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PRIMARY POSITION	Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University	2020–
ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS & APPOINTMENTS	CESifo Research Network Affiliate IZA Research Affiliate EdWorkingPapers Invited Contributor Guest Researcher, CESifo, Center for the Econ. of Education Postdoc, Georgia Policy Labs, Georgia State University	2023– 2021– 2020– 1/2023 2018–2020
EDUCATION	Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University M.A., Economics, Cornell University M.S., Statistics, Utah State University B.A., Economics, Utah State University, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> Minors: Mathematics, Chinese Chinese Language, Shanghai JiaoTong University, China	2018 2016 2012 2011 2007
FIELDS	Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Education, Labor Economics	
PUBLICATIONS	<p><a href="#">The Academic Origins of Economics Faculty</a>. Forthcoming, <i>Journal of Economic Education</i>. (Joint with Arielle Sloan.)</p> <p><a href="#">Changes in Parental Gender Preference in the United States: Evidence from 1850-2019</a>. <i>Journal of Population Economics</i> (2023), 36: 3057–3070. (Joint with Matthew Millington and Joseph Price.)</p> <p><a href="#">The Graduate School Origins of Finance Faculty</a>. <i>Journal of Empirical Finance</i> (2023), 71:88-103. (Joint with Haoyang Xiong)</p> <p><a href="#">The Effects of Financial Aid Loss on Student Persistence and Graduation: A Multi-Dimensional Regression Discontinuity Approach</a>. <i>Education Finance and Policy</i> (2022), 17(2): 206-231. (Joint with Daniel Kreisman, Ross Rubenstein, Cynthia Searcy, and Rachana Bhatt.)</p>	

[Maxed Out: The Human Capital Effects of Larger Student Loan Limits.](#) *Journal of Human Resources* (2021), 56 (4): 1113-1140. (Joint with Jeffrey Denning.)

[College Credit on the Table? Advanced Placement Course and Exam Taking.](#) *Economics of Education Review* (2021), 84: 102-155. (Joint with Ishtiaque Fazlul and Jonathan Smith.)

[Do Peers Influence Occupational Preferences? Evidence from Randomly-Assigned Peer Groups at West Point.](#) *Journal of Public Economics* (2020), 184: 104-154. (Joint with Michael Kofoed.)

[Are High-Quality PhD Programs at Universities Associated with More Undergraduate Students Pursuing PhD Study?](#) *Education Economics* (2019), 27(5):451-471. (Joint with Ronald Ehrenberg.)

[Information and the Beauty Premium in Political Elections.](#) *Contemporary Economic Policy* (2017), 35: 677-683. (Joint with Joseph Price.)

[SigTree: A Microbial Community Analysis Tool to Identify and Visualize Significantly Responsive Branches in a Phylogenetic Tree.](#) *Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal* (2017), 15:372-378. (Joint with John Stevens, Michael Lefevre, Balasubramanian Ganesan, and Bart Weimer.)

WORKING  
PAPERS

[School and Crime](#) (with Ezra Karger). Link to [IZA Working Paper 16506](#). Submitted.

[Parental and Student Time Use Around the Academic Year](#) (with Benjamin Cowan and Jeffrey Swigert). Link to [NBER Working Paper 31177](#).

[First Generation College Students and Peer Effects](#) (with Michael Kofoed). Link to [IZA Working Paper 16198](#).

WORKS IN  
PROGRESS

[The Effects of School and Non-school Resources on Student Outcomes](#) (with Ezra Karger, Sarah Komisarow, and Peter Nencka).

[The Full Costs of Children](#) (with Ezra Karger).

OTHER WRITING

[Moms Lose Significant Sleep and Free Time During Kids' School Year, New Study Finds.](#) *The Conversation*, 2023. (Joint with Benjamin Cowan and Jeffrey Swigert.)

[Taking Advanced Placement Courses but Not the Exam.](#) *Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education, Georgia Policy Labs*, 2020. (Joint with Ishtiaque Fazlul and Jonathan Smith.)

Post-Secondary Financial Aid Foundational Report: 2013-14 to 2018-19. *Child & Family Policy Lab, Georgia Policy Labs, 2020.*

