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PRIMARY POSITION	Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University	2020–
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ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS & APPOINTMENTS	IZA Research Fellow	2025–
	CESifo Research Network Affiliate	2023–
	EdWorkingPapers Invited Contributor	2020–
	Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	8/2024
	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	The Academic Origins of Economics Faculty . <i>Journal of Economic Education</i> (2024), 55(4), 434-454. (Joint with Arielle Sloan.)
	Parental and Student Time Use Around the Academic Year . <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i> (2024), 224: 66-110. (Joint with Benjamin Cowan and Jeffrey Swigert.)
	Changes in Parental Gender Preference in the United States: Evidence from 1850-2019 . <i>Journal of Population Economics</i> (2023), 36: 3057–3070. (Joint with Matthew Millington and Joseph Price.)
	The Graduate School Origins of Finance Faculty . <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](#). *Revised and resubmitted to Labour Economics*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

[Cheaper by the Dozen: Parental Time Use and Returns to Scale in Raising Children](#) (with Ezra Karger and Valerie Michelman).

BOOKS

[Quick 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 Pol-*

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, 2021-2022
Interview Committee, Miss. St.	2020-21

Referee:

Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources (2), Journal of Public Economics, Economics of Education Review (9), 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

Conference Session Chair:

APPAM	2023
AEFP	2021, 2022
Southerns Meetings	2021

Conference Discussant:

Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop	2024
APPAM	2023
Southerns Meetings	2015, 2018 (x2), 2021 (x2), 2022
Midwestern Meetings	2016

Helping Candidates Prepare for Job Market:

Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics	2021–2023
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ATTENDANCE AT	NBER Fall Education Meeting	2015–2024
INVITED	NBER Summer Institute	2015–2017, 2019–2024
CONFERENCES	NBER Spring Education Meeting	2019, 2021–2023
	NBER Spring Childrens Meeting	2022
	NBER Spring Childrens and Education Meeting	2017–2018

MEDIA	Podcasts: The Atlantic’s Good on Paper podcast (Coauthor interviewed, September 24, 2024).
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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 CRAN	
	Data visualization: see http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz	
OTHER	Citizenship: USA	
	Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)	
	Latter-day Saint Student Association, Advisor, Miss. St. University	2022–