenerational Effects of Accessible Transportation”</a> ( <i>funded by NBER RDRC Fellowship</i> ) <a href="#">“No Time Like the Present: The Effects of On-Demand Trips for Paratransit Customers on Rider Mobility, Well-being, and Health”</a> with Michael Cassidy and Ludovica Gazze ( <i>funded by JPAL</i> ) <a href="#">“Remote Work and Employment at the Margins: Evidence from Older and Disabled Adults in the UK”</a> with Ian Burn and Joanna Lahey <a href="#">“Beyond the Text: Understanding Opt-Out, Dosage, and Response Disparities in an SMS Intervention”</a> with Miranda Lambert, Kalena Cortes, and Brian Holzman
Pre-doctoral Work	<a href="#">“Lifetime Earnings, Income Or Wealth. How Alternative Resource Measures Affect The Location And Composition Of The Very Top Of The Distribution”</a> with Jeffrey Thompson. <i>Journal of Income Distribution, Forthcoming</i> . <a href="#">“Agricultural Aid and Agricultural Production in Africa”</a> with Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong. <i>Journal of African Development, 2020</i> .

	“Dynamic Sales Tax Competition: Evidence at the Border” with Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley, Shawn Rohlin, Jeffrey Thompson. (Pre-doctoral work)	
Research experience	<b>Research Assistant at Texas A&amp;M University</b> Andrew Barr, Kalena Cortes, Catherine Eckel, and Danila Serra <b>Research Assistant at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston</b> Jeffrey Thompson	September 2018 – July 2021
Honors and scholarships	S. Charles Maurice Graduate Fellowship (Texas A&M University) Gail Frey Monson Memorial Scholarship (Texas A&M University) Retirement and Disability Policy Research Graduate Fellow (NBER) Retirement and Disability Dissertation Grant (UMBC and SSA, <i>declined</i> ) MJ Grove Scholarship (Texas A&M University, PERC) Aviles-Johnson Diversity Fellowship (Texas A&M University) Darla Moore Fellowship (University of South Carolina )	2025 2025 2024 2024 2024 2021 2017
Teaching experience	<b>Public Economics (ECON412), Texas A&amp;M</b> Two guest lectures on social insurance. <i>Average student rating: 4.7/5.</i> <b>Personnel Economics (ECON419), Texas A&amp;M</b> One guest lecture on disability topics. <i>Average student rating: 3.8/4.</i> <b>Labor Economics (ECON418), Texas A&amp;M</b> Instructor of Record. <i>Average student rating: 4.9/5.</i> <b>Hullabaloo U (ECON285), Texas A&amp;M</b> Instructor of Record. <i>Average student rating: 4.2/5.</i>	Spring 2025  Spring 2025  Summer 2024  Fall 2023
Presentations	<b>2025:</b> Eastern Economics Association, Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA), Home and Community Based Services Annual Conference, Southern Economics Association ( <i>expected</i> ) <b>2024:</b> Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop, STATA Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference, APPAM Fall Research Conference <b>2023:</b> Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop, Southern Economic Association Annual Conference	
Referee Experience	<i>Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Educational Researcher, Economic Development Quarterly, Feminist Economics, Journal of Behavioral Public Administration</i>	
Professional Service	Texas Applied Microeconomics Student (TEAMS) Workshop Coordinator Public-Labor-IO PhD Student Brown Bag Coordinator Economic Graduate Student Association 2nd Year Representative Economic Graduate Student Association 1st Year Representative	2025 2023-24 2022-23 2021-22