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PRIMARY POSITION	Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University	2020–
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ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS & APPOINTMENTS	CESifo Research Network Affiliate	2023–
	IZA Research Affiliate	2021–
	EdWorkingPapers Invited Contributor	2020–
	Guest Researcher, CESifo, Center for the Econ. of Education	1/2023
	Postdoc, Georgia Policy Labs, Georgia State University	2018–2020

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	Changes in Parental Gender Preference in the United States: Evidence from 1850-2019. <i>Journal of Population Economics</i> . Forthcoming. (Joint with Matthew Millington and Joseph Price.)
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[The Graduate School Origins of Finance Faculty.](#) *Journal of Empirical Finance* (2023), 71:88-103. (Joint with Haoyang Xiong)

[The Effects of Financial Aid Loss on Student Persistence and Graduation: A Multi-Dimensional Regression Discontinuity Approach.](#) *Education Finance and Policy* (2022), 17(2): 206-231. (Joint with Daniel Kreisman, Ross Rubenstein, Cynthia Searcy, and Rachana Bhatt.)

[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

[The Academic Origins of Economics Faculty](#) (with Arielle Sloan.) Prior version available as IZA Working Paper 14965. *Conditionally Accepted, Journal of Economic Education.*

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

[First Generation College Students and Peer Effects](#) (with Michael Kofoed). *Submitted.*

[School and Crime](#) (with Ezra Karger).

WORKS IN
PROGRESS

[Teenage Traffic Accidents and Fatalities Around the Academic Year](#) (with Kendall Kennedy).

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 (including scheduled): ifo Center for the Economics of Education, AEFPP Meetings, APPAM Meetings
	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. Spring 2021, Fall 2021 (x2), Spring 2022, Fall 2022 (x2), Spring 2023, Fall 2023 (x2)
	Intermediate Microeconomics, Miss. St. Fall 2020 (x2), Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023
	Data Analytics Internship in Athletics, Miss. St. Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant:

Econ. Analysis of the University, Cornell, Ehrenberg Fall 2014, F16, F17
Introductory Microeconomics, Cornell, Wissink Fall 2013, Spring 2014

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Advising:

Ph.D. Committee Member, Haoyang Xiong, Miss. St. Graduated 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 Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, Economics
of Education Review (8), Journal of Policy Analysis and Management,
Education Finance and Policy (5), ILR Review, B.E. Journal of Economic
Analysis and Policy, Southern Economic Journal, Contemporary Eco-
nomic Policy

Conference Session Chair:

AEFP 2021, 2022
Southern Meetings 2021

Conference Discussant:

Southern Meetings 2015, 2018 (x2), 2021 (x2), 2022
Midwestern Meetings 2016

Helping Candidates Prepare for Job Market:

Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics (AMIE) 2021, 2022

ATTENDANCE AT
INVITED
CONFERENCES

NBER Summer Institute, Education 2015–2017, 2019–2022, 2023 (planned)
NBER Spring Education Meeting 2019, 2021–2022, 2023
NBER Spring Childrens Meeting 2022
NBER Fall Education Meeting 2015–2021, 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
	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	
	Professional: Statistics Intern, Autoliv, Ogden, UT Summer 2011 Statistics Intern, National Ag. Statistical Service, SLC, UT Summer '10	
PROGRAMMING	Stata, R, \LaTeX , Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk, web scraping	
	Developed <i>SigTree</i> , 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, Mississippi State University, 2022–	
REFERENCES	Michael Lovenheim, Ronald Ehrenberg, Daniel Kreisman	