

# 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="#">Changes in Parental Gender Preference in the United States: Evidence from 1850-2019</a> (with Matthew Millington and Joseph Price). <i>Accepted, Journal of Population Economics</i>
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[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

[The Academic Origins of Economics Faculty](#) (with Arielle Sloan.) Prior version available as IZA Working Paper 14965. *Revised and Resubmitted to Journal of Economic Education.*

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

[School and Crime](#) (with Ezra Karger).

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

WORKS IN  
PROGRESS

[Teenage Traffic Accidents and Fatalities Around the Academic Year](#) (with Kendall Kennedy).

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

2024 (including scheduled): ASSA Meetings

2023: ifo Center for the Economics of Education, AEFM Meetings

2022: AEFM 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 (by coauthor), Southern Meetings, University of Mississippi (canceled-sickness)

2021: Mississippi State University Ag Econ, AEFM Meetings, Southern Meetings

2020: Mississippi State University, Southern Utah University, Ryerson University, San Diego State University, AEFM 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: AEFM 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: AEFM 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 planned):

Principles of Microeconomics, Miss. St. Spring 2021, Fall 2021 (x2),  
Spring 2022, Fall 2022 (x2), Spring 2023, Fall 2023 (x2)

Intermediate Microeconomics, Miss. St. Fall 2020 (x2), Spring 2021,  
Spring 2022, Spring 2023

Data Analytics Internship in Athletics, Miss. St. Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant:

Econ. Analysis of the University, Cornell, Ehrenberg Fall 2014, F16, F17  
Introductory Microeconomics, Cornell, Wissink Fall 2013, Spring 2014

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Advising:

Ph.D. Committee Member, Haoyang Xiong, Miss. St. Graduated 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 Organizer, Miss. St.	2021-

Referee:

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 Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Southern Economic Journal, Contemporary Economic Policy

Conference Session Chair:

AEFP	2021, 2022
Southerns Meetings	2021

Conference Discussant:

Southerns 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	NBER Spring Education Meeting	2019, 2021–2022, 2023
INVITED	NBER Summer Institute, Education	2015–2017, 2019–2022
CONFERENCES	NBER Spring Childrens Meeting	2022
	NBER Fall Education Meeting	2015–2021, 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	R, Stata, 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="#">CRAN</a>	
	Data visualization: see <a href="http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz">http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz</a>	
	Quick Stata tips: see <a href="https://twitter.com/toddrjones/status/1560330744089546752">https://twitter.com/toddrjones/status/1560330744089546752</a>	
OTHER	Citizenship: USA	
	Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)	
	LDSSA Advisor, Mississippi State University, 2022–	
REFERENCES	Michael Lovenheim, Ronald Ehrenberg, Daniel Kreisman	