Sebastian Brown

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Summary: PhD candidate in economics with a strong background in data analysis, programming, and policy evaluation. Also experienced in leading teams, overseeing projects, and effectively communicating complex ideas to diverse audiences. Eager to apply economic expertise and analytical skills to solve difficult problems with rigorous, creative solutions.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, M.A. Economics   *September 2019 – June 2025 (Expected)*
University of California, Santa Barbara   *Santa Barbara, CA*
- Fields of Specialization: Labor Economics, Experimental and Behavioral Economics
- Dissertation Committee: Peter Kuhn (Chair), Mitchell Hoffman, Ryan Oprea, and Peter Rupert

B.S. Economics, B.S. Mathematics, Ballroom Dance Minor   *August 2015 – December 2018*
Brigham Young University   *Provo, UT*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Economics Department   *September 2019 – Present*
University of California, Santa Barbara   *Santa Barbara, CA*
- Classes: Labor Economics, Personnel Economics, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (I & II), Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, Principles of Microeconomics
- Given an average of 4.5/5 in ability to answer students' questions by students in most recent evaluation
- Regularly took initiative to lead small teams of teaching assistants in course content creation, grading, and class policy decisions
- Managed course content creation and grading as sole teaching assistant for labor economics course twice, cumulatively designing and managing 6 tests of 30 questions each and 18 assignments of 10-15 questions each

Research Assistant, Economics Department   *June 2017 – June 2019*
Brigham Young University   *Provo, UT*
- Led team of one other research assistant in creating an automated pipeline to gather and process elementary school breakfast and lunch menus covering nearly every school district in the United States for use in nutritional economic research
- Developed skills in web scraping, data cleaning, code documentation, file organization, and optical character recognition (OCR) in Python and Stata
- Coauthored book chapter with professor and one other research assistant

Teaching Assistant, Economics Department   *September 2016 - June 2017*
Brigham Young University   *Provo, UT*
- Class: Economic Principles and Problems
- Taught students individually and in groups during office hours
- Collaborated with small teams to write exams and grade homework

WORKING PAPERS

- Brown, Sebastian and Kenneth Chan. "How Much Can I Make? Insights on Belief Updating in the Labor Market." Working Paper, 2024.
- Brown, Sebastian and Thomas Fullagar. "Combating Inequality with Transparency? Evidence from Colorado." Working Paper, 2024.

PUBLICATIONS

- Price, Joseph, Sebastian Brown, and Jacob Van Leeuwen. "Chapter 8: Baseball and life expectancy: evidence from linked historical data." In *Historical Perspectives on Sports Economics: Lessons from the Field*. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2019. https://doi.org/10.4337/9781788977845.

PRESENTATIONS

BYU Economics Graduate Student Conference	*June 2022, Brigham Young University*
All California Labor Economics Conference (Graduate Poster Session)	*September 2023, UC Santa Barbara*
59th Edwards Bayesian Research Conference	*February 2024, CSU Fullerton*
BYU Economics Graduate Student Conference	*June 2024, Brigham Young University*
All California Labor Economics Conference	*September 2024, UC Los Angeles*

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Data Analysis and Visualization: Python, Stata, R, SQL, Microsoft Excel
- Typesetting and Documentation: LaTex, Microsoft Word
- Project Collaboration Tools: Github, Overleaf
- Languages: English (native), Romanian (proficient)