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PRIMARY POSITION	Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University	2020–
AFFILIATIONS & APPOINTMENTS	IZA Research Fellow Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago CESifo Research Network Affiliate EdWorkingPapers Invited Contributor IZA Research Affiliate Guest Researcher, CESifo, Center for the Econ. of Education Postdoc, Georgia Policy Labs, Georgia State University	2025– 2024– 2023– 2020– 2021–2025 1/2023 2018–2020
EDUCATION	Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University M.A., Economics, Cornell University M.S., Statistics, Utah State University B.A., Economics, Utah State University, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> Minors: Mathematics, Chinese Chinese Language, Shanghai JiaoTong University, China	2018 2016 2012 2011 2007
FIELDS	Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Education, Labor Economics	
PUBLICATIONS	<a href="#">First Generation College Students and Peer Effects</a> (with Michael Kofoed). Link to <a href="#">IZA Working Paper 16198</a> . Accepted at <i>Labour Economics</i> .  <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.)	

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). Link to [IZA Working Paper 16506](#). *Reject and resubmit, AEJ: Economic Policy*.

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

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

Conferences and Coauthors" (with Ezra Karger).

The Morphology of Crime (with Benjamin Cowan and Ezra Karger).

Datasets in Applied Microeconomics.

Rethinking Wins Above Replacement in Baseball (with Ezra Karger).

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

Outcomes of Ph.D. Economists (with Ezra Karger).

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)

**2026:** AEA Meeting **2025:** NBER Summer Institute GITE (by coauthor), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago **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 <a href="#">Good on Paper</a> podcast (Coauthor interviewed, September 24, 2024).		
	Newspaper references: <a href="#">Slate</a> (May 10, 2023). <a href="#">Chattanooga Times Free Press</a> (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 <a href="#">Stata News 37-3</a> . My <a href="#">graph</a> was used in the 2024 State of the City address by the Mayor of Chattanooga. My <a href="#">paper</a> 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		
OTHER EXPERIENCE	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	
PROGRAMMING	Eagle Scout Award		2002
	Research Assistant:		
	Cornell: Ron Ehrenberg Summer 14, Spring 15-Summer 16, Summer 18 Cornell: Nick Sanders		Spring-Summer 2017
OTHER	Stata, R, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X		
	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–	