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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of South Carolina, Department of Economics

Assistant Professor

Fall 2024 -

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D Economics

Committee: Jeff Smith (chair), Chris Taber, Matt Wiswall, Nick Hillman

2024

University of Wisconsin-Madison

M.S. Economics

2019

DePauw University

B.A. Mathematics, Minors in Economics and Computer Science

2017

Summa cum laude

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Public Economics

RESEARCH PAPERS

Publications

- **[Making College Affordable? The Impacts of Tuition Freezes and Caps](#)** (with Minseon Park), *Economics of Education Review* 89 (2022): 102265.
- **[Workforce Entry Including Career and Technical Education and Training](#)** (with Burt Barnow and Jeffrey Smith) in “What Has Happened to the American Working Class Since the Great Recession?”, *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 695, no. 1 (2021): 260-274.

Working Papers

- **[Switching Schools: Effects of College Transfers](#)**
- **[Who Scars the Easiest? College Quality and the Effects of Graduating into a Recession](#)** (with Garrett Anstreicher)
- **[Distance to Degrees: How College Proximity Shapes Student’s Enrollment Choices and Attainment Across Race and Socioeconomic Status](#)** (with Riley Acton, Kalena Cortes, and Camila Morales)
- **[Effects of College Quality: Occupation and Major as Mechanisms of Earnings Increases](#)**

Works in Progress

- Small Distances that Matter: Effects of Local Community College Openings on Enrollment and Degree Completion
- Quantifying Non-Sampling Variation: College Quality and the Garden of Forking Paths (with Eleanor Dillon and Jeffrey Smith)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor (University of South Carolina)

ECON 530, Economics of Education Fall 2024

Teaching Assistant (UW-Madison)

ECON 410, Introductory Econometrics, Prof. Kohei Yata Fall 2022

ECON 102, Introduction to Macroeconomics, Prof. Stella Chan Fall 2018

ECON 102, Introduction to Macroeconomics, Prof. Elizabeth Kelly Fall 2017

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Riegel and Emory Human Resource Center Grant, University of South Carolina 2024
National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship 2023
Dorothy Rice Dissertation Fellowship, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2022
Mary Claire Ashenbrenner Phipps Dissertator Fellowship, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2021
Dissertation Research Award, UW-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty 2021
JPG Summer Research Scholarship (with Garrett Anstreicher), UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2021
JPG Summer Research Scholarship (with Minseon Park), UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2020
JPG Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2018
Department Fellowship, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2017
Honors with Distinction Award for Honor Scholar Thesis, DePauw University 2017
Phi Beta Kappa Society, Indiana Alpha Chapter 2016

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

2024 *(including scheduled)* Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) Conference; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Conference; Census Bureau; Federal Trade Commission; ISO New England; National Academies of Science Engineering and Medicine Roundtable on Systemic Change in Undergraduate STEM Education; National Science Foundation Evaluation and Assessment Capability Seminar; Notre Dame/Midwest Econ of Education Conference; National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Economics of Education Fall Meeting; Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) Compliance Risk Analysis Division; OCC Retail Credit Risk Analysis Division; RAND Corporation; Southern Economic Association (SEA) Conference; U.S. Department of Education/Brookings Institute Economics of Education Seminar; U.S. Military Academy at West Point; University of Rochester; University of South Carolina; Virginia Commonwealth University

2023 Abt Associates; AEFP; APPAM; Census Bureau; Federal Statistical Research Data Center Annual Research Conference; Midwest Economics Association (MEA) Conference; Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting; State University of New York at Buffalo Graduate School of Education; University of Florida College of Education; University of North Carolina - Greensboro; University of Texas - San Antonio

2022 AEFP; American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference; APPAM; Interdisciplinary Training Program in Education Sciences Seminar

2020 AEFP; APPAM; E-con of Education Conference

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Research Assistant, Jeffrey Smith (UW-Madison) May 2019-Aug 2022
Effects of College Quality

Research Assistant, Corina Mommaerts and Anita Mukherjee (UW-Madison) Jan-May 2019
Frictions in Claiming and Saving: An Analysis of Unclaimed Retirement Accounts

SERVICE

Referee: *AERA Open, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economics of Education Review, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Policy, ILR Review, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*

Seminar Co-Director, University of South Carolina Fall 2024-

Co-founder & leadership team, Wisconsinites for Inclusion & Diversity in Economics (WIDE) 2019-2022

Cohort Representative, Wisconsin Economics Graduate Organization (WEGO) 2019-2021

Research Mentor, Lumiere Education 2021

MISCELLANEOUS

Citizenship: United States of America

Memberships: American Economic Association, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Association for Public Policy and Management

Security Clearance: U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status