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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Brigham Young University, 2024-Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Brigham Young University, 2018-2024

**AFFILIATIONS**

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Research Fellow, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), 2025-Present

Research Affiliate, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), 2021-2025

Research Affiliate, CESifo Network, 2023-Present

Affiliated Researcher, Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economics Opportunity (LEO), 2024-Present

**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, May 2018

M.A. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 2016

B.A. Economics, Russian, and Math, *magna cum laude*, Brigham Young University, 2013

**PUBLICATIONS (student co-authors are underlined)**

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“The Self-Employment Effects of the EITC in the Gig Economy,” *Forthcoming at National Tax Journal*, 2025.

“The Isolated States of America: Home State Bias and the Impact of State Borders on Mobility,” *Forthcoming at Journal of Labor Economics*, 2024.

Previously titled, “Isolated States of America: The Impact of State Borders on Mobility and Regional Labor Market Adjustments” 2021, Upjohn Institute Working Paper 21-358.

Media Coverage: *Marginal Revolution*

“Representative Compensation and Disability Claimant Outcomes,” (with Cody Tuttle), *Journal of Public Economics*, volume 235. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2024.105132>, 2024.

Previously titled, “The Impact of Claimant Representation Fee Schedules on the Disability Application Process and Recipient Outcomes,” 2021, Center for Retirement Research Working Paper 2021-12

“Access to Head Start and Maternal Labor Supply: Experimental and Quasi-experimental Evidence,” (with Jocelyn Wikle), *Journal of Labor Economics*, volume 41(4): 1081-1127, 2023.

“The Impact of Social Networks on EITC Claiming Behavior,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 104(5):929-945 [https://doi.org/10.1162/rest\\_a\\_00995](https://doi.org/10.1162/rest_a_00995), 2022.

“The Impact of Workforce Changes on Caseloads and Judge Decisions: Evidence from SSA Judicial Corps Retirements,” (with Clayson Shumway), *Journal of Public Economics*, Volume 205, 2022.

“Moving to Economic Opportunity: The Migration Response to the Fracking Boom,” *Journal of Human Resources*, 57(3): 918-955, 2022.

“Moving to Jobs: The Role of Information in Migration Decisions,” *Journal of Labor Economics*, 39(4): 1083-1128, 2021.

Media Coverage: *Marginal Revolution*

“Disability Insurance in the Great Recession: Ease of Access, Program Enrollment, and Local Hysteresis,” (with Melissa Kearney and Brendan Price), *AEA Papers and Proceedings* Volume 111: 486-490, 2021.

“Sheltering in Place and Domestic Violence: Evidence from Calls for Service during COVID-19,” (with Emily Leslie), *Journal of Public Economics*, Volume 189, 2020.

Media Coverage: *Council on Criminal Justice, the Economist, LSE USCentre, Voice of America, Salt Lake Tribune*

“The EITC and Employment Transitions: Labor Force Attachment and Annual Exit,” *National Tax Journal*, 73(1): 11-46, 2020.

“Male Earnings, Marriageable Men, and Non-Marital Fertility: Evidence from the Fracking Boom,” (with Melissa Kearney), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 100(4): 678-690, 2018.

Media Coverage: *The New York Times, The Economist, Washington Post, Freakonomics, Bloomberg, the Atlantic, Salon*

#### **UNDER REVIEW AND WORKING PAPERS (student co-authors are underlined)**

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“A Matter of Time? The Impact of Full-day Kindergarten Expansions”, (with Chloe Gibbs and Jocelyn Wikle) *Revise and Resubmit at American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*

“The Winners and Losers of Immigration: Evidence from Linked Historical Data,” 2020, *NBER Working Paper Series*, Paper No. 27156, (with Joe Price and Christian vom Lehn) *Submitted*

“DACA, Mobility Investments, and Economic Outcomes of Immigrants and Natives,” 2023 (with Mena Villanueva Kiser), *Submitted*

CESifo working paper WP no. 11106.

IZA Discussion Paper No. 16968.

