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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of South Carolina	<i>August 2019-Present</i>
Faculty Affiliate, Wilson-Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities	<i>October 2021-Present</i>
AEA Summer Fellow, W.E. Upjohn Institute	<i>Summer 2022</i>

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics	<i>2019</i>
Princeton University	
Committee: Alan Krueger (chair), Leah Boustan, Will Dobbie, Alex Mas, Ilyana Kuziemko	
M.A. in Economics	<i>2015</i>
Princeton University	
B.S. in Mathematics and Economics, magna cum laude	<i>2011</i>
University of Notre Dame	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Economics of Child Care

PUBLISHED OR ACCEPTED PAPERS

“The Impact of a Long-Term Care Information Campaign on Insurance Purchase”
Journal of Health Economics, Vol. 92:102822, 2023.

“Child Care over the Business Cycle” with Chris M. Herbst
Journal of Labor Economics, Vol. 40(S1): S429-S468, 2022.

“Mandated Benefits, Imperfect Information, and Moral Hazard: A Model and Application to Temporary Disability Insurance”
Southern Economic Journal, Vol. 88(3): 1037-1064, 2022.

“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, Vol. 79(1): 152-217, 2021.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Labor Market Effects of Pregnancy Accommodation Laws” with Emily Battaglia

“Minimum Wage, Worker Quality, and Consumer Well-Being: Evidence from the Child Care Market” with Chris M. Herbst

“Secure Communities as Immigration Enforcement: How Secure is the Child Care Market?”
with Umair Ali and Chris M. Herbst
R&R, Journal of Public Economics

“An Equilibrium Model of the Impact of Increased Public Investment in Early Childhood Education” with Chloe Gibbs, Chris M. Herbst, Aaron Sojourner, Erdal Tekin, and Matthew J. Wiswall

“Does Public Pre-K Have Unintended Consequences on the Child Care Market for Infants and Toddlers?”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Public Finance II (Ph.D.), University of South Carolina	<i>Spring 2024</i>
Introductory Econometrics (Undergraduate), University of South Carolina	<i>Fall 2019- Fall 2022</i>

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Darla Moore School of Business Internal Grant (\$4,270)	<i>2023-2024</i>
Darla Moore School of Business Internal Grant (\$2,000)	<i>2020-2021</i>
Darla Moore School of Business Internal Grant (\$5,000)	<i>2019-2020</i>
Richard A. Lester Fellowship for Industrial Relations, Princeton University	<i>2017-2018</i>
Louis A. Simpson *60 Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University	<i>2013-2014</i>
Phi Beta Kappa, University of Notre Dame	<i>2011</i>
Omicron Delta Epsilon, University of Notre Dame	<i>2011</i>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

Senior Actuarial Assistant, Unum, Chattanooga, Tennessee	<i>2011-2013</i>
Attained Associate of the Society of Actuaries designation	

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2024: American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists (scheduled)

2023: University of Notre Dame Alumni Conference, Princeton University Industrial Relations Centennial, University of Virginia (Education), Southern Economic Association

2022: Association for Public Policy & Management, Clemson University, Census LED Webinar, Carolina Regional Empirical Economics Day, Southern Economic Association

2021: Association for Education Finance and Policy, Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop

2020: Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Tufts University

2019: University of South Carolina, Joint Committee on Taxation, George Washington University, Upjohn Institute, Federal Trade Commission, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Association for Public Policy & Management, Southeastern Health Economics Study Group

2018: University of Notre Dame, Princeton University, Economics Graduate Students' Conference at Washington University in St. Louis, Haverford College

REFEREEING

AERA Open, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation (grant reviewer), American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Journal of Public Health, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Child & Youth Care Forum, The Economic Journal, Economica, Evaluation and Program Planning, International Journal of Child Care and Education Policy, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Urban Economics, LABOUR: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations, Oxford Economic Papers, PLOS ONE, Review of Economics of the Household, Social Service Review