

**RILEY K. ACTON**  
Curriculum Vitae (February 2020)

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant Professor, Miami University, Department of Economics, beginning August 2020

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Economics, Michigan State University, expected May 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

**WORKING PAPERS**

“Effects of Reduced Community College Tuition on College Choices and Degree Completion”  
Conditionally accepted at *Education Finance and Policy*.

“Community College Program Choices in the Wake of Local Job Losses” (Job Market Paper)

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

**CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

2020: University of Notre Dame (Lab for Economic Opportunities), Miami University, Wake Forest University, Dickinson College, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

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, 2018)

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*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 Summer Research Fellowship, MSU	2019
Department of Economics Excellence-in-Teaching Award, MSU	2018
Red Cedar Award (best third year paper), MSU	2018
Peter Schmidt Award (honorable mention, best first year student), MSU	2016
Compton-Rose Prize (top graduating economics major), Ursinus College	2015
Phi Beta Kappa, Ursinus College	2014

## REFEREE

AERA Open, Economics of Education Review

## PROFESSIONAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### *Professional service:*

Session organizer, 2019 APPAM Fall Research Conference

Session organizer, 2018 APPAM Fall Research Conference

### *Department and college service:*

Organizer, Women on the Economics Job Market Panel, MSU	2020
Organizer, Women and Minorities in Economics Graduate Student Panel, MSU	2018
College of Social Science Dean's Graduate Advisory Council, MSU	2018-2020
College Graduate Hearing Board, MSU	2017-2018
Department of Economics First Year Mentor, MSU	2016-2018