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PRIMARY POSITION	Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University	2020–
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AFFILIATIONS & 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

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 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](#). *Revise and resubmit (second round) at 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).

BOOK

[Quick Stata Tips](#). This is a self-published book containing 140 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 (INCLUDING SCHEDULED) **2025:** NBER Summer Institute GITE (by coauthor) **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, F2025 (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 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.

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
OTHER EXPERIENCE	Seely-Hinckley Scholarship	
	School of Business, Utah State University	2009-10
	Presidential Scholarship	
PROGRAMMING	Utah State University	2004-05, 2008-10
	Eagle Scout Award	2002
	Research Assistant:	
OTHER	Cornell: Ron Ehrenberg	Summer 14, Spring 15-Summer 16, Summer 18
	Cornell: Nick Sanders	Spring-Summer 2017
PROGRAMMING	Stata, R, $\LaTeX$	
	Developed <i>SigTree</i> , an R package (with John Stevens), available at <a href="#">CRAN</a>	
	Data visualization: see <a href="http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz">http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz</a>	
OTHER	Citizenship: USA	
	Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)	
	Latter-day Saint Student Association, Advisor, Miss. St. University	2022–