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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Michigan State University	<i>Expected May 2020</i>
M.A. in Economics, Michigan State University	<i>December 2016</i>
B.S. in Economics and Mathematics, <i>summa cum laude</i> , Ursinus College	<i>May 2015</i>

RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Economics of Education

WORKING PAPERS

“Effects of Reduced Community College Tuition on College Choices and Degree Completion.”
Under Review.

“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

“Does Education Demand Respond to Labor Demand? Evidence from the Community College Sector.”

PRESENTATIONS

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 Labo(u)r Day Conference

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Analysis of Labor Markets, MSU	<i>Spring 2018</i>
Instructor, Introduction to Macroeconomics, MSU	<i>Summer 2017</i>
Teaching Assistant, Honors Introduction to Microeconomics, MSU	<i>Spring 2019</i>
Teaching Assistant, Honors Microeconomics & Public Policy, MSU	<i>Fall 2018</i>
Teaching Assistant, Analysis of Labor Markets, MSU	<i>Fall 2017, Spring 2019</i>
Research Fellow, AEA Summer Program at MSU	<i>Summer 2018</i>

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Scott Imberman	<i>2016-2017</i>
Research Assistant for Leah Lakdawala	<i>Summer 2016</i>
Research Assistant for John Goddeeris	<i>Summer 2016</i>

HONORS AND AWARDS

University Distinguished Fellowship, MSU	<i>August 2015-Present</i>
Department of Economics Excellence-in-Teaching Award, MSU	<i>2018</i>
Roe L. Johns Travel Grant, Association for Education Finance & Policy	<i>2018</i>
Red Cedar Award (best third year paper), MSU	<i>2018</i>
Peter Schmidt Award (honorable mention, best first year student), MSU	<i>2016</i>
Compton-Rose Prize (top graduating economics major), Ursinus College	<i>2015</i>
Phi Beta Kappa, Ursinus College	<i>2014</i>

SERVICE

College of Social Science Dean's Graduate Advisory Council, MSU	<i>2018-2019</i>
College Graduate Hearing Board, MSU	<i>2017-2018</i>

REFERENCES

Scott Imberman (Chair) Professor Department of Economics Michigan State University 517.355.4667 imberman@msu.edu	Steven Haider Professor Department of Economics Michigan State University 517.355.1860 haider@msu.edu	Stacy Dickert-Conlin Professor Department of Economics Michigan State University 517.353.7275 dickertc@msu.edu
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