

# Todd R. Jones

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PRIMARY POSITION	Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University	2020-
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OTHER POSITIONS	EdWorkingPapers, Invited Contributor	2020-
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EDUCATION	Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University	2018
	M.A., Economics, Cornell University	2016
	M.S., Statistics, Utah State University	2012
	B.A., Economics, Utah State University, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	2011
	Minors: Mathematics, Chinese	
	Chinese Language, Shanghai JiaoTong University, China	2007

FIELDS	Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Education, Labor Economics
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PUBLICATIONS	<a href="#">Maxed Out: The Human Capital Effects of Larger Student Loan Limits.</a> <i>Journal of Human Resources</i> , Forthcoming. (Joint with Jeffrey Denning.)
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[The Effects of Financial Aid Loss on Student Persistence and Graduation: A Multi-Dimensional Regression Discontinuity Approach.](#) *Education Finance and Policy*, Forthcoming. (Joint with Daniel Kreisman, Ross Rubenstein, Cynthia Searcy, and Rachana Bhatt.)

[College Credit on the Table? Advanced Placement Course and Exam Taking.](#) *Economics of Education Review*, 2021, Volume 84, 102155. (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, 104154. (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

The Graduate and Undergraduate Origins of Economics Faculty. (Joint with Arielle Sloan.) Available as EdWorkingPaper 20-324.

WORKS IN  
PROGRESS

Weather and Innovation (with Bobby Chung and Jeffrey Swigert).

Education and Longevity in Early 20th Century Mississippi (with Kendall Kennedy and Joseph Price).

Changes in Parental Gender Preference in the United States: Evidence from 1830-1940 (with Matthew Millington and Joseph Price).

First Generation Students and Peer Effects (with Michael Kofoed).

The Graduate School Origins of Finance Faculty (with Haoyang Xiong).

Reporting of Suspected Child Maltreatment During Pre-Kindergarten (with Rodrigo Aranda Balcazar and Thomas Goldring).

The Graduate School Origins of Faculty Across Disciplines (with Will Davis and Haoyang Xiong).

OTHER WRITING

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

2022 (including planned)  
University of Mississippi

2021 (including planned)  
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), Westerns Meetings (by coauthor), Georgia Policy Labs CFPL Equi-

table Access Webinar (panelist), APPAM Meetings (poster; and seminar by coauthor), Southern Meetings

2019

AEFP 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

AEFP 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

2014

Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting, Brigham Young University Graduate Student Conference, Utah State University, Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting

## TEACHING

Instructor:

Miss. St: Principles of Microeconomics	Spring 2021, Fall 2021 (x2)
Miss. St: Intermediate Microeconomics	Fall 2020 (x2), Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant:

Cornell: Econ. Analysis of the University, Ehrenberg	Fall 2014, '16, '17
Cornell: Introductory Microeconomics, Wissink	Fall 2013, Spring 2014

## AWARDS

Price Theory Summer Camp

The Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago	2016
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The Ernest Liu Family Outstanding Teaching Award

Field of Economics, Cornell University	2014
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Sage Fellowship

Field of Economics, Cornell University	2012-13
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Vice President For Research Fellowship

School of Graduate Studies, Utah State University	2011-12
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National Advisory Board Scholarship

School of Business, Utah State University	2008-09, 2010-11
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Seely-Hinckley Scholarship

	School of Business, Utah State University	2009-10
	Presidential Scholarship	
	Utah State University	2004-05, 2008-10
	Eagle Scout Award	2002
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Department:	
	Hiring Committee, Miss. St.	2020-21
	Interview Committee, Miss. St.	2020-21
	Referee:	
	Journal of Human Resources, Economics of Education Review (7), Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Education Finance and Policy (3), ILR Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy	
	Conference Session Chair:	
	Southerns Meetings	2021 (planned)
	AEFP	2021
	Conference Discussant:	
	Southerns Meetings	2015, 2018, 2021 (planned)
	Midwestern Meetings	2016
ATTENDANCE AT INVITED CONFERENCES	NBER Summer Institute, Economics of Education	2015–2017, 2019–2021
	NBER Spring Economics of Education Meeting	2019, 2021
	NBER Fall Economics of Education Meeting	2015–2020
	NBER Spring Children’s and Economics of Education Meeting	2017–2018
OTHER EXPERIENCE	Research Assistant:	
	Cornell: Ron Ehrenberg	Summer 14, Spring 15-Summer 16, Summer 18
	Cornell: Nick Sanders	Spring-Summer 2017
	Professional:	
	Statistics Intern, Autoliv, Ogden, UT	Summer 2011
	Statistics Intern, National Ag. Statistical Service, SLC, UT	Summer ’10
PROGRAMMING	R, Stata, Python, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk, web scraping	
	Developed <i>SigTree</i> , an R package (with John Stevens), available at <a href="https://CRAN.r-project.org/web/packages/SigTree/index.html">CRAN</a>	
	Data visualization—see <a href="http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz">http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz</a>	
PERSONAL	Citizenship: USA	
	Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)	
REFERENCES	Michael Lovenheim, Ronald Ehrenberg, Daniel Kreisman	