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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, (Expected) May 2018  
M.A. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 2016  
B.A. Economics, Russian, and Math, *magna cum laude*, Brigham Young University, 2013

**FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Primary: Public Economics, Labor Economics  
Secondary: Applied Microeconomics

**DISSERTATION**

*Essays on Individual Responses to Labor Market Conditions & Policies*  
Committee: Prof. Melissa Kearney (Chair), Prof. Judy Hellerstein, Prof. Katharine Abraham, Prof. Sergio Urzua

**JOB MARKET PAPER**

“Moving to Jobs: The Role of Information in Migration Decisions”

Migration is a human capital investment that allows individuals to encounter more favorable labor markets. This paper exploits county-level variation in exposure to news about labor markets impacted by fracking, to show that access to information about potential labor market opportunities affects migration. I use pre-fracking newspaper circulation rates and content from national news outlets to capture exogenous variation in exposure to news about fracking in a particular destination. I then isolate the effect of news exposure by comparing migration flows to the same destination from differentially exposed origin counties. Exposure to newspaper articles about fracking increased migration to the areas mentioned in the news by 2.4 percent on average. News exposure also increases commuting to fracking counties. Exposure to TV news has a similar impact, and positive news about fracking increases migration more than negative news. As further evidence that news matters, Google searches for the term fracking and the names of states specifically mentioned spike after TV news broadcasts about fracking. Migration responses to news about fracking are largest from counties experiencing weak labor markets, suggesting these areas see the largest benefits to information provision.

**OTHER RESEARCH PAPERS**

“Male Earnings, Marriageable Men, and Non-Marital Fertility: Evidence from the Fracking Boom,” 2017, accepted at *Review of Economics and Statistics*, with Melissa Kearney

“Moving to Economic Opportunity: The Migration Response to the Fracking Boom,” 2017, SSRN Working Paper Abstract No. 2814147, *under review*

*First Prize University of Maryland Third Year Paper Contest, 2016*

“Within Year Labor Supply and the EITC: Employment Stability and the Role of Information,” 2017 SSRN Working Paper Abstract No. 2972202, *under review*

“Bad Publicity: Student Enrollment and Loan Responses to the Cuomo Investigation of Student Loan Practices,” with Heath Witzen, work in progress

“Incidence of the EITC in the Durable Goods Market,” with Carla Johnston, work in progress

“Maternal employment and time investments in children,” 2014, *Review of Economics of the Household*, with Frank Heiland and Joseph Price

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Instructor, Public Economics (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Fall 2017

Instructor, Economics PhD Math Camp (graduate), University of Maryland, Summer 2015 and 2016

Teaching Assistant, Advanced Econometrics (undergraduate), Brigham Young University, 2013

Teaching Assistant, Introductory Econometrics (undergraduate), Brigham Young University, 2012

### **RESEARCH AND RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant, Prof. Melissa Kearney, University of Maryland, Summer 2014-Fall 2016

Research Consultant, Sebastian Miller, Inter-American Development Bank, Spring 2015

Research Assistant, Prof. Joseph Price, Brigham Young University, Fall 2011-Spring 2013

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Economic Club of Washington Vernon E. Jordan Jr. Fellowship, 2016

Maryland Population Research Center Seed Grant, (joint with Melissa Kearney) 2016

Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland, 2014-2017

Graduate Fellowship, University of Maryland, 2013

Economics Valedictorian, Brigham Young University, 2013

ORCA Research Grant, Brigham Young University, 2012

### **CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

2017: Southern Economics Association (scheduled), APPAM Student Regional Conference

2016: Georgetown Center for Economic Research Conference, Southern Economic Association, APPAM (poster session), APPAM Student Regional Conference

### **LANGUAGES**

English (native), Russian (advanced)

### **REFERENCES**

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