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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Texas at Austin, 2022  
M.S. in Economics, University of Texas at Austin, 2018  
B.B.A. in Accounting and Economics, Harding University, 2008

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, The University of Tennessee Department of Economics and Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research (2022 – Present)

## PEER-REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED PUBLICATIONS

**What Causes Geographic Variation in Drug Prescribing? Evidence from Physician Migration** with David Beheshti. *Accepted at the RAND Journal of Economics*

**How Does Opioid Prevalence Affect Surgery Decisions?** with David Beheshti. *Economics Letters (2025)*

**The Impact of Youth Medicaid Eligibility on Adult Incarceration** with Samuel Arenberg and Sam Stripling. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics (2024)*

## WORKING PAPERS

**Health System Choice: Evidence from Veterans with Dual Eligibility** (with Marika Cabral and David Chan)

**Ashes to Ashes: The Lifelong Consequences of Early-Life Wildfire Exposure** with Samuel Arenberg.

**How Do Medicare Payments Influence Physician Practice Structure?**

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

**From Classroom to Adulthood: The Divergent Paths of Black and White Americans** (with Samuel Arenberg and Anjali Verma)

**Does Where You Grow Up Affect How Long You'll Live?** (with Samuel Arenberg)

**The Impact of Wealth and Criminal Behavior: Evidence from Texas Lottery Winners** (with Sam Arenberg and Andrew Lee)

## POLICY BRIEFS AND REPORTS

**“The U.S. Economy,”** in *An Economic Report to the Governor of the State of Tennessee*, Lawrence M. Kessler, Project Director. January 2022-2023.

**“The U.S. Economy,”** in *An Economic Report to the Governor of the State of Tennessee*,  
Lawrence M. Kessler, Project Director. January 2023-2024.

**“The U.S. Economy,”** in *An Economic Report to the Governor of the State of Tennessee*,  
Lawrence M. Kessler, Project Director. January 2024-2025.

HONORS,  
FELLOWSHIPS,  
AND AWARDS

Graduate School Dissertation Writing Fellowship (University of Texas, 2022)  
University Graduate Continuing Fellowship (University of Texas, 2019 – 2020)  
Summer Research Fellowship (University of Texas, 2019 and 2021)  
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (University of Texas, 2019)  
Winner of Best Second-Year Paper Award (University of Texas, 2018)

TEACHING

Environmental and Natural Resource Policy (University of Tennessee, 2022, 2025)  
Economics of Health and Healthcare (University of Tennessee, 2023, 2025)

INVITED  
SEMINARS AND  
CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

2025: American Health Economics Conference, University of Memphis  
  
2023: Junior Health Economics Summit, NBER Program on Children Meeting,  
Vanderbilt University, Southern Economic Association  
  
2022: Census Bureau, Florida State University, Georgia Tech, University of Colorado—  
Denver, University of Missouri, University of Oklahoma, University of South  
Carolina, University of Tennessee, American Society of Health Economists  
Conference, Southern Economic Association  
  
2021: National Tax Association, Southern Economic Association, Western Economic  
Association International

CREDENTIALS  
AND  
CERTIFICATIONS

U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status (2020-present)  
U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs Without Compensation Position (WOC) (2019-present)  
Certified Public Accountant, Texas (2011-2012) and Tennessee (2012-2016)

OTHER  
PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

Lattimore Black Morgan & Cain, PC (Brentwood, TN):  
▪ Manager – Audit and Advisory Services (2014-2016)  
▪ Senior Accountant – Audit and Advisory Services (2012-2014)  
  
The MB Group, LLC (Plano, TX):  
▪ Senior Accountant – Assurance Services (2011-2012)  
▪ Staff Accountant – Assurance Services (2009-2010)