PRESENTATIONS	2024 (including scheduled): ASSA Meetings	
	2023: ifo Center for the Economics of Education, AEFPP Meetings, APPAM Meetings, GLO-JOPE 2023 Global Conference (by coauthor)	
	2022: AEFPP Meetings, Atlanta Fed Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop, Mississippi State University, NBER Spring Education Meeting, NBER Spring Children's Meeting, University of Connecticut, University of South Carolina, APPAM Meetings (by coauthor), Southern Meetings, University of Mississippi (canceled-sickness)	
	2021: Mississippi State University Ag Econ, AEFPP Meetings, Southern Meetings	
	2020: Mississippi State University, Southern Utah University, Ryerson University, San Diego State University, AEFPP Meetings (two presentations by coauthors), Western Meetings (by coauthor), Georgia Policy Labs CFPL Equitable Access Webinar (panelist), APPAM Meetings (poster; and presentation by coauthor), Southern Meetings	
	2019: AEFPP Meetings, Georgia State University Brownbag, European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference (by coauthor), Georgia State University Ph.D. Seminar	
	2018: Ohio State University Georgia State University MAPLE	
	2017: Cornell University	
	2016: AEFPP Meetings, Midwestern Economic Association/SOLE, Southern Meetings (by coauthor)	
	2015: Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting, Cornell University Labor Work in Progress Seminar, Southern Meetings	
TEACHING	2014: Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting, Brigham Young University Graduate Student Conference, Utah State University, Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting	
	Instructor (including scheduled):	
	Principles of Microeconomics, Miss. St.	S2021, F2021 (x2), S2022
	F2022 (x2), S2023, F2023 (x2)	
	Intermediate Microeconomics, Miss. St.	F2020 (x2), S2021, S2022
	S2023, S2024 (x2)	
	Data Analytics Internship in Athletics, Miss. St.	S2023

Teaching Assistant:

Econ. Analysis of the University, Cornell, Ehrenberg F2014, F2016, F17  
Introductory Microeconomics, Cornell, Wissink F2013, S2014

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

Advising:

Ph.D. Committee Member, Haoyang Xiong, Miss. St. 2022  
Initial Placement: Assistant Prof. of Finance, Montana St. Univ.

Department:

Seminar Series Co-Organizer, Miss. St. 2022-  
Journal Ranking Committee, Miss. St. 2022-  
Hiring Committee, Miss. St. 2020-21, 2022  
Interview Committee, Miss. St. 2020-21  
Applied Economics Research Group, Founder and 2021-  
Organizer, Miss. St.

Referee:

Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of  
Public Economics, Economics of Education Review (8), Journal of Pol-  
icy Analysis and Management, Education Finance and Policy (5), Eco-  
nomic Inquiry, Journal of Empirical Finance, ILR Review, B.E. Journal of  
Economic Analysis and Policy, Review of Economics of the Household,  
Southern Economic Journal, Contemporary Economic Policy

Conference Session Chair:

APPAM 2023  
AEFP 2021, 2022  
Southerns Meetings 2021

Conference Discussant:

APPAM 2023  
Southerns Meetings 2015, 2018 (x2), 2021 (x2), 2022  
Midwestern Meetings 2016

Helping Candidates Prepare for Job Market:

Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics 2021–2023

ATTENDANCE AT  
INVITED  
CONFERENCES

NBER Fall Education Meeting 2015–2022, 2023 (planned)  
NBER Summer Institute, Education 2015–2017, 2019–2023  
NBER Spring Education Meeting 2019, 2021–2023  
NBER Spring Childrens Meeting 2022  
NBER Spring Childrens and Education Meeting 2017–2018

MEDIA

Newspaper references: [Slate](#) (May 10, 2023).

TV Interviews: WTVA Mississippi (February 11, 2022; February 25, 2022;  
April 29, 2022); Mississippi State University College of Business Dividends

Show (March 2021).

Newspaper Interviews: KHN (March 22, 2021).

Other: My Stata tips were featured in [Stata News 37-3](#).

AWARDS	Price Theory Summer Camp	
	The Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago	2016
	The Ernest Liu Family Outstanding Teaching Award	
	Field of Economics, Cornell University	2014
	Sage Fellowship	
	Field of Economics, Cornell University	2012-13
	Vice President For Research Fellowship	
	School of Graduate Studies, Utah State University	2011-12
	National Advisory Board Scholarship	
	School of Business, Utah State University	2008-09, 2010-11
OTHER EXPERIENCE	Seely-Hinckley Scholarship	
	School of Business, Utah State University	2009-10
	Presidential Scholarship	
	Utah State University	2004-05, 2008-10
	Eagle Scout Award	2002

OTHER EXPERIENCE	Research Assistant:	
	Cornell: Ron Ehrenberg	Summer 14, Spring 15-Summer 16, Summer 18
	Cornell: Nick Sanders	Spring-Summer 2017

PROGRAMMING    Stata, R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$

Developed *SigTree*, an R package (with John Stevens), available at [CRAN](#)

Data visualization: see <http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz>

Quick Stata tips: see <https://twitter.com/toddrjones/status/1560330744089546752>

OTHER            Citizenship: USA  
Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)  
Latter-day Saint Student Association, Advisor, Miss. St. University    2022–