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CONTACT INFORMATION	Mississippi State University Department of Finance and Economics 312D McCool Hall Mississippi State, MS 39762	Email: trj234@msstate.edu Website: toddrjones.com
PRIMARY POSITION	Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University	2020–
ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS & APPOINTMENTS	IZA Research Fellow CESifo Research Network Affiliate EdWorkingPapers Invited Contributor IZA Research Affiliate Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Guest Researcher, CESifo, Center for the Econ. of Education Postdoc, Georgia Policy Labs, Georgia State University	2025– 2023– 2020– 2021–2025 8/2024 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>The Academic Origins of Economics Faculty. <i>Journal of Economic Education</i> (2024), 55(4), 434-454. (Joint with Arielle Sloan.)</p> <p>Parental and Student Time Use Around the Academic Year. <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i> (2024), 224: 66-110. (Joint with Benjamin Cowan and Jeffrey Swigert.)</p> <p>Changes in Parental Gender Preference in the United States: Evidence from 1850-2019. <i>Journal of Population Economics</i> (2023), 36: 3057–3070. (Joint with Matthew Millington and Joseph Price.)</p> <p>The Graduate School Origins of Finance Faculty. <i>Journal of Empirical Finance</i> (2023), 71:88-103. (Joint with Haoyang Xiong)</p>	

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

School and Crime (with Ezra Karger). Link to [IZA Working Paper 16506](#). *Reject and resubmit, AEJ: Economic Policy*.

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

Paying for Prestige: Compensating Differentials in Faculty Job Choice (with Alex Bell). Draft available upon request.

WORKS IN
PROGRESS

Cheaper by the Dozen: Parental Time Use and Returns to Scale in Raising Children (with Ezra Karger and Valerie Michelman).

The Effects of School and Non-school Resources on Student Outcomes (with Ezra Karger and Sarah Komisarow).

BOOKS

[Quick Stata Tips](#).

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.) Also appears in *Fortune* and PBS.

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:** ASSA Meetings (SGE), University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, University of Memphis, University of Delaware (by coauthor), Mississippi State University **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 **2014:** Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting, Brigham Young University Graduate Student Conference, Utah State University, Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting

TEACHING Instructor (including scheduled):
Principles of Microeconomics, Miss. St. S2021, F2021 (x2), S2022
F2022 (x2), S2023, F2023 (x2), F2024 (x2), S2025, F2026 (x2)
Intermediate Microeconomics, Miss. St. F2020 (x2), S2021, S2022
S2023, S2024 (x2), S2025
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-
	Applied Economics Research Group, Founder and Organizer, Miss. St.	2021-
	Journal Ranking Committee, Miss. St.	2022-2023, 2024
	Hiring Committee, Miss. St.	2020-21, 2021-2022
	Interview Committee, Miss. St.	2020-21
	Referee:	
	Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources (2), Journal of Public Economics, Economics of Education Review (9), Education Finance and Policy (6), Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (2), Economic Inquiry, Journal of Empirical Finance, ILR Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Review of Economics of the Household, Southern Economic Journal (2), Contemporary Economic Policy (2), Journal of Economic Education	
	Conference Session Chair:	
	APPAM	2023
	AEFP	2021, 2022
	Southerns Meetings	2021
	Conference Discussant:	
	Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop	2024
	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	2015–2024
	NBER Summer Institute	2015–2017, 2019–2024
	NBER Spring Education Meeting	2019, 2021–2023
	NBER Spring Childrens Meeting	2022
	NBER Spring Childrens and Education Meeting	2017–2018
MEDIA	Podcasts: The Atlantic’s Good on Paper podcast (Coauthor interviewed, September 24, 2024).	
	Newspaper references: Slate (May 10, 2023). Chattanooga Times Free Press (December 12, 2024).	

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](#). My [graph was used](#) in the 2024 State of the City address by the Mayor of Chattanooga. My [paper](#) was featured in FutureEd.

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

PROGRAMMING

Stata, R, \LaTeX

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

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

OTHER

Citizenship: USA

Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)

Latter-day Saint Student Association, Advisor, Miss. St. University 2022–