

# Seth Walker

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## Contact Information

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## Education

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

## Research Interests

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Labor Economics and Economics of Education

## Job Market Paper

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

## Working Papers

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- *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

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- *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

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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

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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

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<b>Instructor</b>	
EC 370 - Economics of Sports	Summer 2022
<b>Teaching Assistant</b>	
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

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

## Service

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### 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