

Michael Black

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Employment

Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University

Graduate Research Assistant

2016 - Current

Project: Actionable Links Between Soil Function, Ecosystem Services, and Stakeholder Perceptions to Overcome Barriers to Improved Soil Management. Funded by USDA - AFRI.

Department of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness, University of Arkansas

Research Assistant

2014 - 2015

Mahindra & Mahindra, Ltd

Deputy Manager

2013-2014

Education

Texas A&M University, Ph.D., expected: 2021

Cornell University, B.S. Natural Resource Management, 2013

Skills

R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Git

Some experience with: Visual Basic, Matlab, SAS

Research

Works in Progress

Water quality and recreational angling demand, with Richard Woodward: Using a linked model allowing for changes in site choice and angling frequency, we estimate the response of Texas anglers to long- and short-term changes in water quality.

A choice experiment to value soil quality attributes, with Richard Woodward: Using a discrete choice experiment, we estimate the value of manageable soil attributes to farmers in Texas.

Effect of tax environment on oil production, with Reid Stevens: Using a McCrary density test, we estimate the effect of tax exemptions on production decisions by oil producers.

Presentations

Water quality and recreational angling demand

2018

Texas A&M University (College Station, TX); Southern Economic Association (Washington, D.C.); Soil Security and Planetary Health Conference (Sydney, AUS)

Factors Influencing Perception and Adoption of Conservation Practices in a Nutrient Rich Watershed 2016

Southern Agricultural Economics Association (San Antonio, TX); Texas A&M University, Symposium for Agricultural and Applied Economics Research (College Station, TX)

Teaching

Departmental Tutor	2015 - Current
Land Economics, Graduate Teaching Assistant	2016
Introduction to Agricultural Economics, Graduate Teaching Assistant	2015 - 2016

Activity

Awards

Cherry Fellowship, Texas A&M University (2016 - 2019)

Excellence Fellowship, Texas A&M University (2015)

Service

Graduate Student Association, Department of Agricultural Economics, Chair of Applied Economics Research Symposium (2019)

Graduate Student Association, Department of Agricultural Economics, Chair of Website Redevelopment Committee (2017)