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PRIMARY POSITION Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University 2020–

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, *Summa Cum Laude* 2011
Minors: Mathematics, Chinese
Chinese Language, Shanghai JiaoTong University, China 2007

FIELDS Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Education, Labor Economics

PUBLICATIONS [Parental and Student Time Use Around the Academic Year](#) (with Benjamin Cowan and Jeffrey Swigert). Forthcoming, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.

[The Academic Origins of Economics Faculty](#). Forthcoming, *Journal of Economic Education*. (Joint with Arielle Sloan.)

[Changes in Parental Gender Preference in the United States: Evidence from 1850-2019](#). *Journal of Population Economics* (2023), 36: 3057–3070. (Joint with Matthew Millington and Joseph Price.)

[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

[School and Crime](#) (with Ezra Karger). [Link to IZA Working Paper 16506](#). *Submitted*.

[First Generation College Students and Peer Effects](#) (with Michael Kofoed). [Link to IZA Working Paper 16198](#). *Submitted*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

[The Full Cost of Children](#) (with Ezra Karger and Valerie Michelman).

[The Effects of School and Non-school Resources on Student Outcomes](#) (with Ezra Karger, Sarah Komisarow, and Peter Nencka).

BOOKS

[Quick Stata Tips](#).

OTHER WRITING

[Moms Lose Significant Sleep and Free Time During Kids' School Year, New Study Finds](#). *The Conversation*, 2023. (Joint with Benjamin Cowan and Jeffrey Swigert.)

[Taking Advanced Placement Courses but Not the Exam](#). *Metro Atlanta Pol-*

icy 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:** ASSA Meetings (SGE), University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Prior years: **2023:** ifo Center for the Economics of Education, AEFM Meetings, APPAM Meetings, GLO-JOPE 2023 Global Conference (by coauthor) **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 Meetings (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 scheduled):

Principles of Microeconomics, Miss. St.	S2021, F2021 (x2), S2022
F2022 (x2), S2023, F2023 (x2), F2024 (x2)	
Intermediate Microeconomics, Miss. St.	F2020 (x2), S2021, S2022
S2023, S2024 (x2)	
Data Analytics Internship in Athletics, Miss. St.	S2023

Teaching Assistant:

Econ. Analysis of the University, Cornell, Ehrenberg	F2014, F2016, F17
Introductory Microeconomics, Cornell, Wissink	F2013, S2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Advising:

Ph.D. Committee Member, Haoyang Xiong, Miss. St.	2022
Initial Placement: Assistant Prof. of Finance, Montana St. Univ.	

Department:

Seminar Series Co-Organizer, Miss. St.	2022-
Applied Economics Research Group, Founder and Organizer, Miss. St.	2021-
Journal Ranking Committee, Miss. St.	2022-2023
Hiring Committee, Miss. St.	2020-21, 2021-2022
Interview Committee, Miss. St.	2020-21

Referee:

Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, Economics of Education Review (9), Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (2), Education Finance and Policy (5), Economic Inquiry, Journal of Empirical Finance, ILR Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Review of Economics of the Household, Southern Economic Journal (2), Contemporary Economic Policy

Conference Session Chair:

APPAM	2023
AEFP	2021, 2022
Southerns Meetings	2021

Conference Discussant:

Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop	2024 (planned)
APPAM	2023
Southerns Meetings	2015, 2018 (x2), 2021 (x2), 2022
Midwestern Meetings	2016

Helping Candidates Prepare for Job Market:

Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics	2021–2023
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ATTENDANCE AT	NBER Fall Education Meeting	2015–2023
INVITED	NBER Summer Institute	2015–2017, 2019–2023
CONFERENCES	NBER Spring Education Meeting	2019, 2021–2023
	NBER Spring Childrens Meeting	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
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PROGRAMMING	Stata, R, L ^A T _E X
	Developed <i>SigTree</i> , an R package (with John Stevens), available at CRAN
	Data visualization: see http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz
	Quick Stata tips: see https://twitter.com/toddrjones/status/1560330744089546752

OTHER	Citizenship: USA
	Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)
	Latter-day Saint Student Association, Advisor, Miss. St. University 2022–