“Effects of Access to Early Childhood Education on Determinants of Mothers’ Human Capital Investments”, (with Jocelyn Wikle)

#### **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

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“Like A Good Neighbor: The Role of Neighbors in Career Choice”, (with Mike Andrews, Ryan Hill, and Joe Price)

“The Alternative Safety Net: Gig Employment and Social Program Participation”, (with Ngoc Dao)

## **PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS**

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“Maternal Employment and Time Investments in Children,” (with Frank Heiland and Joe Price), 2017,  
*Review of Economics of the Household*, 15, 53-67.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Applied Econometrics, Brigham Young University, 2024-  
Public Economics, Brigham Young University, 2022-  
Intermediate Macro Economics, Brigham Young University, 2018-  
Instructor, Public Economics (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Fall 2017  
Instructor, Economics PhD Math Camp (graduate), University of Maryland, Summer 2015 and 2016  
Teaching Assistant, Economics of Education (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Spring 2018  
Teaching Assistant, Advanced Econometrics (undergraduate), Brigham Young University, 2013  
Teaching Assistant, Introductory Econometrics (undergraduate), Brigham Young University, 2012

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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Family Public Scholarship Grant, BYU 2025  
University of Wisconsin-Madison Retirement and Disability Research Center Grant, (with Ngoc Dao) 2024  
Martin B Hickman Excellence in Teaching Award, Brigham Young University, 2024  
University Accessibility Center Faculty Award, 2024  
Steven H. Sandell Grant, Boston College Center for Retirement Research and SSA, 2023  
National Tax Journal Referee of the Year, 2023  
UpJohn Institute Early Career Award, 2022  
Mary Lou Fulton Early Career Pre-CFS Faculty Award, Brigham Young University, 2022  
BYU Women’s Research Initiative Grant, (with Jocelyn Wikle) 2022  
Steven H. Sandell Grant, Boston College Center for Retirement Research and SSA, 2020  
UpJohn Institute Early Career Award, 2020  
BYU College Grant, 2020  
Economic Club of Washington Vernon E. Jordan Jr. Fellowship, 2016  
Maryland Population Research Center Seed Grant, (joint with Melissa Kearney) 2016  
The Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Award, University of Maryland, 2016  
Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland, 2014-2017  
Graduate Fellowship, University of Maryland, 2013  
Economics Valedictorian, Brigham Young University, 2013  
ORCA Research Grant, Brigham Young University, 2012

## **CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING PLANNED)**

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2025 University of Oklahoma, Nebraska Labor Summit, NBER Fertility Conference, NBER Summer Institute - Childrens  
2024: UC Merced, Clemson, SOLE, CESifo Labor Area Conference, NBER Summer Institute – Childrens (co-author presented), NBER Mobility Conference, Rutgers, APPAM

2023: CESifo Labor Area Conference, National Tax Association, SOLE, APPAM, NBER Immigration Conference (Discussant), NBER Fertility Conference (Discussant), Society of Economics of the Household

2022: Utah/BYU Applied Economics Conference, MEER Public-Labor Workshop, National Tax Association (conference canceled due to inclement weather)

2021: Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Western Economic Association International (presenter and session chair), PAA, SOLE, IZA Migration meetings, IZA Junior/Senior Symposium, Utah/BYU Applied Economics Conference, Utah Demography Summit, National Tax Association

2020: ASSA Meetings (presenter and session chair), IESR-GLO Conference, Southern Economic Association, IZA Migration meetings (postponed due to COVID-19) CESifo Summer Institute (postponed due to COVID-19)

2019: ASSA Meetings (poster), PAA (co-author presented), SOLE (presenter and session chair), Western Economic Association International, NBER Summer Institute – Childrens, APPAM (presenter, discussant)

2018: NC State, University of Arizona, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, New York Federal Reserve Bank, Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, Upjohn Institute, University of Utah, PAA, Rochester, Chicago Fed Labor Dynamism Conference, National Tax Association, Utah Demography Summit

2017: Brigham Young University, Southern Economics Association, APPAM Student Regional Conference

2016: Georgetown Center for Economic Research Conference (presenter and session chair), Southern Economic Association (presenter and discussant), APPAM (poster session), APPAM Student Regional Conference

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Referee for *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *American Economics Journal: Applied Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Political Economy: Micro*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Review of Finance*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Economic Literature*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *National Tax Journal*, *American Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Demography*, *ILR Review*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, *Energy Economics*, *Research in Labor Economics*, *International Tax and Public Finance*, *Resource and Energy Economics*, *Social Forces*, *Health Affairs*

*Ad Hoc NSF Grant Proposal Reviewer and RSF Grant Proposal Reviewer*

## **LANGUAGES**

English (native), Russian (advanced)