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PRIMARY POSITION	Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University	2020–
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OTHER POSITIONS	IZA Research Affiliate	2021–
	EdWorkingPapers Invited Contributor	2020–
	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	The Effects of Financial Aid Loss on Student Persistence and Graduation: A Multi-Dimensional Regression Discontinuity Approach. <i>Education Finance and Policy</i> (2022), 17(2): 206-231. (Joint with Daniel Kreisman, Ross Rubenstein, Cynthia Searcy, and Rachana Bhatt.)
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[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), 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

School and Crime (with Ezra Karger).

The Graduate School Origins of Finance Faculty (with Haoyang Xiong). *Re-vise and Resubmit, Journal of Empirical Finance*.

The Academic Origins of Economics Faculty (with Arielle Sloan.) Available as IZA Working Paper 14965. *Submitted*.

WORKS IN
PROGRESS

Does Education Reduce Mortality? Evidence from College Establishments (with Michael Andrews, Joseph Price, Lauren Russell, and Daniel Sacks).

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

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

Changes in Parental Gender Preference in the United States: Evidence from 1850-1940 (with Matthew Millington and Joseph Price).

Weather and the Intertemporal Substitution of Exercise Time (with Benjamin Cowan).

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 (canceled), AEFPP Meetings, Atlanta Fed Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop, Mississippi State University, NBER Spring Education Meeting, NBER Spring Children's Meeting, University of Connecticut, APPAM (by coauthor), Southern Meetings

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 seminar 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:

Principles of Microeconomics, Miss. St.	Spring 2021, Fall 2021 (x2),
Spring 2022, Fall 2022 (x2; planned)	
Intermediate Microeconomics, Miss. St.	Fall 2020 (x2), Spring 2021,
Spring 2022	

Teaching Assistant:

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

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
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Advising: Ph.D. Committee Member, Haoyang Xiong, Miss. St.	
	Department:	
	Hiring Committee, Miss. St.	2020-21, 2022
	Interview Committee, Miss. St.	2020-21
	Seminar Series Co-Organizer, Miss. St.	2022-
	Journal Ranking Committee, Miss. St.	2022
	Referee:	
	Journal of Human Resources, Economics of Education Review (8), Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Education Finance and Policy (4), ILR Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Contemporary Economic Policy	
	Conference Session Chair:	
	AEFP	2021, 2022
	Southerns Meetings	2021
	Conference Discussant:	
	Southerns Meetings	2015, 2018, 2021 (x2), 2022 (planned)
	Midwestern Meetings	2016
ATTENDANCE AT INVITED CONFERENCES	NBER Summer Institute, Education	2015–2017, 2019–2021, 2022 (planned)
	NBER Spring Childrens Meeting	2022
	NBER Spring Education Meeting	2019, 2021, 2022
	NBER Fall Education Meeting	2015–2021
	NBER Spring Childrens and Education Meeting	2017–2018
MEDIA	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 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^AT_EX, Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk, web scraping

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)

LDSSA Advisor, Mississippi State University, 2022–

REFERENCES

Michael Lovenheim, Ronald Ehrenberg, Daniel Kreisman