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## APPOINTMENT

2021- present Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Chicago  
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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Michigan, 2021  
M.A. Economics, University of Michigan, 2017  
B.A. Economics and Mathematics, Cornell University, 2013

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Finance, Labor Economics, Economics of Education

## PUBLICATIONS AND ACCEPTED PAPERS

“Why is Math Cheaper than English? Understanding Cost Differences in Higher Education” with Steven Hemelt, Kevin Stange, Fernando Furquim, and John E. Sawyer. *Journal of Labor Economics* 39, no. 2 (2021): 397-435.

“Optimal Minimum Wage Setting in a Federal System” with Matthew Wilson. *Journal of Urban Economics*. 123 (2021): 103336.

“Grads on the Go: Defining College Labor Markets” with Johnathan Conzelmann, Steven Hemelt, Brad Hershbein, Shawn Martin, and Kevin Stange. Accepted, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.

“College Choice, Private Options, and the Incidence of Public Investment in Higher Education” with John Bound. Conditional accept, *Journal of Human Resources*.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Costly Centralization: Evidence from Community College Expansions.” Revisions requested, *Journal of Urban Economics*.

“Racial Inequality in Property Tax Appeals: Evidence from Field Experiments with Homeowners and Assessors” with Justin Holz, and David Novgorodsky.

“Minimum Wages and Racial Differences in Hiring: Theory and Evidence from a Field Experiment” with Alec Brandon, Justin Holz, and Haruka Uchida. Submitted.

“Skills, Majors, and Jobs: Does Higher Education Respond?” with Johnathan Conzelmann, Steven Hemelt, Brad Hershbein, Shawn Martin, and Kevin Stange.

“Public Good Perceptions and Polarization: Evidence from Higher Education Appropriations” with Reuben Hurst, and Michael Ricks.

“Toward an Understanding of Tax Amnesties: Theory and Evidence from a Natural Field Experiment” with Justin Holz, Patricia Gil, John List, and Alejandro Zentner. Submitted.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Mobility and the Distributional Implications of State Divestment in Higher Education” with John Bound, Soyoung Han, and Shwetha Raghuraman.

“State Investment and Higher Education Productivity” with Kevin Stange and Travis Triggs.

“Five Facts about the Excellence Gap” with Udit Karna, Min Sok Lee, John List, and Haruka Uchida.

“The Economics of Grant Giving” with Luigi Butera, Anne-Sophie Lassen, and John List.

## OTHER WRITING

“Why the US minimum wage system is well-designed to handle the country’s economic diversity” with Matthew Wilson. *USApp – American Politics and Policy Blog* (25 Jun 2021).

“Major Differences: Why some degrees cost colleges more than others” with Steven Hemelt, Kevin Stange, Fernando Furquim, and John E. Sawyer. *Education Next*, 22(2), 8-16.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*University of Michigan:*

Graduate Student Instructor, Econ 398: Strategy

*Winter 2019*

Graduate Student Instructor, Econ 251: Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics II

*Fall 2018*

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

Sloan Foundation (\$213,506)

*2023-25*

John Mitchell Lab, ANU (\$95,000)

*2022-23*

W.E. Upjohn Institute Early Career Research Award (\$5,000)

*2022*

Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant (\$35,000)

*2022-23*

*University of Michigan:*

Training Program in Causal Inference in Education Policy Research

*2016-2021*

Department of Economics, Graduate Research Award

*Fall 2020*

Rackham Graduate Student Candidate Research Grant

*Winter 2020*

Rackham Travel Grant

*Fall 2019*

Rackham Graduate Student Precandidate Research Grant

*Summer 2017*

Department of Economics Summer Research Fellowship

*Summer 2016*

William Haber Predoctoral Fellowship

*2015-2016*

## PRESENTATIONS

2023: Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference; Nebraska Labor Summit; National Bureau of Economics Research—Economics of Education Spring Meeting; Society of Labor Economics Annual Conference; Michigan Tax Invitational; International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress; Advances in Field Experiments Conference; Australia National University; University of Sydney; The Melbourne Institute; National Tax Association Annual Conference.

2022: JILAEE Conference; University of Chicago (Chicago Experiments; Political Economy Lunch); Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop (University of Wisconsin); Advances in Field Experiments Conference; National Tax Association Annual Conference

2021: Arizona State University; University of Chicago; University of Texas- Dallas; Treasury (Office

of Tax Analysis); Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting

2020: University of Wisconsin; Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting; National Tax Association Annual Conference

2019: Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting; National Tax Association Annual Conference

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

*Referee:* Economic Journal; Education Finance and Policy; Economics of Education Review; Industrial Relations; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Urban Economics; Quarterly Journal of Economics

*Discussant:* Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting, 2019, 2021; National Tax Association Annual Conference, 2019, 2022, (scheduled) 2023; International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress 2023.

*Other:* AEA CSQIEP mentor

Citizenship: United States of America

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