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Academic Positions

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Amherst College, July 2023 –
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Amherst College, 2019 – 2023
Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy, Department of Economics, and Neag School of
Education, University of Connecticut, 2014 – 2019
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan, 2013 – 2014

Editorial Positions

Associate Editor, *Education Finance and Policy*, July 2023 –

Education

Ph.D., Economics and Public Policy, University of Michigan (2013)
M.A., Economics, University of Michigan (2010)
B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*, Quantitative Economics, Tufts University (2005)

Publications (* denotes student co-author)

- “Public School Funding, School Quality, and Adult Crime” with Jason Baron and Brittany Vasquez*. Accepted, *Review of Economics and Statistics*.
- “School District Revenue Shocks, Resource Allocations, and Student Achievement: Evidence from the Universe of U.S. Wind Energy Installations,” with Eric Brunner and Ben Hoen. *Journal of Public Economics*, 206 (2022).
- “The Long-Run Impacts of Same-Race Teachers,” with Seth Gershenson, Cassandra Hart, Constance Lindsay, and Nicholas Papageorge. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 14(4): 300–342 (2022).
- “Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of Alternative Sample Selection Corrections” with Robert Garlick. *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, 40(3): 950–964 (2022).
- “School Finance Reforms, Teachers’ Unions, and the Allocation of School Resources” with Eric Brunner and Andrew Ju*. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 102(3): 473–489 (2020).
- “Can Light-Touch College-Going Interventions Make a Difference? Evidence From a Statewide Experiment in Michigan,” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 39(1): 159–190 (2020).
- “The Relative Returns to Education, Experience, and Attractiveness for Young Workers” with Emily Beam and Caroline Theoharides. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 68(2): 391–428 (2020).
- “Housing Voucher Take-Up and Labor Market Impacts” with Eric Chyn and Max Kapustin. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 38(1): 65–98 (2019).
- “Does Money Matter in the Long Run? Effects of School Spending on Educational Attainment,” *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 9(4): 256–280 (2017).
- “ACT for All: The Effect of Mandatory College Entrance Exams on Postsecondary Attainment and Choice,” *Education Finance and Policy*, 12(3): 281–311 (2017). Lead article. Thomas Downes Award for Best Article in *EFP* in 2017.
- “The Missing Manual: Using National Student Clearinghouse Data to Track Postsecondary Outcomes” with Susan Dynarski and Steven Hemelt. *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, 37(1S): 53–79 (2015).

“Experimental Evidence on the Effect of Childhood Investments on Postsecondary Attainment and Degree Completion” with Susan Dynarski and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 32(4): 692–717 (2013). Lead article. Vernon Prize for Best Article in *JPAM* in 2013.

Working Papers

“College Counseling in the Classroom: Randomized Evaluation of a Teacher-Based Approach to College Advising”

“College Consumption Amenities, Academic Performance, and Donation Behavior” with Isaac McFarlin.

Conference and Seminar Presentations

- 2023 National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Economics of Education Fall Meeting; Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP); Liberal Arts College Public and Labor (LAC-PaL); Northeast Economics of Education Workshop; Lafayette College; Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF – Rome, Italy)
- 2022 AEFP; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM); Society of Labor Economists (SOLE); Williams College; Tufts University; Cornell University (policy); University of Michigan (Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar - CIERS); Haverford College
- 2021 AEFP; Dartmouth College; Brown University (education); Federal Reserve Bank of New York; LAC-PaL;
- 2020 NBER Economics of Education Fall Meeting; AEFP; University of Wisconsin (public econ); APPAM; Northeast Economics of Education Workshop; University of Michigan (CIERS)
- 2019 Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
- 2018 AEFP; American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting; Dartmouth College; APPAM; Queens College (CUNY); Boston University (education)
- 2017 AEFP; Columbia University (Teachers College); APPAM; Tufts University; University of Michigan (CIERS)
- 2016 AEFP; APPAM; Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; Urban Institute; University of Michigan (CIERS); Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
- 2015 NBER Economics of Education Fall Meeting; AEFP; SOLE; Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Junior Scholar Conference; University of Michigan (CIERS); MDE
- 2014 AEFP; National Tax Association (NTA); APPAM; Western Economics Association International (WEAI); University of Michigan (CIERS); MDE
- 2013 and earlier AEFP (2013, 2012); MDE; Midwest Economics Association (2011, 2010); Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (2011); University of Michigan: CIERS (2013, 2012, 2011), Quantitative Methodology Program (2011), Informal Public Finance Seminar (2013), and Informal Labor Seminar (2013, 2012, 2010, 2009); American Education Finance Association (2005)

