

Sebastian Brown

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics

September 2019 – June 2025 (Expected)

University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA

- Labor Economics, Experimental and Behavioral Economics
- Dissertation Committee: Peter Kuhn (Chair), Mitchell Hoffman, Ryan Oprea, and Peter Rupert
- MA Economics awarded June 2020

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

- Designed tests and homework questions to appropriately reflect intended student learning outcomes
- Took initiative to lead small teams of teaching assistants in course content creation, grading, and class policy decisions
- Dedicated time to teaching students individually and in group settings to ensure full understanding of course objectives
- Courses: Labor Economics, Personnel Economics, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory

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 lunch menus from the internet for use in nutritional economic research
- Developed skills in web scraping, data cleaning, code documentation, file organization, and optical character recognition in Python and Stata to create school menus database
- Assisted with faculty draft of paper involving job search models

Teaching Assistant, Economics Department

September 2016 - June 2017

Brigham Young University

Provo, UT

WORKING PAPERS AND PAST PUBLICATIONS

- [Job Market Paper] 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.
- 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

- Programming languages: (Advanced) Python, Stata (Basic) R, SQL
- Romanian (Full professional proficiency)
- LaTeX, Beamer, Microsoft Office