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Positions

Current

Assistant Professor of Economics 2020–present
Oxford College of Emory University Oxford, GA

Past

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics 2017–2020
Oxford College of Emory University Oxford, GA

Economics Instructor 2012–2017
Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO

Economics Instructor 2013–2016
Front Range Community College Fort Collins, CO

Graduate Teaching Assistant 2010–2013
Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO

Education

Ph.D., Economics August 2017
Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO
Fields: Regional Economics, Environmental Economics

M.A., Economics May 2012
Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO

B.S. Honors, Economics, Magna Cum Laude May 2010
Gonzaga University Spokane, WA

Research

Interests

Distribution of Income, Regional Policy Analysis, Labor Market Structure, Demographic Economics, Computable General Equilibrium Models

Published Articles

Heritage Language Labor Market Returns: The Importance of Speaker Density at the State-Level, with Dr. Daniel Walter
Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy August 2020

Working Papers

Are We Underpaid? Estimating Average Compensation Relative to Productivity in the United States

Regional Policies' Effect on the Difference between Compensation and Productivity

Does the Firm Superstar Model Explain Labor Share Dynamics? Evidence from Counties in Georgia, with Shaheen Pirani

In Progress

Melted Salad Bowl: The Decline of Industrial Variety in Regional Labor Markets

The Impact of Marijuana on Collegiate Admissions and Success, with Joshua Hess and Danna Thomas

Increasing Student Engagement and Quantitative Literacy Using Minute Papers and Oxford-Style Debates

Dissertation

Essays on the Relationship Between Compensation and Productivity—A Regional Analysis

- An Analysis of the US Labor Share Through Time, Across Regions, and Across Sectors
- Temporal, Sectoral, and Regional Characteristics of the Relationship Between Compensation and Productivity
- Can State-Level Policies Be Considered Amenities?

Assistantships

The Effect of Leaded Aviation Gasoline on Blood Lead in Children 2015

Role: Data Acquisition

Research Director: Dr. Sammy Zahran, Colorado State University

Colorado Locality Econometric Modeling 2014–2015

Role: Research Assistant

Research Directors: Dr. Harvey Cutler and Dr. Martin Shields, Regional Economics Institute

Fort Collins Convention and Visitors Bureau Report 2012-2013

Role: Research Assistant

Research Directors: Dr. Harvey Cutler and Dr. Martin Shields, Colorado State University

Teaching

Interests

Microeconomics (Principles and Intermediate), Macroeconomics (Principles), Econometrics, History of Economic Thought, Regional Economics, Labor Economics

Experience

Oxford College of Emory University

2017–present

Role: Instructor

- Development of Economic Thought: 2 sections
- Economic Statistics - Lab: 2 sections
- Intermediate Microeconomics: 10 sections
- Principles of Macroeconomics: 3 sections (1 online)
- Principles of Microeconomics: 8 sections

Colorado State University

2010–2017

Role: Instructor

- Intermediate Macroeconomics: 2 sections
- Introduction to Econometrics: 4 sections (2 online)
- Principles of Macroeconomics: 4 sections
- Principles of Microeconomics: 9 sections
- Regional Economics: 3 sections (3 online)

Role: Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Economics of Social Issues: 1 section
- Principles of Macroeconomics: 3 sections
- Principles of Microeconomics: 3 sections

Front Range Community College

2013–2016

Role: Adjunct Instructor

- Principles of Macroeconomics: 7 sections
- Principles of Microeconomics: 6 sections

Service

To Field

Testbank Author

2021

The Economy Today, Sixteenth Edition

By: Bradley Shiller and Karen Gebhardt

Session Chair, Regional Economy: Jobs and Wages
North American Regional Science Council Meetings

November 2020
Digitally Held

Ad Hoc Journal Article Reviewer

Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy

August 2020–present

Session Chair, Spatial Modeling

Southern Regional Science Association Meetings

April 2020
Savannah, GA

****Conference not held due to COVID-19 Travel Restrictions*

Testbank Author

Economics: The Basics, Fourth Edition

2019

By: Michael Mandel

Testbank Author
Essentials of Economics, Eleventh Edition

2019
By: Bradley Shiller and Karen Gebhardt

Testbank Author
Economics: Online, First Edition

2017
By: Frederic Mishkin and Jeffrey M. Perloff

To University

Committee Member, Honor Council
Oxford College August 2020–present

Committee Member, Organic Farm Committee
Oxford College December 2018–present

Panelist, Open Educational Resources Webinar
Scholarly Communications Office July 17, 2020

