

# Todd R. Jones

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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	<a href="#">The Effects of Financial Aid Loss on Student Persistence and Graduation: A Multi-Dimensional Regression Discontinuity Approach.</a> <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

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

Crime and School (with Ezra Karger).

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

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

Early Detection of Child Maltreatment in Pre-Kindergarten (with Rodrigo Aranda Balcazar and Thomas Goldring).

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

Crime and Power Outages (with Bobby Chung).

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, 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:	
AWARDS	Cornell: Econ. Analysis of the University, Ehrenberg	
	Fall 2014, '16, '17	
	Cornell: Introductory Microeconomics, Wissink	
	Fall 2013, Spring 2014	
	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 (4), 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 <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk, web scraping	
	Developed <i>SigTree</i> , an R package (with John Stevens), available at <a href="https://CRAN.r-project.org/web/packages/SigTree/index.html">CRAN</a>	
	Data visualization—see <a href="http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz">http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz</a>	

PERSONAL	Citizenship: USA Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)
REFERENCES	Michael Lovenheim, Ronald Ehrenberg, Daniel Kreisman