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Employment

2019– 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

“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,”
“Limited Contracts, Limited Quality? Effects of Adjunct Instructors on Teaching Outcomes in Higher Education”
“Coworker Networks and the Role of Occupations in Job Finding,” with Attila Gyetvai

Works in Progress

“The Prevalence and Consequences of Positive Stereotyping: The Case of Asian-Americans,” with Ying Shi

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*), Syracuse-Cornell Summer Workshop in Education and Social Policy, Cornell University, University of Rochester
- 2020 New York University, Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference, Northeast Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists (*cancelled due to COVID-19*)

Teaching Experience

- Economics of Education (*Syracuse University*), Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020
 Economic Principles (*Duke University*), Summer 2016

Awards and Honors

- Appleby-Mosher Faculty Research Grant, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, 2019
 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: *Journal of Human Resources*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *American Educational Research Journal*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Southern Economic Journal*

Languages

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

Personal

Place of Birth/Citizenship: USA

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