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Employment

2023- **Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Nebraska**
2022-2023 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research

Education

2022 PhD in Economics, University of Michigan
 MA in Economics, University of Michigan
2017 BS in Economics, *Magna cum laude*, Brigham Young University

Fields

Research Public Economics, Education Economics, Applied Econometrics

Research

Working Papers:

- “Time-Limited Subsidies: Optimal Taxation with Implications for Renewable Energy Subsidies”
(with Owen Kay) *Revised and Resubmitted at the Journal of Political Economy*
- “Why Choose Career Technical Education? Disentangling Student Preferences from Program Availability” (with Brian Jacob) *NBER Working Paper #31756*;
Reject and Resubmit at the Journal of Human Resources
- “Public Good Perceptions and Polarization: Evidence from Higher Education Appropriations”
(with Reuben Hurst and Andrew Simon) *Submitted*
- “Strategic Selection Around Policy Recommendations: The Case of Kindergarten Entry”
- “Broader Horizons: The Long-Run Impacts of Exposure to New Places”
(with Tanner Eastmond)
- “Capital Utilization in Production Function Estimation” (with Michael Gmeiner)

Work in Progress:

- “Effect Heterogeneity and Optimal Policy: Getting Welfare Added from Teacher Value Added”
(with Tanner Eastmond, Nathan Mather, and Julian Betts)
- “Who Bears the Incidence of Loopholes? Evidence from Funding Career & Technical Education in Michigan” (with Thomas Goldring, Daniel Kreisman, and Brian Jacob)
- “Dynamic Inefficiencies from Pigouvian Subsidies? Technological Progress, Investment, and the Race for Renewable Resources”

Teaching

2023–	Principles of Microeconomics Department of Economics, University of Nebraska - Lincoln
2019–2022	Applied Econometrics Seminar Department of Accounting, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan
2021	Economic Principles and Problems Department of Economics, Brigham Young University

Fellowships, Awards, and Grants

2024	College of Business Research Funds Award (\$4000)
2022	Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowships
2021	Department of Economics, Graduate Research Grant (\$3000) John E. Parker Memorial Prize in Labor Economics
2020	Department of Economics, Graduate Research Grant (\$4380) Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, Candidate (\$3000) Outstanding Third Year Paper Award University of Michigan Library Data Grant (\$500)
2019	Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, Pre-Candidate (\$1500) Department of Economics Summer Research Award (\$2500)
2018	Department of Economics Summer Research Award (\$2500)
2017	Gail Roggin Wilensky Fellowship (2017-18) BYU ORCA (Office of Research and Creative Activities) Grant (\$1500)

Service

2019–2020	Climate & Inclusion Committee, Causal Inference in Education Research, Michigan
2018–2019	PhD Admissions Committee, Department of Economics, Michigan

Refereeing: *Journal of the European Economic Association, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Labor Economics, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, Education Evaluation and Policy Analysis*

External Presentations

2024	ASSA Annual Meeting
2023	Harvard Kennedy School, Opportunity Insights, AERE Annual Summer Conference, NBER Summer Institute, Kansas State University National Tax Association
2022	Brigham Young University, Yale School of the Environment
2021	ASSA Annual Meeting, Midwest Energy Fest, AERE Annual Summer Conference, Michigan Tax Invitational
2020	MUSE Sustainability Conference, BYU Economics Summer Conference, APPAM Conference, National Tax Association

Personal Information

Languages	English (native), Spanish (professional)
Citizenship	United States