Panelist, Admitted Students Webinar: Pre-Professional Advising
Oxford College April 20, 2020

Interviewer, Virtual Scholars Weekend
Oxford College March 27, 2020

To Student Life

Faculty Advisor, OxVentures
Oxford College August 2020–present

Faculty Advisor, Invest.Trade.Profit.
Oxford College August 2019–present

Panelist, Phi Eta Sigma Research Night
Oxford College November 5, 2020

Awards and Honors

Phi Eta Sigma Teaching Award 2019
Oxford College of Emory University

Great Minds in Research Award 2016
Honorable Mention
Graduate Student Showcase, Colorado State University

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award 2016
Economics Department, Colorado State University

Excellence in Teaching Award 2013
College of Liberal Arts, Colorado State University

Fellowships and Grants

Teaching and Learning with Technology Institute Grant, \$2,000 2019
Oxford College of Emory University

Institute for Pedagogy in the Liberal Arts Grant, \$250 Oxford College of Emory University	2019
Oxford Research Scholars Grant, \$1,000 Oxford College of Emory University	2019
Lyceum Lecture Series Grant, \$1,500 Oxford College of Emory University	2019
Academic Affairs Student Conference Grant, \$1,700 Oxford College of Emory University	2019
Institute for Pedagogy in the Liberal Arts Grant, \$500 Oxford College of Emory University	2018
Oxford Research Scholars Grant, \$1,000 Oxford College of Emory University	2018
Dissertation Fellowship Economics Department, Colorado State University	2015

Consulting Experience

Technical Consulting

R You Ready? A Framework to Assess Reopening After the COVID-19 Pandemic With Ray Blount of <i>First Hand Experience</i>	2020
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Presentations and Conferences

Oral Presentations

Does the Firm Superstar Model Explain Labor Share Dynamics? Evidence from Counties in Georgia North American Regional Council Meetings	November 2020 Held Digitally
Spatial Evidence of Regional Melting Pots and Salad Bowls Southern Regional Science Association Meetings *** <i>Conference not held due to COVID-19 Travel Restrictions</i>	April 2020 Savannah, GA
Heritage Language Labor Market Returns: The Importance of Speaker Density at the State-Level Southern Regional Science Association Meetings	April 2019 Arlington, VA
Increasing Student Engagement and Quantitative Literacy Using Minute Papers and Oxford-Style Debates USG T&L Conference: Best Practices for Promoting Engaged Student Learning	April 2018 Athens, GA
Regional Characteristics of Compensation Gaps Across Sectors in the United States Economics Department Seminar, Colorado State University	November 2015 Fort Collins, CO
Regional Characteristics of Compensation Gaps Across Sectors in the United States Western Graduate Student Workshop	October 2015 Fort Collins, CO

Does Sector-Level Compensation Equal Worker Marginal Productivity Across States?

Western Graduate Student Workshop

October 2014
Salt Lake City, UT

Are State Industries Paying Workers Their Marginal Products?

Western Economic Association International

July 2014
Denver, CO

Poster Presentations

Regional Characteristics of the Difference between Compensation and Productivity

Graduate Student Showcase, Colorado State University

November 2016
Fort Collins, CO

Conference Participation

North American Regional Science Council Meetings

November 2020
Held Digitally

Allied Social Science Association Meetings

January 2020
San Diego, CA

North American Regional Science Council Meetings

November 2019
Pittsburgh, PA

Southern Regional Science Association Meetings

April 2019
Arlington, VA

Allied Social Science Association Meetings

January 2019
Atlanta, GA

North American Regional Science Council Meetings

November 2018
San Antonio, TX

Southern Regional Science Association Meetings

April 2018
Philadelphia, PA

Allied Social Science Association Meetings

January 2018
Philadelphia, PA

Skills, Licenses, and Certifications

Skills

Advanced/Expert: L^AT_EX, R, Visual Studio

Competent: Stata

Beginner: HTML, CSS, GAMS

Certifications

DataCamp

- Data Visualization with ggplot2 July 2018
- Interactive Maps with leaflet in R July 2018
- Spatial Analysis in R with sf and raster July 2018
- Spatial Data with R July 2018
- Spatial Statistics in R July 2018
- Text Mining: Bag of Words July 2018
- Working with Geospatial Data in R July 2018

LinkedIn Learning

- HTML Essential Training September 2020
- Data Visualization: Best Practices May 2020
- Programming Foundations: Databases May 2020
- Taking Charge of Technology for Maximum Productivity May 2020

Professional Affiliations

American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists, North American Regional Science Association, Southern Regional Science Association, Omicron Delta Epsilon