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## EDUCATION

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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>

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

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Labor Economics, Public Economics, Economics of Education

## WORKING PAPERS

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

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“Occupational Opportunities and the Education Decisions of Community College Students.”  
“Do Health Insurance Mandates Spillover to Education? Evidence from Michigan’s Autism Insurance Mandate” (with Scott Imberman and Michael Lovenheim).

## PRESENTATIONS

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Association for Education Finance & Policy, Kansas City, MO	<i>March 2019 (scheduled)</i>
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Washington, DC	<i>November 2018</i>
Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar, Ann Arbor, MI	<i>October 2018</i>
Association for Education Finance & Policy, Portland, OR	<i>March 2018</i>
Red Cedar Conference, East Lansing, MI	<i>February 2018</i>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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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

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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

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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

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

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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Stata, MATLAB, ArcGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## REFERENCES

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