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Employment

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

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Duke University, *expected 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

“Affirmative Action in Undergraduate Education,” with Peter Arcidiacono and Michael Lovenheim,
Annual Review of Economics, (7):487-518 (2015)

Working Papers

"Job Networks through College Classmates: Effects of Referrals for Men and Women," (Job Market Paper)
“Limited Contracts, Limited Quality? Effects of Adjunct Instructors on Teaching Outcomes in Higher Education”

Works in Progress

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

Presentations

- 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
- 2018 Society of Labor Economists Conference, Western Economic Association International Conference, Young Economists Symposium, Pomona College, Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Wofford College
- 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, scheduled*), Syracuse-Cornell Summer Workshop in Education and Social Policy (*scheduled*)

Teaching Experience

- Certificate in College Teaching, Duke University, *expected 2019*
- Instructor, Economic Principles (undergraduate), Duke University, Summer 2016
- Teaching Assistant, Economic Statistics (undergraduate), Pomona College, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011
- Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Computer Science (undergraduate), Pomona College, Spring 2010

Awards and Honors

- 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: *Review of Economics of the Household*
- Graduate Mentor, University Scholars Program, Duke University, 2013–present
- President, Economics Graduate Student Council, Duke University, 2014–2015

Languages

English (native), Mandarin Chinese (fluent speaking), French (basic)

Personal

Place of Birth/Citizenship: USA

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