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Employment

2020– Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Syracuse University
2019–2020 Instructor, Department of Economics, Syracuse University
2019– Senior Research Associate, Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Duke University, 2019
M.A. Economics, Duke University, 2015
B.A. Mathematics and Economics, *magna cum laude*, Pomona College, 2013

Research Fields

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Applied Microeconomics

Publications

“Model Minorities in the Classroom? Positive Evaluation Bias towards Asian Students and its Consequences,” with Ying Shi, *The Journal of Public Economics*, Forthcoming
“Beyond the “Old Boys’ Network”: Social Networks and Job Finding at Community Colleges,” *The Journal of Human Resources*, Forthcoming
“Equal Time for Equal Crime? Racial Bias in School Discipline,” with Ying Shi, *Economics of Education Review*, 88, Article 102256 (2022)
“Limited Contracts, Limited Quality? Effects of Adjunct Instructors on Teaching Outcomes in Higher Education,” *Economics of Education Review*, 85, Article 102177 (2021)
“Affirmative Action in Undergraduate Education,” with Peter Arcidiacono and Michael Lovenheim, *Annual Review of Economics*, 7:487-518 (2015)

Non Peer Reviewed Papers

“The Global COVID-19 Student Survey: First Wave Results,” with David A. Jaeger, Jaime Arellano-Bover, Krzysztof Karbownik, Marta Martínez-Matute, John Nunley, R. Alan Seals, and 37 others, *Covid Economics, Vetted and Real-Time Papers*, 79:152-217 (2021)

Working Papers

“Coworker Networks and the Role of Occupations in Job Finding,” with Attila Gyetvai

“New Evidence on the ‘Bamboo Ceiling’: Labor Market Outcomes of Asian Americans”

“Mitigating Racial Bias in Teachers’ Assessments of Students”

Presentations

- 2023 ASSA Annual Meeting, Hamilton College (*forthcoming*), SUNY Buffalo (*forthcoming*), Pomona College (*forthcoming*)
- 2022 Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference, NBER Working Group on Race and Stratification, Daniel Patrick Moynihan Syracuse-Cornell Summer Workshop in Education and Social Policy, Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop, Banff Empirical Microeconomics Conference, 9th Annual Northeastern Economics of Education Workshop, Agglomeration & Social Networks Research Lab, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting
- 2021 Miami University, Pennsylvania State University, Society of Labor Economists Conference, IZA Economics of Education Workshop, Georgia State University, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings
- 2020 New York University, Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference, Northeast Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists (*cancelled due to COVID-19*), Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Research Conference, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting
- 2019 Syracuse University, Vanderbilt University, University of Nebraska, U.S. Census Bureau, Institute for Defense Analysis, Johns Hopkins University, Triangle Applied Microeconomics Conference, Society of Labor Economists Conference (*poster session*), Daniel Patrick Moynihan Syracuse-Cornell Summer Workshop in Education and Social Policy, Cornell University, University of Rochester
- 2018 Society of Labor Economists Conference, Western Economic Association International Conference, Young Economists Symposium, Pomona College, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Wofford College
- 2017 Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference, Society of Labor Economists Conference (*poster session*), Western Economic Association International Conference, Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Duke Bass Connections Invited Lecture

Teaching Experience

Economics of Education (*undergraduate, Syracuse University*), Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023

Labor Economics (*graduate, Syracuse University*), Spring 2021, Spring 2022

Undergraduate Thesis Seminar I (*undergraduate, Syracuse University*), Fall 2022

Undergraduate Thesis Seminar II (*undergraduate, Syracuse University*), Spring 2023

Economic Principles (*undergraduate, Duke University*), Summer 2016

Awards and Honors

Appleby-Mosher Faculty Research Grant, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, 2019, 2021
Certificate in College Teaching, Duke University, 2019
Best Poster Award, Society of Labor Economists Conference, 2017
Education and Human Development Scholars Fellowship, Duke Social Science Research Institute, 2015–2017
National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship, 2013
James B. Duke Fellowship, Duke University, 2013–2017
University Scholars Program, Graduate Scholar, Duke University, 2013–2019
Phi Beta Kappa, Pomona College, 2013
Morris B. Pendleton Prize in Economics, Pomona College, 2013
Leland M. Backstrand Memorial Award in Economics, Pomona College, 2012
Arvid Pierre Zetterberg Award (for exemplary character, scholarship, and athleticism), Pomona College, 2011

Professional Service

Referee for: *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *American Educational Research Journal*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Social Science Research*, *Economics Letters*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Education Finance and Policy*, *Education Economics*

Languages

English (native), Mandarin Chinese (fluent speaking)

Personal

Place of Birth/Citizenship: USA

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