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Employment

2019 – Economist, Federal Trade Commission
2019 – Adjunct Professorial Lecturer, School of Public Affairs, American University
2017 – 2019 Senior Analyst/PhD Economist, Abt Associates
2008 – 2011 Research Associate, Urban Institute

Education

2017 PhD, Economics, University of California, Davis
2012 MA, Economics, University of California, Davis
2008 BA, Economics, Pomona College

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“The Effect of Local Labor Market Downturns on Postsecondary Enrollment and Program Choice” (with Andrew Foote). *Education Finance and Policy*, forthcoming.

“Labor Market Returns to Community College: Evidence from Admissions Lotteries.” *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. 12(1), 1-29. (February 2020).

“Career Technical Education and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from California Community Colleges” (with Ann Stevens and Michal Kurlaender). *Journal of Human Resources*. 54(4), 986-1036. (October 2019)

“The Effect of Lower Transaction Costs on Disability Insurance Application Rates and Participation” (with Andrew Foote and Stephanie Rennane). *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. 38(1), 99-123. (January 2019)

“Locate Your Nearest Exit: Mass Layoffs and Local Labor Market Response” (with Andrew Foote and Ann Stevens). *ILR Review*. 72(1), 101-126. (January 2019)

Working Papers

“In-State Tuition Policies and the College Decisions of Undocumented Students: Evidence from Colorado” (with Annie Hines). Under review.

“Selection into Identification in Fixed Effects Models, with Application to Head Start” (with Doug Miller and Na’ama Shenhav). NBER Working Paper #26174. Under review.

“Do Postsecondary Training Programs Respond to the Labor Market?” FTC Bureau of Economics Working Paper 343. Under review.

“Capacity and Flexibility in CTE Programs: Program Offerings and Student Success” (with Michal Kurlaender and Ann Stevens).

“Admissions Policies, Cohort Composition, and Academic Success: Evidence from California.”

Work in Progress

“Majority Builds: Direct Democracy and the Allocation of School Facilities Spending” (with Ross Milton).

“School Infrastructure Spending and Academic Outcomes,” (with Ross Milton).

“Event Studies with Secular Time Trends,” (with Matt Naven).

Fellowships and Grants

2017 Job Market Fellowship, UC Davis Economics
2015 National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship
2015 AERA Minority Fellowship in Education Research (declined)
2014 NBER Disability Research Center, Project NB15-04

Awards and Honors

2018 Emerging Education Policy Scholar, Fordham Institute and AEI
2017 Emerging Scholars Award, University of California Center Sacramento, Honorable Mention
2016 APPAM Poster Session Award, Second Place
2015 Western Economic Association Dissertation Workshop, Invited Participant
2009 Urban Institute President’s Award for Most Outstanding Research Publication

Seminar and Conference Presentations (including scheduled)

2020 American University School of Public Affairs, Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE), Washington Area Labor Economics Symposium (WALES), Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), Society of Government Economists (SGE), Center for Economic Growth and Opportunity
2019 American Economic Association (AEA), Pepperdine University, Federal Trade Commission, Wheelhouse Center for Community College Leadership and Research, DC Econ of Ed Working Group, AEFP
2018 American University, University of Delaware, Southern Economic Association (SEA), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), DC Econ of Ed Working Group, SGE
2017 Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics, Center for Analysis of Postsecondary Education and Employment (CAPSEE), Abt Associates, IMPAQ International, Institute for Defense Analyses, Analysis Group, University of Illinois College of Education, US Naval Academy
2016 APPAM, Pomona College, University of Nevada-Reno, All California Labor Economics (poster), American Educational Research Association (AERA), National Academy of Education Spring Retreat, UC Davis Interdisciplinary Graduate/Professional Student Symposium
2015 National Academy of Education Fall Retreat, Western Economics Association (WEAI), UC Davis IFHA Symposium, AEFP, SEA
2014 APPAM, CAPSEE, WEAI, SREE
2013 APPAM, The College Board Forum

Professional Activities

Referee: *Demographic Research, Economic Change and Restructuring, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education Review, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Industrial Relations, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness, Journal of the European Economic Association, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics and Statistics*

Review: Public Policy Institute of California, UC Davis Center for Poverty Research Small Grants Proposals, Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference (AEFP)

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Professorial Lecturer, American University, School of Public Affairs
Public Managerial Economics (PUAD 630)

Associate Instructor, University of California, Davis
Economics of Education (ECN 152)

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Davis
Principles of Microeconomics (ECN 1A) (x2)
Principles of Macroeconomics (ECN 1B) (x2)
Money and Banking (ECN 135)

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