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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Economics, Amherst College, July 2018-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, August 2018
M.A. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 2015
B.S. Economics and International Affairs (Highest Honors), Georgia Institute of Technology, 2009

PUBLICATIONS

“Macro and Micro Dynamics of Productivity: From Devilish Details to Insights,” with Lucia Foster, Cheryl Grim, John Haltiwanger, and Zoltan Wolf. 2021. *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 13 (3): 142-72.

WORKING PAPERS

“Same Shock, Separate Channels: House Prices and Firm Performance in the Great Recession”

“Opening the Black Box: Task and Skill Mix and Productivity Dispersion”, NBER WP 30620 with Cindy Cunningham, Matthew Dey, Lucia Foster, Cheryl Grim, John C. Haltiwanger, Rachel L. Nesbit, Sabrina Pabilonia, Jay Stewart, Cody Tuttle and Zoltan Wolf.

“Productivity Dispersion and Structural Change in Retail Trade”, CES WP 23-60 with Dominic Smith, Michael D. Giandrea, Cheryl Grim, Jay Stewart, and Zoltan Wolf.

“Financial Markets, Productivity Dispersion, and Misallocation”

OTHER RESEARCH PAPERS

“Allocating Misallocation: Decomposing Measures of Aggregate Allocative Efficiency,” work in progress with Zoltan Wolf and John Haltiwanger

“Do the Means Matter for the Ends? An Evaluation of Optimal Unemployment Assistance under Search Frictions” preliminary work with Neil White

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2023: Liberal Arts Macro Conference, Williams College, Midwest Macro Meetings (Fall)
2022: Amherst College, Liberal Arts Macro Conference, Midwest Macro Meetings (Fall)
2021: Comparative Analysis of Enterprise Data Conference
2019: Federal Statistical Research Data Center Conference

2018: Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Amherst College
2017: U.S. Census Bureau Center for Economic Studies, Federal Statistical Research Data Center
Conference, Spring Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Provost's Research Fellowship, Amherst College, 2021-2022
Graduate School Summer Fellowship Award, University of Maryland, Summer 2015
Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Award, University of Maryland, September 2017
Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland, Fall 2012—Spring 2014
Faculty Honors/Dean's List, Georgia Institute of Technology (eight semesters), 2005-2009

REFEREE SERVICE

Journals: *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Amherst College

Introduction to Economics, ECON 111
Advanced Macroeconomics, ECON 331
Macroeconomics, ECON 330
Economics of Entrepreneurship, ECON 453

University of Maryland, College Park

Principles of Microeconomics, ECON 200
Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis (Teaching Assistant), ECON 325

THESIS STUDENTS

Primary Advisor:

Andrew Fu (2023) "Rehypothecation and Banking Fragility"
Sirig Gurung (2021) "Spillovers of India's Demonetization Policy on Economic Activity and Household Welfare in Nepal"
Morgan Yurosek (2020) "Investment Dynamics under Recent Trade Policy Uncertainty"

Secondary Advisor:

Hayes Honea (2019) "Leaders or Followers? Identifying the Property Flipper's Role in Gentrification"

Reader:

Ella Steciuk (2023) "The Impact of California's Proposition 47 on Drug Abuse Outcomes"
Kevin Ma (2021) "The Impact of CARES Act Unemployment Benefits on Employment"
Thai Nguyen (2021) "Do Vietnam's State-Owned Enterprises Improve their Performance after Equitization? Evidence from the Last Decade"
John Ballard (2020) "An Estimation of Search Frictions in the Texas Retail Market"
Nicholas Kumamoto (2020) "A Counterfactual Study of Nominal GDP Targeting"
Mujin Choi (2019) "Political Monetary and Budget Cycles in OECD Economies during the Great Inflation"
Simon Essig-Aberg (2019) "Pulp Friction: Managing a Portfolio of Relationships under Uncertainty"

COLLEGE SERVICE

Economics Department Search Committee: Economics of Inequality, Fall 2018-Spring 2019
Faculty Computing Committee, Academic Year 2021

Recognition Awards Committee, Spring 2023—Present

OTHER POSITIONS

Economist, U.S. Census Bureau, Fall 2018—Present

Pathways Intern, U.S. Census Bureau, Fall 2014—Fall 2018

Research Assistant, Prof. John Haltiwanger, University of Maryland, Fall 2013—Summer 2014

Research Associate, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, September 2009—June 2012