

# 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. Omkar Katta, Guillaume Pouliot, and Samuel Higbee.

## Publications

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

## Presentations

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Econometrics Junior Conference (University of Notre Dame)

Brigham Young University Graduate Student Conference (Provo, UT)

Chicago Causal Inference Student Conference (University of Chicago)

ASSA Winter Meeting (San Antonio, TX)

2024

Economics Graduate Student Conference (Washington University in St. Louis)

Optimization-Conscious Econometrics Conference (University of Chicago)

2023

Delhi School of Economics Winter School (Delhi, India)

Brigham Young University Graduate Student Conference (Provo, UT)

2022

## 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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