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Academic Positions

University of Maryland - Department of Economics
Associate Professor, 2024 - Present
Assistant Professor, 2017 - 2024

Faculty Research Fellow - Economics of Education
National Bureau of Economic Research, 2024 - 2025

Research Associate - Economics of Education
National Bureau of Economic Research, 2025 - Present

Associate Editor
Journal of Labor Economics, 2025 - Present

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Chicago, 2017
M.A., Economics, University of Chicago, 2012
B.A., Economics, Brigham Young University, *summa cum laude*, 2011

Fields

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, and Economics of Education

Working Papers

"Intergenerational Transmission of Lifespan in the US" (with Sandra Black, Neil Duzett Adriana Lleras-Muney, and Joseph Price), conditional acceptance at ***American Economic Review.***

"Divorce, Family Arrangement, and Children's Adult Outcomes" (with Andrew Johnston and Maggie R. Jones), revise and resubmit at ***Quarterly Journal of Economics.***

"Making Teaching Last: Long-Run Value-Added" (with Michael Gilraine), reject and resubmit at ***American Economic Review.***

"Trying to Beat the Heat: The Academic Impact of Air Conditioning Installation" (with Mrinmoyee Chatterjee), revise and resubmit at ***Education Finance and Policy.***

"Easy A's, Less Pay: The Long-Term Effects of Grade Inflation" (with Jeffery T. Denning, Rachel Nesbit, and Merrill Warnick).

"The Impact of COVID-19 on College Attendance and Federal Financial Support" (with Yu Hung Yaow).

"It Takes Time: The Asymmetric Impacts of Imposing and Removing a Teacher Incentive" (with Michael Gilraine and Uros Petronijevic).

"Skills That Pay: Subject-Specific Test Scores and Long-Run Outcomes" (with Cameron Conrad and George Zuo).

Works in Progress

"The Labor Market Value of a Timely Diploma" (with Sebastian Montaño)

"Give Teachers a Break? Teacher Preparation Period and Student Outcomes" (with Sebastian Montaño, Nathan Petek, George Zuo).

Publications

"Schedule-Driven Productivity: Evidence from Non-traditional School Calendars" (with Taylor Landon), ***Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*** 45(1): 1-22, 2026.

"The Value of a Higher ACT Exam Score" (with Kareem Haggag, Emily Leslie, and Devin Pope), ***Journal of Human Resources***, forthcoming.

"The Unintended Consequences of Merit-Based Teacher Selection: Evidence from Large-Scale Reform in Colombia" (with Matias Busso, Juan Sebastian Muñoz, and Sebastian Montaño), ***Journal of Public Economics*** 239: 105238, 2024.

"The Multidimensional Impact of Teachers on Students" (with Nathan Petek), ***Journal of Political Economy*** 131(4): 1057-1107, 2023.

"Suspending Suspensions: The Education Production Consequences of School Suspension Policies" (with George W. Zuo), ***Economic Journal*** 133(653): 2025-2054, 2023.

"Timing Matters: Evidence from College Major Decisions" (with Richard W. Patterson and Aaron Feudo), ***Journal of Human Resources*** 58(4): 1347-1384, 2023.

"Low-Touch Attempts to Improve Time Management among Traditional and Online College Students" (with Philip Oreopoulos, Richard Patterson, and Uros Petronijevic), **Journal of Human Resources** 57(1): 1-43, 2022.

"Attribution Bias in Major Decisions: Evidence from the United States Military Academy" (with Kareem Haggag, Richard W. Patterson, and Aaron Feudo), ***Journal of Public Economics*** 200: 1-25, 2021.

"The Effect of Teacher Ratings on Teacher Performance," ***Journal of Public Economics*** 172: 84-110, 2019.

"Many Analysts, One Dataset: Making Transparent How Variations in Analytical Choices Affect Results" (with Silberzahn R., Uhlmann E.L., Martin D. P., Pope B., Nosek B.A., et al.), ***Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*** 1(3): 337-356, 2018.

"The Unintended Impact of Pretrial Detention on Case Outcomes: Evidence from NYC Arraignments" (with Emily Leslie), ***Journal of Law and Economics*** 60(3): 529-557, 2017.

"The Effects of DACAmentation: The Impact of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals on Unauthorized Immigrants," ***Journal of Public Economics*** 143: 98-114, 2016.

"How the Time of Day Affects Productivity: Evidence from School Schedules," ***The Review of Economics and Statistics*** 98(1): 1-11, 2016.

"The Marginal Effect of K-12 English Language Development Programs: Evidence from Los Angeles Schools," ***Economics of Education Review*** 53: 311-328, 2016.

"Own-Nationality Bias: Evidence from UEFA Champions League Football Referees" (with Bryson Pope), ***Economic Inquiry*** 53(2): 1292-1304, 2015.

Presentations

2025	NBER Children and Families Conference, NBER Economics of Education Conference, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona,
2024	Institute for Economic and Research Labor Conference, International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress, NBER Economics of Education Conference, UC Merced
2023	ASSA Annual Meetings, Brigham Young University, Econometric Society Annual Meeting, MPRC Research Symposium, NBER Economics of Education Conference, University of Chicago, University of Notre Dame
2022	Maryland Population Research Center (MPRC), National Tax Association Meetings, NBER Economics of Education Conference, NBER Summer Institute, Washington Area Labor Economics Symposium (WALES)
2021	Arizona State University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, NBER Economics of Education Conference

2020	HCEO Conference on New Approaches to Intergenerational Mobility, NBER Economics of Education Conference, NBER Economics of Mobility Conference, NBER Cohort Studies Conference
2019	Columbia University, George Washington University, New York University and Federal Reserve Bank of NY, UC Merced, University of Virginia
2018	American University, Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center, Georgetown, University of Tennessee
2017	NBER (Economics of Education Group Meeting), Brigham Young University, Federal Trade Commission, Ohio State, UC Davis, University of British Columbia, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Maryland

Teaching

2019 - Present	Economics of Education Policy (Undergraduate)
2018 - Present	Topics in Applied Labor and Public Economics (Graduate)
2018, 2022-24	Departmental Honors Program (Undergraduate)
2015	Statistics for Executive MBAs, teaching assistant (MBA students)
2015	Economics of Sports, teaching assistant (Undergraduate)
2015	Social Interactions and Inequality, teaching assistant (Graduate)
2014	Topics in Applied Econometrics, teaching assistant (Undergraduate)
2014	Human Capital, teaching assistant (Graduate)
2013	Social Interactions and Inequality, teaching assistant (Graduate)
2010	Principles of Economics, teaching assistant (Undergraduate)
2009	Principles of Economics, teaching assistant (Undergraduate)

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

2024	Student Upward Mobility Initiative, 151,000
2020	Faculty-Student Research Award, $10,000
2016	Exceptional Teaching Award, University of Chicago Booth
2015	Hymen Milgrom Supporting Organization Grant, $42,000
2015	Division of the Social Sciences Research Grant, $11,000
2014	Illinois Economics Association Paper Competition Finalist
2013	Hymen Milgrom Supporting Organization Grant, $2,500
2011 - 2015	Institute of Education Sciences Fellowship, $120,000

Referee Service

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Demography, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education Review, Education Finance and Policy, European Economic Review, Journal

of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Labour Economics, Management Science, Urban Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics.