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Education

Ph.D.	Economics, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI	Expected May 2026
M.A.	Economics, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI	2022
B.S.	Economics, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA, <i>summa cum laude</i> MINOR: MATHEMATICS	2020
B.M.	Music Performance, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA, <i>summa cum laude</i>	2020

Research Interests

Labor Economics and Economics of Education

Job Market Paper

- *Losing Aid, Losing Ground? The Academic and Career Consequences of Financial Aid Loss—Evidence from the TEXAS Grant*

Working Papers

- *Financial Aid Package Composition and Postsecondary Outcomes for Low-income Students: Evidence from the Spartan Advantage Program.* Revise and Resubmit at *Education Finance and Policy*.
- *Measuring Teacher Effectiveness for Gifted and Talented and High-Testing Students* - with Scott Imberman and Katharine Strunk. Revise and Resubmit at *Economics of Education Review*.
- *The Path of Student Learning Delay During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence from Michigan* - with Katharine Strunk, Bryant Hopkins, Tara Kilbride, Scott Imberman, and Dongming Yu. Revise and Resubmit at *Education Finance and Policy*.
- *Teaching on Borrowed Time: How the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program Delays, But Does Not Prevent, Teacher Attrition.*

Work in Progress

- *Estimating the Overall Effects of Statewide Early Literacy Policies: Evidence from Michigan* - with Josep Nadal-Fernandez and Tara Kilbride.

Technical Reports

- *Retention and Exemption Decisions Under the Read by Grade Three Law*- with Tara Kilbride and Josep Nadal-Fernandez - EPIC Research Report, 2024
- *Insight to MSU's Applicant Funnel: An Introduction & Foundation* - with Emilio Esposito and Steven Miller, Office for Enrollment & Strategic Planning Report, 2024.
- *Read by Grade Three Retention Eligibility: 2023 Update* - with Tara Kilbride, EPIC Research Report, 2023

Conference and Seminar Presentations

MSU Grand River Conference	2025
UM-MSU-UWO Labor Day	2025
Midwest Economics Association	2025
Association for Education and Finance Policy	2025
Southern Economics Association	2024
MSU Empirical Micro Seminar	2024
MSU Red Cedar Conference	2024

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Education Policy Innovation Collaborative (MSU)	Spring 2023-
Research Assistant, Professor Scott Imberman (MSU)	Spring 2023-
Research Assistant, Office of the Provost (MSU)	Spring 2022-Summer 2025
Research Assistant, Professor Vipul Bhatt (JMU)	Spring 2018-Spring 2020

Teaching Experience

Instructor	
EC 370 - Economics of Sports	Summer 2022
Teaching Assistant	
ISS 328 - The Social Science of Sports	Fall 2022
EC 425 - Law and Economics	Spring 2022
EC 420 - Introduction to Econometric Methods	Fall 2021
EC 301 - Intermediate Microeconomics	Spring 2021
EC 302 - Intermediate Macroeconomics	Fall 2020

Grants & Awards

Travel Fellowship (MSU)	2025
Research Enhancement Award (MSU)	2024
Red Cedar Award (MSU)	2023
<i>Awarded for best third-year paper among Economics Ph.D. students</i>	
Faculty Award for Academic Excellence in Economics (JMU)	2020
The Phi Beta Kappa Society (JMU)	2019

Service

Referee Service

Education Finance and Policy, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis

University Service

Enrollment and Academic Strategic Planning Think Tank

2022-2023

Department of Economics First-Year Mentor

2021-2022