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EMPLOYMENT:

Researcher

- Mathematica Policy Research, Washington, DC 2020-Present
- Serves as the project director for a study evaluating the impact of a randomized experiment that awarded experimental Pell Grants for short-term occupational training programs on earnings and employment. Primary responsibilities include the development of an analysis plan and disseminating key findings from the analysis.
 - Serves as deputy project director for a large evaluation study of a federally funded education initiative. Primary responsibilities include co-leading a quasi-experimental school analysis and supporting the project director with management tasks related to the budget, staffing, and project progress.
 - Serves as a task lead on several other projects. Responsibilities include designing, conducting, and reporting on evaluation studies of programs, policies, initiatives, and other interventions, primarily in education and labor. Evaluation projects include descriptive, quasi-experimental, and randomized controlled trial studies.
 - Experience with the data collection process to obtain administrative education data from various states.
 - Supports data and analytic tasks across projects, including data cleaning and imputation and recommendations on causal and statistical methods.
 - Experience using the National Directory of New Hires database for projects measuring earnings and employment outcomes of workers.
 - Provided program design and implementation support and research expertise on rapid-cycle evaluation to a mix of organizations piloting in-person and virtual math tutoring programs.
 - Experience leading client-facing and external engagements, including facilitating 15 1-hour interviews on a project that required me to create interview protocols and presenting key findings to clients, research scholars, and practitioners.
 - Serves as a What Works Clearinghouse certified reviewer. In this role, I review, assess, and rate the rigor of studies on interventions across multiple topic areas. A U.S. Department of Education security clearance was granted to conduct this work.
 - Provided analysis and measurement support in the development and conducting of surveys administered to state, district, and school officials.

Associate

- Analysis Group, Boston, MA 2019 - 2020
- Conducted economic analysis, primarily in antitrust & competition, commercial disputes, and damages.

Program Coordinator II

- South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, Columbia, SC 2013 - 2014
- Employed statistical analysis to estimate the revenue derived from local sales tax impositions.

- Examined identification strategies to estimate the price-elasticity of demand for gasoline in the state of South Carolina.
- Utilized time-series analysis to forecast state revenue flows.

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Economics, University of South Carolina, May 2019

M.A. in Economics, University of South Carolina, 2013

B.A. in Political Science, University of South Carolina, 2012

RESEARCH:

PUBLISHED & ACCEPTED PAPERS:

“Pride and Prejudice: Same-Sex Marriage Legalization Announcements and Hate Crimes” with Zehra Valencia and Robert Pettis, *Journal of Law and Economics* 65.4 (2022): 811-835.

“Impacts of Uncommon Schools in a Turnaround Setting” with Alyson Burnett and Moira McCullough, *Mathematica* (2021).

“The Effects of Parenting Programs for Incarcerated and Reentering Fathers” with Julia Alamillo & Sarah Avellar, *Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Report* (2021).

“Free Lunch for All! The Effect of the Community Eligibility Provision on Academic Outcomes” with John Gordanier, Orgul Ozturk, & Crystal Zhan, *Economics of Education Review* 77 (2020): 101999.

“The Spillover Benefits of Expanding Access to Preschool”, *Economics of Education Review* 70 (2019): 127-143.

WORKING PAPERS:

“Who Does Aid Help? Examining Heterogeneity in the Effect of Grant Aid on Achievement”

“The Effects of Partisan Elections on Political and Policy Outcomes: Evidence from North Carolina School Boards” with Andrew Hill & Daniel Jones

COURSES TAUGHT AS INSTRUCTOR (including average student evaluation scores):

Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis I (American University) - Fall 2021; Spring 2022

Introduction to Economics (University of South Carolina) - Fall 2016; Fall 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2018; Spring 2019

Principles of Macroeconomics (University of South Carolina) - Spring 2017

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:

University of Georgia	2021
Yale University	2020
Duke University	2019
Education Policy Initiative - University of Michigan	2019
U.S. Census	2019
San Francisco State University	2019
Amherst College	2019

Mathematica - DC	2019
Xavier University	2019
Pandora Media Inc.	2019
Analysis Group - Boston	2019
CNA	2019
Washington and Lee University	2019
AEA Sessions at the ASSA Annual Meeting	2019
APPAM Fall Research Conference	2018
University of Pittsburgh, Center for Urban Education	2018
West Virginia University, Department of Economics	2018
AEA Summer Mentoring Pipeline Conference	2018
South Carolina Applied Micro Day	2018
Society of Labor Economists	2019, 2018
APPAM DC Regional Student Conference	2018
Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference	2018
The Ph.D. Project Finance and Economics Doctoral Students Association Conference	2017
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston	2017
AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education	2017

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND OTHER AWARDS:

Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award (Business School Award), 2018
Best Third-Year Economics Ph.D. Student Paper (Department Scholarship), 2017
AEA Summer Fellowship with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, 2017
Promising Researcher Award (Business School Award) - nominee, 2017

SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

AEA Mentoring Program - Mentor
The Ph.D. Project - Planning Committee Member, Finance and Economics Doctoral Students Association (DSA), 2019 Conference
The Ph.D. Project - President, Finance and Economics DSA, 2020 Conference

SKILLS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Computer Programs: L^AT_EX, Stata, SAS, R