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## Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder (expected 2019)  
M.A., Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder (2015)  
*Dissertation:* "Policy Effects in Applied Microeconomic Settings"  
*Dissertation Committee:* Chrystie Burr (Chair), Scott Savage, Daniel Kaffine, Jonathan Hughes  
  
B.A. Economics (with Special Honors), University of Texas, Austin (2013)  
B.A. Mathematics, University of Texas, Austin (2013)

## Fields of Interest

Industrial Organization • Environmental/Agricultural Economics • Behavioral Economics • Policy

## Working Papers

"Just Label It? The Effects of Labels in the Market for Genetically Modified Foods"  
"The Effects of the Low-Income Broadband Internet Subsidy"  
*with Scott Savage and Gabor Molnar*  
"Incidence and Welfare Effects of Placement of Excise Taxes in Highly Concentrated Markets"  
*with Chrystie Burr*

## Presentations

CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop, Vail CO, Sep. 2017  
AERE sponsored sessions, Southern Economic Association, Washington D.C., Nov. 2016  
CU Boulder Environmental Brown Bag (2015-2018)

## Research Skills

Data collection and preparation • Database creation and management  
Statistical and theoretical modeling • Master document/work process preparation  
Written reports and data presentation for general audiences  
*Advanced:* Stata, Mathematica, LaTeX, MS Excel/Word • *Intermediate:* ArcGIS, Matlab • *Basic:* R, Python

## Research Experience

Research Assistant to Prof. Scott Savage, CU Boulder (2015)  
Research for Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research, CU Boulder (2014-2015)  
Research Assistant to Drs. Valerie Bencivenga and Beatrix Paal, UT Austin (2012-2013)

## Teaching and Pedagogy Training Experience

Graduate Instructor Mentor, Department of Economics, CU Boulder (Spring 2018)

*Pedagogy mentoring, graduate professional development training*

Lead Graduate Instructor, Graduate Teacher Program, CU Boulder (Fall 2016-Fall 2018)

*Academic management, pedagogy development training, interdisciplinary research*

Graduate Instructor, CU Boulder (Fall 2017)

*Economics English Immersion Training*

Graduate Instructor, CU Boulder (Fall 2016)

*Natural Resource Economics*

Graduate Instructor, CU Boulder (Fall 2015-Summer 2016, Fall 2017)

*Math Tools for Economists II*

Teaching Assistant, CU Boulder (Fall 2013-Spring 2015)

*Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics*

Supplemental Instructor, UT Austin (Fall 2011-Spring 2013)

*Principles of Macroeconomics*

## Awards

CU Boulder Department of Economics Research Grant (2017)

Leslie Whittington Endowed Fellowship for Excellence in Economics (2015)

Prize in Macroeconomics, CU Boulder (2014)

## Volunteer Experience

Organizing Committee, March for Science Denver (Spring 2017)

*Advocacy planning, science communication, event planning*

Leadership Team, Indivisible Boulder (2017)

*Advocacy planning, advocacy goal assessment, public communication, website creation*

## Dissertation Committee Contacts

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