

# Todd R. Jones

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| PRIMARY<br>POSITION | Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University | 2020– |
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| AFFILIATIONS &<br>APPOINTMENTS | IZA Research Fellow   | 2025–     |
|                                | Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago           | 2024–     |
|                                | CESifo Research Network Affiliate                           | 2023–     |
|                                | EdWorkingPapers Invited Contributor                         | 2020–     |
|                                | IZA Research Affiliate                                      | 2021–2025 |
|                                | Guest Researcher, CESifo, Center for the Econ. of Education | 1/2023    |
|                                | Postdoc, Georgia Policy Labs, Georgia State University      | 2018–2020 |

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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 |

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| FIELDS | Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Education, Labor Economics |
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| PUBLICATIONS | <a href="#">The Academic Origins of Economics Faculty</a> . <i>Journal of Economic Education</i> (2024), 55(4), 434-454. (Joint with Arielle Sloan.)  |
|              | <a href="#">Parental and Student Time Use Around the Academic Year</a> . <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i> (2024), 224: 66-110. (Joint with Benjamin Cowan and Jeffrey Swigert.)                   |
|              | <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.) |
|              | <a href="#">The Graduate School Origins of Finance Faculty</a> . <i>Journal of Empirical Finance</i> (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

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*.

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

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

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

The Social Substitution Effect: Time Use Responses to Increased Time Alone (with Benjamin Cowan).

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| BOOK  | <a href="#">Quick Stata Tips</a> . This is a self-published book containing 140 Stata tips.   |   |  |  |  |   |       |
| OTHER WRITING                                     | <p><a href="#">Moms Lose Significant Sleep and Free Time During Kids' School Year, New Study Finds</a>. <i>The Conversation</i>, 2023. (Joint with Benjamin Cowan and Jeffrey Swigert.) Also appears in <a href="#">Fortune</a> and <a href="#">PBS</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Taking Advanced Placement Courses but Not the Exam</a>. <i>Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education, Georgia Policy Labs</i>, 2020. (Joint with Ishtiaque Fazlul and Jonathan Smith.)</p> <p><a href="#">Post-Secondary Financial Aid Foundational Report: 2013-14 to 2018-19</a>. <i>Child &amp; Family Policy Lab, Georgia Policy Labs</i>, 2020.</p>   |   |  |  |  |   |       |
| PRESENTATIONS<br>(INCLUDING<br>SCHEDULED)         | <p><b>2026:</b> AEA Meeting <b>2025:</b> NBER Summer Institute GITE (by coauthor) <b>2024:</b> ASSA Meetings (SGE), University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, University of Memphis, University of Delaware (by coauthor), Mississippi State University <b>2023:</b> ifo Center for the Economics of Education, AEFPP Meetings, APPAM Meetings, GLO-JOPE 2023 Global Conference (by coauthor) <b>2022:</b> 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) <b>2021:</b> Mississippi State University Ag Econ, AEFPP Meetings, Southern Meetings <b>2020:</b> 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 <b>2019:</b> AEFPP Meetings, Georgia State University Brownbag, European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference (by coauthor), Georgia State University Ph.D. Seminar <b>2018:</b> Ohio State University, Georgia State University MAPLE <b>2017:</b> Cornell University <b>2016:</b> AEFPP Meetings, Midwestern Economic Association/SOLE, Southern Meetings (by coauthor) <b>2015:</b> Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting, Cornell University Labor Work in Progress Seminar, Southern Meetings <b>2014:</b> Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting, Brigham Young University Graduate Student Conference, Utah State University, Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting</p> |   |  |  |  |   |       |
| TEACHING  | <p>Instructor (including scheduled):</p> <table> <tr> <td>Principles of Microeconomics, Miss. St.</td><td>S2021, F2021 (x2), S2022<br/>F2022 (x2), S2023, F2023 (x2), F2024 (x2), S2025, F2025 (x2)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Intermediate Microeconomics, Miss. St.</td><td>F2020 (x2), S2021, S2022<br/>S2023, S2024 (x2), S2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>Data Analytics Internship in Athletics, Miss. St.</td><td>S2023</td></tr> </table>   | Principles of Microeconomics, Miss. St. | S2021, F2021 (x2), S2022<br>F2022 (x2), S2023, F2023 (x2), F2024 (x2), S2025, F2025 (x2) | Intermediate Microeconomics, Miss. St. | F2020 (x2), S2021, S2022<br>S2023, S2024 (x2), S2025 | Data Analytics Internship in Athletics, Miss. St. | S2023 |
| Principles of Microeconomics, Miss. St.           | S2021, F2021 (x2), S2022<br>F2022 (x2), S2023, F2023 (x2), F2024 (x2), S2025, F2025 (x2)  |   |  |  |  |   |       |
| Intermediate Microeconomics, Miss. St.            | F2020 (x2), S2021, S2022<br>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 2021-  
Organizer, Miss. St.  
Journal Ranking Committee, Miss. St. 2022-2023, 2024  
Hiring Committee, Miss. St. 2020-21, 2022, 2025  
Interview Committee, Miss. St. 2020-21, 2025

Referee:

Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources (2), Journal  
of Public Economics, Economics of Education Review (10), 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 (2)

Conference Session Chair:

APPAM 2023  
AEFP 2021, 2022  
Southern Meetings 2021

Conference Discussant:

Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop 2024  
APPAM 2023  
Southern Meetings 2015, 2018 (x2), 2021 (x2), 2022  
Midwestern Meetings 2016

Helping Candidates Prepare for Job Market:

Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics 2021–2023

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.

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| AWARDS              | Price Theory Summer Camp<br>The Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago  | 2016               |
|                     | The Ernest Liu Family Outstanding Teaching Award<br>Field of Economics, Cornell University  | 2014               |
|                     | Sage Fellowship<br>Field of Economics, Cornell University   | 2012-13            |
|                     | Vice President For Research Fellowship<br>School of Graduate Studies, Utah State University   | 2011-12            |
|                     | National Advisory Board Scholarship<br>School of Business, Utah State University  | 2008-09, 2010-11   |
|                     | Seely-Hinckley Scholarship<br>School of Business, Utah State University   | 2009-10            |
|                     | Presidential Scholarship<br>Utah State University   | 2004-05, 2008-10   |
|                     | Eagle Scout Award   | 2002               |
| OTHER<br>EXPERIENCE | Research Assistant:<br>Cornell: Ron Ehrenberg Summer 14, Spring 15-Summer 16, Summer 18<br>Cornell: Nick Sanders  | Spring-Summer 2017 |
| PROGRAMMING         | Stata, R, $\LaTeX$<br><br>Developed <i>SigTree</i> , an R package (with John Stevens), available at <a href="#">CRAN</a><br><br>Data visualization: see <a href="http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz">http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz</a> |                    |
| OTHER               | Citizenship: USA<br>Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)<br>Latter-day Saint Student Association, Advisor, Miss. St. University  | 2022–              |