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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University (2017)
M.A., Economics, Cornell University (2015)
B.A., Economics, Brigham Young University (2011)

FIELDS

Public Finance, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics

ACADEMIC POSITION

2020-present: Assistant Professor, Division of Quantitative Analysis of Markets and Organizations,
University of Utah

2017-2020: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Pittsburgh

AFFILIATIONS

2018-present: IZA Network Research Affiliate
2018-present: CESifo Research Network Affiliate
2019-present: Invited Contributor: The Annenberg Institute - Brown University
2016-present: Research Fellow; SFI - The National Research Centre for Welfare (Denmark)
2015-present: Special Sworn Status; U.S. Census Bureau

PUBLICATIONS

- “New Evidence on the WIC Cycle: What Happens When Benefits Expire,” with Marianne Bitler, Seojung Oh, and Paige Rowberry. *National Tax Journal*, 77(1), March 2024. [Link to paper](#).
- “Incomplete program take-up during a crisis: Evidence from the COVID-19 shock in one U.S. state,” with Marianne Bitler, Danae Horn, and Nathan Seegert. *International Tax and Public Finance*, 2022. [Link to paper](#).
- “Rent-Seeking through Collective Bargaining: Teachers Unions and Education Production” with Stéphane Lavertu and Corbin Miller. *Economics of Education Review* 85, December 2021. [Link to paper](#).
- “Working for Your Bread: The Labor Supply Effects of SNAP.” with Marianne Bitler and Jonathan Rothbaum. *American Economic Review, Papers & Proceedings*, 111, 2021: 1-6. [Link to paper](#).
- “Is There Still Son Preference in the United States?” with Francine D. Blau, Lawrence M. Kahn, Peter Brummund, and Miriam Larson-Koester. *Journal of Population Economics*, 33, 2020: 709-750. [Link to paper](#).
- “Government Privatization and Democracy: The Case of Ohio Charter Schools” with Vladimir Kogan, Stéphane Lavertu, and Zachary Peskowitz. *Journal of Politics*, 82(1) January 2020: 300-314. [Link to paper](#).
- “The Effect of Charter Competition on Unionized District Revenues and Resource Allocation.” *Journal of Public Economics*, 158, February 2018: 48-62. [Link to paper](#).
- “Task-Specific Experience and Task-Specific Talent: Decomposing the Productivity of High School Teachers” with Richard Mansfield. *Journal of Public Economics*, 140, August 2016: 51-72. [Link to paper](#).
- “Partially Adaptive Estimation of Interval Censored Regression Models” with James McDonald. *Computational Economics*, 42(1), 2013: 119-131. [Link to paper](#).

WORKING PAPERS

“The Effect of Means-Tested Transfers on Work: Evidence from Quasi-Randomly Assigned SNAP Caseworkers” ([Link to Paper](#)) with Chloe East. *NBER WP #31307*.

“Segregation, Student Achievement, and Postsecondary Attainment: Evidence from the Introduction of Race-Blind Magnet School Lotteries.” **Under Review**.

-IZA Discussion Paper (No. 11909); CESifo Working Paper (No. 7335).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“How Place and Need Intersect: How Lack of Retail and Enrollment Offices Deters Nutrition Assistance Take-Up” with Marianne Bitler and Sonya Porter.

“Nutrition Assistance and Labor Supply” with Marianne Bitler and Jonathan Rothbaum.

POLICY BRIEFS

“mRelief Simplifies SNAP Applications” with Paige Nelson. [Link to Policy Brief](#).

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

2022: Russel Sage Foundation – (\$50,000)

2021: Economics Research Grant Funding – Marriner S. Eccles Institute for Economics and Quantitative Analysis (\$7,000)

2020: Summer Term Research Award—University of Pittsburgh internal grant (\$6,000)

2019: Tufts/UConn RIDGE Grant (\$42,000)

2019: Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)—Extramural Small Grants program (\$24,000)

2018: Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Award (\$3,000)

2018: Spencer Foundation Small Research Grants (\$27,000)

2018: ERS Collaborative Agreement (\$32,000)

2017: Early Career Research Award, W.E. Upjohn Institute (\$5,000)

2016: ILR School, Ph.D. Research Grant (\$1,000)

2015: National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship (\$27,500)

2015: L.R. “Red” Wilson Excellence in Economics Medal (\$5,000)

2014, 2015: Cornell Small Grants in Labor Economics (\$10,000)

2014: Research Travel Grant; SFI-Copenhagen, Denmark (\$2,000)

2014: Spencer Foundation Small Research Grant (\$5,000)

2011, 2013: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention

2011 - 2014, 2016: Sage Fellow, Cornell University

2010: BYU Office of Research and Creative Activities Grant (\$1,500)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Econometrics I – University of Utah Fall 2021, 2022, 2023

Business Econometrics II – University of Utah Fall 2021, 2022, 2023

Principles of Econometrics for Business and Analytics – University of Utah Fall 2020

Graduate Empirical Methods – University of Pittsburgh Fall 2018, 2019

Undergraduate Applied Econometrics I – University of Pittsburgh Spring 2018, 2019, 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant for the New York State Education Department 2012 - 2013

REFEREE SERVICE

American Economic Review, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, ILR Review, IZA Journal of Labor Economics, Labour Economics, Contemporary Economic

Policy, Educational Researcher, Journal of Human Capital, Labor Studies Journal, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics, The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition

GRANT REFEREE SERVICE

Tufts / UConn RIDGE Program

PRESENTATIONS

(2023—including scheduled) National Tax Association; Norwegian School of Economics (NHH); WHY—Causal Inference Conference; Utah Applied Economics Conference **(2022)** University of California—Davis; University of Colorado—Denver; Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Summer Workshop **(2021)** ASSA—AEA Papers and Proceedings Session; Harvard Kennedy School; National Tax Association; Utah/BYU Applied Economics Conference **(2020)** The Pennsylvania State University; University of Utah (Business Economics Group); RIDGE Tufts/UConn Workshop **(2019)** ASSA—AEA; University of Oregon; University of Colorado - Boulder; APPAM **(2018)** CESifo Distinguished Affiliate Award Competition; Ohio State University; **(2017)** NBER Fall Education Program; UC Davis; UC Merced; Naval Postgraduate School; CEPA Stanford; US Military Academy; University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign; University of Pittsburgh; **(2016)** Cornell University; Association for Education Finance and Policy; **(2015)** National Academy of Education Annual Meeting; Syracuse University; **(2014)** The Danish National Centre for Social Research (SFI); ASSA—LERA; **(2012)** Cornell Economics of Education Seminar; **(2011)** Joint Statistical Meetings, ASA