

## **RILEY K. ACTON**

### Curriculum Vitae

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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#### **EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant Professor, Miami University, Department of Economics, 2020 – present

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Research Affiliate, College Crisis Initiative, 2020 – present

#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Economics, Michigan State University, 2020  
M.A. Economics, Michigan State University, 2016  
B.S. Economics and Mathematics, Ursinus College, 2015, *summa cum laude*

#### **FIELDS OF INTEREST**

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Economics of Education, Health Economics

#### **PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

“Community College Program Choices in the Wake of Local Job Losses.” *Journal of Labor Economics*, accepted.

“Effects of Reduced Community College Tuition on College Choices and Degree Completion.” *Education Finance and Policy*, forthcoming.

#### **WORKING PAPERS**

“Do Health Insurance Mandates Spillover to Education? Evidence from Michigan's Autism Insurance Mandate” (with Scott Imberman and Michael Lovenheim). *Under Review*.

#### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Is a Name Change a Game Change? The Impact of College-to-University Conversions”

“Returns to School Spending in Rural America: Evidence from Wisconsin's Sparsity Aid Program” (with Cody Orr and Salem Rogers)

“A More Promising Future? College Access and Adolescent Mental Health” (with Katlyn Hettinger)

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2020: University of Notre Dame, Miami University, Wake Forest University, Dickinson College, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, The Brookings Institution

2019: Association for Education Finance & Policy Annual Conference, University of Michigan H2D2 Day (poster session), University of Toledo, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, UM-MSU-UWO Labor Day, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management International Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference, American University School of Public Affairs, University of Michigan Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar, University of Texas at Dallas

2018: Association for Education Finance & Policy Annual Conference, University of Michigan Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference

## INVITED WORKSHOPS

NBER Summer Institute 2019: Education (July 24, 2019)

NBER Summer Institute 2018: Education (July 25, 2018)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Miami University*: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

*Michigan State University*: Analysis of Labor Markets, Introduction to Macroeconomics, Honors Introduction to Microeconomics (TA), Honors Microeconomics & Public Policy (TA)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

University Distinguished Fellowship, MSU	2015-2020
Department of Economics Excellence-in-Teaching Award, MSU	2018
Red Cedar Award (best third year paper), MSU	2018
Compton-Rose Prize (top graduating economics major), Ursinus College	2015
Phi Beta Kappa, Ursinus College	2014

## REFeree SERVICE

*AERA Open, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economics of Education Review (x 2), Education Economics, Education Finance and Policy, Journal of Policy Analysis & Management, Journal of Public Economics*

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Seminar Committee, 2020 – present

Diversity Task Force, 2020 – present

Co-Advisor, Women in Economics Club, 2020 – present