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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

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

## Works in Progress

### 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*), Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Research Conference, Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings
- 2021 Miami University (*scheduled*)

### 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*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Social Science Research*

## Languages

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

## Personal

Place of Birth/Citizenship: USA

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