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Positions

Assistant Professor, University of Akron, August 2024 – present
Supervisory Research Economist, Bureau of Labor Statistics, December 2019 – August 2024
Research Economist, Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 2016 – December 2019
Assistant Professor, California State University, East Bay, September 2013 – June 2016
Member, Conference on Research in Income and Wealth, February 2020 – present

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Minnesota, 2013
M.A. in Economics, University of Minnesota, 2009
B.A. in Economics, Indiana University, 2007
B.S. in Mathematics, Indiana University, 2007

Research Interests

Industrial Organization, Urban Economics, Price Measurement

Publications

- “Disentangling Rent Index Differences: Data, Methods, and Scope” (with Lara Loewenstein, Hugh Montag, and Randal Verbrugge) *American Economic Review: Insights*. Volume 6, Number 2: pages 230 – 245, June 2024.
- “Zone Pricing in Retail Oligopoly.” (with Kevin R. Williams) *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*. Volume 11, Number 1: pages 124 – 156, February 2019.
- “Early adopters of new supermarket goods.” (with Hyunchul Kim) *Applied Economics Letters*. Volume 26, Issue 14: pages 1196 – 1201, 2019.
- “Does Organisational Form Drive Competition? Evidence from Coffee Retailing.” (with Joshua Gans, Richard Hayes, and Ryan Lampe) *Economic Record*. Volume 94, Issue 305: pages 155 – 167, June 2018.
- “Cross-validation of quality-adjustment methods for price indexes” (with Alexander Klayman) *Monthly Labor Review*. June 2018.
- “The employment impact of motor vehicle assembly plant openings.” *Regional Science and Urban Economics*. Volume 58: pages 57 – 70, May 2016.
- “Circulation Statistics in the Evaluation of Collection Development.” (with Bob Noel) *Collection Building*. Volume 27, Number 2: pages 71 – 73, 2008.

Working Papers

- “Rent divergence within neighborhoods” (with Randal Verbrugge) BLS Economic Working Paper 533.

“Hedonic Price Indexes under Static Pricing: An Application to PPI Microprocessors” (with Steven D. Sawyer) BLS Economic Working Paper 582.

Works in Progress

“When is price discrimination worthwhile?” (with Hyunchul Kim)

“Thin rental markets” (with Austin Enderson-Ohrt and Griffin St Martin)

“Static pricing and hedonic price indexes” (with Steven Sawyer)

Courses Taught

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

Undergraduate: Principles of Microeconomics, Urban Economics: Theory & Policy, Applied Econometrics

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

Undergraduate (onground): Urban and Regional Economics, Managerial Economics, Industrial Organization and Public Policy

Undergraduate (online): Principles of Microeconomics, Managerial Economics

Masters (onground): Urban and Regional Economics, Applied Advanced Econometrics, Industrial Organization and Public Policy

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Undergraduate: Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Urban Economics, Industrial Organization and Antitrust Policy

Teaching Assistant: Principles of Macroeconomics, Graduate Microeconomic Analysis

Teaching Awards

2013 Distinguished Instructor Award, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota

2011 Distinguished Instructor Award, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota

2010 Distinguished Instructor Award, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota

Conference and Advisory Committee Presentations

Northeast Ohio Economics Workshop (Cleveland, Nov 2024)

FCSM Research and Policy Conference (College Park, Nov 2023)

Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee (Suitland, Jun 2023)

Committee on National Statistics Meeting on Consumer Inflation Statistics (Dec 2020)

AREUEA National Conference (Washington, May 2019)

Society of Government Economists Annual Conference (Washington, Apr 2018)

Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting (Evanston, Mar 2018)

RSAI North American Meetings (Minneapolis, Nov 2016)

Econometric Society World Congress (Montreal, Aug 2015)

Econometric Society North American Summer Meeting (Minneapolis, Jun 2014)

Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta, Nov 2013)

Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting (Ottawa, Nov 2012)

International Industrial Organization Conference (Arlington, Mar 2012)

Seminar Presentations

Bureau of Labor Statistics
California State University, East Bay
Kent State University
Towson University

University of Akron
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Referee Service

Business History, Computational Statistics, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Managerial and Decision Economics, Monthly Labor Review, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Southern Economic Journal

Department, College, and University Service

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON (2024-): Economics and Data Analytics Club faculty adviser (2024-)

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY (2013-2016): Economics Department Strategic Planning Committee member (2013-2016), chair (2014-2015); Economics Department Faculty Search Committee member (2014-2015); Economics Club faculty advisor (2015-2016)

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