Awards and Honors

2018 Thomas Downes Award for Best Article published in *Education Finance and Policy* during 2017

2016–2017 UConn Dept. of Public Policy Distinguished Professor Award – Awarded by student vote for faculty member with “outstanding scholarship and a stimulating and inspiring teaching style”

2015	Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Junior Scholar
2015	Emerging Education Policy Scholar, Thomas B. Fordham Institute
2014	Honorable Mention, Association for Education Finance and Policy Dissertation Award
2013	Raymond Vernon Prize for Best Article published in the <i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i> during 2013

Grants and Fellowships

2021-2022	Policy Impacts (Early-Career Scholars Grant), \$20,000, “More School Funding, Less Crime?” with Jason Baron and Brittany Vasquez.
2018-2019	U.S. Department of Energy, \$99,892, Principal Investigator (PI), “The Effects of Wind Energy Installation on School District Revenues and Expenditures, Resource Allocations, and Student Achievement,” with Eric Brunner and Ben Hoen.
2016-2017	Spencer Foundation, \$42,669, PI, “No Child Left Relaxed? The Effect of Test-Based Accountability on Childhood Anxiety and Mental Health”
2015-2018	Smith Richardson Foundation, \$334,211, PI, “Developing and Evaluating a College Application and Planning Course in Michigan,” with Venessa Keesler (MI Dept. of Education) and Brandy Johnson (MI College Access Network)
2015	Asian Development Bank, \$19,500, Co-PI, “Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2015,” with Emily Beam and Caroline Theoharides
2013-2016	Spencer Foundation, \$44,940, Co-PI, “Information and College Enrollment: Evidence from Two Statewide Experiments in Michigan,” with Venessa Keesler
2013 and earlier (University of Michigan)	Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship (2013); Ford School of Public Policy Dissertation Fellowship (2012-13; 2010-11); MITRE Graduate Research Award (2013), Dept. of Economics; Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (2013; 2010); Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop Grant (2011-12); Rackham Debt Management Award (2011); Dept. of Economics Summer Research Award (2009; 2008); Borish Fellowship, Ford School (2007-08)

Research Experience

2011-2012:	Research Assistant, Susan Dynarski and Brian Jacob, University of Michigan
2008-2010:	Research Assistant, Brian Jacob, University of Michigan
2009:	Research Assistant, John Bound, University of Michigan
2005-2007:	Research Assistant/Associate Analyst, Abt Associates Inc., Cambridge, MA
2004-2005:	Research Assistant, Thomas Downes, Dept. of Economics, Tufts University

Teaching Experience

Amherst College

Economics 218: The Economics of Inequality in the United States
Economics 300: Microeconomics
Economics 419: Education and Inequality in the United States
Economics 498: Senior Departmental Honors Seminar

University of Connecticut

Public Policy 5342: Policy Analysis
Public Policy 5375: Economic Analysis for Public Administration
Public Policy 5397 / Educational Leadership 6322: Economics of Education Reform

Service

Co-Organizer, Liberal Arts College Public and Labor Economics Conference, Smith College, 2023
Program Committee: AAFP Annual Conference (2024, 2023, 2021); APPAM Fall Conference (2017)
Founding organizer, Northeast Economics of Education Workshop: Amherst College (2019); UConn (2018; 2017; 2016; 2015; 2014)
Editorial Board, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* (2017–2018)
Co-organizer and moderator, Connecticut Education Finance Symposium, Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, Bushnell Auditorium, Hartford (2014)
Founding organizer, Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar (CIERS), University of Michigan, (2011–12).

Referee Service

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, AERA-Open, American Educational Research Journal, American Law and Economics Review, Canadian Journal of Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Educational Researcher, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, National Tax Journal, Public Budgeting and Finance, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Sociology of Education, Southern Economic Journal, World Bank Economic Review

Grant Reviewing: Institute of Education Sciences, National Science Foundation, Smith Richardson Foundation