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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D., Agricultural and Applied Economics

Expected 2022

Dissertation Title: *Essays on Public Policy and Household Insecurities*

M.Sc., Agricultural and Applied Economics

2019

California State University, Fresno

B.A., Economics, Minor in Mathematics and Political Science, *summa cum laude*

2016

Advanced Study: Smittcamp Family Honors College, Craig Business Honors Program

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies

Assistant Professor of Microeconomics for Public Policy

2022–

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Visiting Scholar, Instituto de Estudios Urbanos

2018

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Scrivner Institute for Public Policy

2022–

UW-Madison Justice Lab Prison Proliferation Project

2021–

UW-Madison Sexual Violence Research Initiative

2020–

Gibbs Land Use and the Environment Lab

2020–

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Sims, K.M., Foltz, J.D., and M.E. Skidmore. (2021) “Prisons and COVID-19 spread in the United States.” *American Journal of Public Health*, 111(8): 1534-1541.

WORKING PAPERS

Pesticides increase pediatric cancer deaths: Evidence from Brazilian soy production *with M.E. Skidmore and H.K. Gibbs (under review).*

Productive cattle ranches reduce carbon emissions in the Brazilian Amazon *with M.E. Skidmore, L. Rausch, and H.K. Gibbs (under review).*

Turning a house into a home: Delayed property rights and education investment decisions in urban Chile *(under review).*

Seeking safe harbors: Emergency domestic violence shelters and family violence *(job market paper).*

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Do income transfer distribution schedules affect intimate partner violence? Evidence from the SNAP program *with Y. Wang, B. Wolfe, and L. Xu.*

Poverty and violence in the US EITC program *with Y. Wang, B. Wolfe, and L. Xu.*

Prison proliferation and family violence *with J.M. Eason and I. Anadon.*

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

Program Evaluation Team for Domestic Violence Housing First Pilot Program 2021–

UW-Madison, Gibbs Land Use and Environment Lab

Project and Research Assistant to Dr. Holly Gibbs 2020–2021

UW-Madison, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

Research Assistant to Dr. Paul Castañeda Dower 2017–2020

CSU Fresno, Department of Economics

Research Assistant to Dr. David Vera 2014–2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

AAE 350: World Hunger and Malnutrition

Instructor of Record (lead), co-taught with Devika Suri (virtual) UW-Madison Summer 2021

Grader for Kyle Stiegert (virtual) Summer 2020

AAE 343: Environmental Economics

Guest Lecturer, “Environmental Justice and Sustainable Production” (virtual) UW-Madison Dec. 1, 2020

Teaching Assistant for Bill Provencher (virtual) Fall 2020

ECON 50: Introduction to Macroeconomics

Supplemental Instructor CSU Fresno Spring 2015

GRANTS AND RESEARCH FUNDING

Wisconsin Idea Collaboration Grant (\$59,737) – Walsh (PI), Barnes (PI), **Sims** (Co-I) 2022

WI Department of Children and Families (\$337,500) – Walsh (PI), Barnes (PI), **Sims** (Co-I) 2021

Global Health Initiative Seed Grant (\$25,000) – Gibbs (PI), Skidmore (Co-PI), **Sims** (Co-I) 2021

Henry Anderson III Graduate Student Award in Environmental & Occupational Public Health 2021

Graduate School Conference Travel Grant 2021

Graduate School Research Travel Grant 2019

Tinker-Nave Short Term Fieldwork Grant 2018

California State University, Fresno, R-Grant 2014

CONFERENCE & INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, *scheduled* 2022

Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior scholars, (virtual) 2021

University of Georgia Agricultural & Applied Economics Department Seminar, (virtual) 2021

Southern Economics Association, (session canceled) 2021

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, (virtual) 2021

Western Economic Association International’s Graduate Student Workshop, (virtual) 2021

University of Chicago Crime Lab, (virtual) 2021

Midwest Economics Association, (virtual) 2021

Association for Mentoring In Economics, (virtual) 2021

Ronald Coase Institute, *Warsaw, Poland* 2019

Western Social Science Association, *Reno, NV* 2016

California State University Honors Conference, Plenary Speaker, Chico, CA 2015

SSRIC Social Science Student Symposium, *Sacramento, CA* 2015

SELECTED AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & HONORS

Ronald Coase Workshop Fellowship	2019
UW-Madison Graduate School Fellowship	2016
Smittcamp Family Honors College President's Scholarship	2012–2016
Economics Department Outstanding Graduate	2016
Co-Curricular Student Leader Award	2016
White House Gold Service Award	2015

ACADEMIC SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

UW-AAE Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, <i>Co-Chair</i>	2020–2021
UW-AAE Equity in Hiring Review Committee, <i>Chair</i>	2020–2021
Taylor-Hibbard Club, <i>Vice President</i>	2020–2021
UW-AAE Economic Development Lab Group, <i>Seminar Organizer</i>	2019–2020
UW-AAE Graduate Committee, <i>Member</i>	2019–2020
Taylor-Hibbard Club, <i>President</i>	2018–2019

WORKSHOPS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, & MISC.

Consultancies: ideas42 (Project title: “Reducing Fines with MyCitations: California’s New Online Ability-to-Pay System”)

Referee: Land Economics, Public Health

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervision: Nicole Meyer (Dept. of Psychology, 2021-2022)

Membership: American Economic Association; Agricultural and Applied Economics Association; Midwest Economic Association; Western Economic Association

Workshop Participant: CSWEP Health Economics Workshop (2021); WEAI Graduate Student Workshop (2021); AMIE Applied Microeconomics Workshop (2021); Ronald Coase Workshop on Institutional Analysis (2019)

Continuing Education: “Applying Active Learning: Using Writing to Teach in Any Discipline” (Spring 2021); “Spanish for Reading and Translation” (Summer 2020)

Language skills: Spanish (proficient in reading and translation, basic speaking skills)

REFERENCES

Paul Castañeda Dower (advisor)

Assistant Professor,
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Jeremy Foltz

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