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Education

Ph.D. in Public Policy, Harris School of Public Policy – University of Chicago [*In Progress*]
B.A. in Mathematics (Statistics), University of Montana, 2021
B.S. in Economics, Montana State University, 2016

Research Fields

Applied Microeconomics, Economic History,
Health, Labor, and Public Economics,
Political Economy, Demography

Publications

“Safeguarding Consumers Through Minimum Quality Standards: Milk Inspections and Urban Mortality, 1880-1910,” with D. Mark Anderson, Kerwin Charles, and Dan Rees. 2025. Forthcoming at *The Journal of Human Resources*.
“Estimating the Effects of Milk Inspections on Infant and Child Mortality, 1880-1910,” with D. Mark Anderson, Kerwin Charles, and Dan Rees. 2022. *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*. 112: 188-192
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Working Papers

“When the Germ Went Viral: Information, Institutions, and the Re-Optimization of Public Health.” 2025.
“Beyond Proportions: Correcting Bias in Text Classification with Residualized Word-Intensity Scores.” 2025.
“Household Hygienic Infrastructure and Infectious Disease Mortality: Lessons from ‘The New Public Health,’” with D. Mark Anderson and Dan Rees. 2025.
“The Long-Run Effects of Social Insurance on Fatherless Children: Evidence from Mining Accidents,” with Ali Doxey Koetting. 2025.
“Hygienic Innovation and Health Behavior: Evidence from the American Public Bath Movement,” with Brian Curran. 2024.

Teaching Experience

University of Chicago:
Business in Historical Perspectives, Head TA, Winter 2025
Principles of Microeconomics and Public Policy, Head TA, Fall 2024
Data and Programming for Public Policy II, Head TA, Fall 2024
Statistics for Data Science II: Regressions, Head TA, Winter 2023, Winter 2024
Education and Economic Development, Head TA, Winter 2024
Microeconomics for Public Policy, Head TA, Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Other Employment

Economist Intern – Amazon (Summer 2024)
Research Associate, Yale University – School of Management (July 2018 – September 2021)
Research Manager, Montana State University – Department of Economics and Agricultural Economics (October, 2018 – March 2020)
Research Assistant, University of Chicago – Harris School of Public Policy (January 2017-July 2018)

Conferences and Invited Presentations:

2025: Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, University of Chicago – Harris Ph.D. Workshop, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (discussant)
2024: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, University of Chicago – Harris Ph.D. Workshop
2023: Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, University of Chicago – Harris Ph.D. Workshop
2022: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (discussant)

Skills

R, Python, Latex, SQL