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Education

2022 (expected) **PhD Candidate in Economics, University of Michigan**
MA in Economics, University of Michigan

2017 BS in Economics, *Magna cum laude*, Brigham Young University

Fields

Primary Research Public Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics

Other Interests Education Policy, Energy

Field Exams Public Finance, Industrial Organization

Research

Dissertation: Support for and Effects of Public Services in Education

Chapter 1: “Worth the Wait? Strategic Kindergarten Entry Improves Achievement but Increases Inequity” (Job Market Paper)

Chapter 2: “The Demand for and Effects of Career Technical Education” (with Brian Jacob)

Chapter 3: “Public Good Misperceptions and Support: Evidence from Higher Education Appropriations” (with Reuben Hurst and Andrew Simon)

Working Papers:

“Optimal Energy Subsidies with Multiple Policy Instruments: The Case for Subsidies with Deadlines” (with Owen Kay)

“Capital Utilization in Production Function Estimation ” (with Michael Gmeiner)

Work in Progress:

“Dynamic Inefficiencies of Production Subsidies: Technological Progress, Investment, and the Race for Wind Resource”

“Can Familiarity Breed Advocacy? Evidence from Volunteer Missionary Service for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints” (with Tanner Eastmond)

“From Value Added to Welfare Added: A Social Planner Approach to Education Policy and Statistics.” (with Tanner Eastmond, Nathan Mather, and Julian Betts)

Research Experience

2018– Graduate Student Research Assistant for Brian Jacob, University of Michigan

2016–2018 Research Assistant for Martha Bailey, University of Michigan

2017 Research Assistant for Joe Price, Brigham Young University

Teaching Experience

2019–	Applied Econometrics Seminar (Visiting Instructor), Department of Accounting, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan
2021	Economic Principles and Problems (Adjunct Professor), Department of Economics, Brigham Young University
2016–2017	Applied Econometrics (Teaching Assistant), Department of Economics, Brigham Young University

Fellowships and Grants

2020	Department of Economics, Graduate Research Grant (\$4380) Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, Candidate (\$3000) Outstanding Third Year Paper Award (\$1000) 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
2018-2019	PhD Admissions Committee, Department of Economics

Refereeing: *Journal of the European Economic Association*

External Presentations

2021	AEA Annual Meeting, Midwest Energy Fest, AERE Annual Summer Conference Michigan Tax Invitational, BYU R-Squared Economics Seminar
2020	MUSE Sustainability Conference, BYU Economics Summer Seminar, APPAM Conference, National Tax Association

Personal Skills and Information

Software	Stata (expert), Matlab (advanced), R (basic), Python (basic)
Languages	English (native), Spanish (professional)
Citizenship	United States

Dissertation Committee

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