

# Todd R. Jones

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PRIMARY POSITION	Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University	2020–
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ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS & APPOINTMENTS	CESifo Research Network Affiliate	2023–
	IZA Research Affiliate	2021–
	EdWorkingPapers Invited Contributor	2020–
	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> . Forthcoming, <i>Journal of Economic Education</i> . (Joint with Arielle Sloan.)
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[Changes in Parental Gender Preference in the United States: Evidence from 1850-2019](#). Forthcoming, *Journal of Population Economics*. (Joint with Matthew Millington and Joseph Price.)

[The Graduate School Origins of Finance Faculty](#). *Journal of Empirical Finance* (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).

[Parental and Student Time Use Around the Academic Year](#) (with Benjamin Cowan and Jeffrey Swigert). Also available as [NBER Working Paper 31177](#).

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

WORKS IN  
PROGRESS

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

[The Full Costs of Children](#) (with Ezra Karger).

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.)

[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	2024 (including scheduled): ASSA Meetings	
	2023 (including scheduled): ifo Center for the Economics of Education, AEFPP Meetings, APPAM Meetings	
	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	
TEACHING	2014: Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting, Brigham Young University Graduate Student Conference, Utah State University, Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting	
	Instructor (including scheduled):	
	Principles of Microeconomics, Miss. St.	S2021, F2021 (x2), S2022
	F2022 (x2), S2023, F2023 (x2)	
	Intermediate Microeconomics, Miss. St.	F2020 (x2), S2021, S2022
	S2023, S2024 (x2)	
	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-  
Journal Ranking Committee, Miss. St. 2022-  
Hiring Committee, Miss. St. 2020-21, 2022  
Interview Committee, Miss. St. 2020-21  
Applied Economics Research Group, Founder and 2021-  
Organizer, Miss. St.

Referee:

Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of  
Public Economics, Economics of Education Review (8), Journal of Policy  
Analysis and Management, Education Finance and Policy (5), ILR Re-  
view, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Southern Economic  
Journal, Contemporary Economic Policy

Conference Session Chair:

APPAM 2023 (scheduled)  
AEFP 2021, 2022  
Southern Meetings 2021

Conference Discussant:

Southern Meetings 2015, 2018 (x2), 2021 (x2), 2022  
Midwestern Meetings 2016

Helping Candidates Prepare for Job Market:

Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics (AMIE) 2021, 2022

ATTENDANCE AT  
INVITED  
CONFERENCES

NBER Summer Institute, Education 2015–2017, 2019–2023  
NBER Spring Education Meeting 2019, 2021–2023  
NBER Spring Childrens Meeting 2022  
NBER Fall Education Meeting 2015–2022  
NBER Spring Childrens and Education Meeting 2017–2018

MEDIA

Newspaper references: [Slate](#) (May 10, 2023).

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](#).

#### 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

#### 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

Stata, R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk, web scraping

Developed *SigTree*, an R package (with John Stevens), available at [CRAN](#)

Data visualization: see <http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz>

Quick Stata tips: see <https://twitter.com/toddrjones/status/1560330744089546752>

#### OTHER

Citizenship: USA	
Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)	
Latter-day Saint Student Association, Advisor, Miss. St. University	2022–