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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 • IRB protocol proposal writing
Statistical analysis • Mathematical/theoretical modeling
Master document/work process preparation • Written reports and data presentation for general audiences
Advanced: Stata, Mathematica, LaTeX, MS Excel/Word • *Intermediate:* ArcGIS • *Basic:* Matlab, R, Python

Research Experience

Using Classroom Observation Technology to Assess Teaching Improvement in Short-Term Microteaching Environments, Teaching as Research Experimental Study, CU Boulder (2017)
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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