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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> (Forthcoming). (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

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

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

WORKS IN
PROGRESS

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).

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

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, AEFPP 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:

Miss. St: Principles of Microeconomics Spring 2021, Fall 2021 (x2),
Spring 2022

Miss. St: Intermediate Microeconomics Fall 2020 (x2), Spring 2021,
Spring 2022

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

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

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
AEFP	2021

Conference Discussant:

Southerns Meetings	2015, 2018, 2021 (x2)
Midwestern Meetings	2016

ATTENDANCE AT INVITED CONFERENCES	NBER Spring Economics of Education Meeting	2019, 2021
	NBER Summer Institute, Economics of Education	2015–2017, 2019–2021
	NBER Fall Economics of Education Meeting	2015–2021
	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^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>

PERSONAL

Citizenship: USA
Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)

REFERENCES

Michael Lovenheim, Ronald Ehrenberg, Daniel Kreisman