

# Samuel David Higbee

## Contact Information

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## Academic Positions

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**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

July 2025–present

## Education

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**University of Chicago**

Ph.D. in Economics

2025

**Brigham Young University**

B.S. in Mathematics and Economics

2019

## Working Papers

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Policy learning with new treatments. *Conditionally accepted at Quantitative Economics.*

Experimental design for policy choice.

Distributionally robust optimal transport for program evaluation. With Omkar Katta and Guillaume Pouliot.

## Publications

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Outcome based accountability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 160 (2019): 121-137. With Lars Lefgren, Brennan Platt and Joseph Price.

## Presentations

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Caltech, University of Toronto, Duke, Yale, NYU, UCLA, USC, WashU, UNC Chapel Hill, Class of 2025 Microeconometrics Conference\*, Penn State\*, Texas A&M\*, Princeton\*, University of Virginia\* 2025

Econometrics Junior Conference, BYU Graduate Student Conference, Chicago Causal Inference Student Conference, ASSA Winter Meeting 2024

Economics Graduate Student Conference, Optimization-Conscious Econometrics Conference 2023

Delhi School of Economics Winter School, BYU Graduate Student Conference 2022

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## Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

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Rosen Memorial Fellowship	2024-2025
Roswell & Mary McKeon Whitman Scholarship	2024-2025
Martin & Margaret Lee Prize for the microeconomics core exam	2020
University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Fellowship	2019-2024
Thomas S. Monson Presidential Scholarship	2015-2019

## Teaching Experience

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### University of Chicago (Teaching Assistant)

Optimization-Conscious Econometrics (PhD)	2023
Econometrics (undergraduate)	2022-2023
Topics on the Analysis of Randomized Experiments (PhD)	2022
Applied Regression Analysis (MBA)	2021
Empirical Analysis III (PhD)	2021

## Professional Service

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### Refereeing

Journal of Econometrics

Organizer of Semiparametrics Reading Group, University of Chicago	2023
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