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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 Scholarly Works

Productivity Perspectives (Book Review), by Philip McCann and Tim Vorley
Growth and Change October 2021

**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

Revise and Resubmit Works

Are US Workers Really Underpaid? A Method for Assessing Compensation and Productivity Rates Across US Regions

SN Business and Economics

Decision August 2022 (Submitted March 2022)

Works Under Review

Higher education: The impact of recreational marijuana on college applications, with Joshua Hess and Danna Thomas

Contemporary Economic Policy

Submitted July 2022

The Effect of Superstar Employers in Georgia, Southern States, and the United States, with Shaheen Pirani

Southern Economic Journal

Submitted June 2022

Working Papers

Regional Policies' Effect on the Difference between Compensation and Productivity

In Progress

How has job accessibility changed in the state of Georgia?

Are Power Couples still co-locating to urban areas?, with Caroline Kreutzen

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?

Public Scholarship, Quotes, and Appearances

Canadian Growers Destroyed 400 Tonnes Of Cannabis; Students Prefer Institutions Where Marijuana Is Legal; And Other Regulatory Updates

2022

Quotation: <https://mjglobalreport.com>

College applications up by almost 15 per cent after weed was legalized in these U.S. states

2022

Quotation: <https://edmontonjournal.com>

Colleges In States That Legalize Marijuana See A Boost In Application Numbers, Study Finds

2022

Quotation: <https://marijuanamoment.net>

3 Types Of Inflation And How They Differ

2022

Quotation: <https://nasdaq.com>

3 Types Of Inflation And How They Differ Interview: https://forbes.com	2022
Could Legalizing Marijuana Help College Admissions? Interview: https://universitybusiness.com	2022
Understand How the Pandemic Changed the Job Market Quotation: https://www.zippia.com	2021
Ask An Economist Panelist/Interviewee: https://fmod.org/	2020
Experts Weigh In on Current Job Market Trends Interview: https://www.zippia.com	2020

Other Research Positions

The Effect of Leaded Aviation Gasoline on Blood Lead in Children Role: Data Acquisition Research Director: Dr. Sammy Zahran, Colorado State University	2015
Colorado Locality Econometric Modeling Role: Research Assistant Research Directors: Dr. Harvey Cutler and Dr. Martin Shields, Regional Economics Institute	2014–2015
Fort Collins Convention and Visitors Bureau Report Role: Research Assistant Research Directors: Dr. Harvey Cutler and Dr. Martin Shields, Colorado State University	2012-2013

Independent Research with Students

N. Armbruster, C. Kreutzen, H. Luo	2022-present
P. Kim	2022
A. Xie	2021-2022
S. Pirani	2019-2022
S. Kumar	2020-2021
W. Schmidt	2019-2020
A. Jeler, R. Kalra	2018-2019
J. Xue	2017-2018

Teaching

Interests

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

Experience

Oxford College of Emory University Role: Instructor	2017–present
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- Development of Economic Thought: 4 sections (1 online, 1 hybrid)
- Discovery Seminar (First-Year Seminar): 2 sections
- Economic Statistics - Lab: 4 sections (2 online)
- Intermediate Microeconomics: 15 sections (2 online)
- Milestone Project: 1 section (1 online)
- Pre-College Course: 1 section (1 online)
- Principles of Macroeconomics: 3 sections (2 online)
- Principles of Microeconomics: 13 sections (1 online)
- Special Topics in Economics: 12 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

Executive Board Member

June 2022–present

Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference

Journal Article Reviewer

Journal of Economic Insight (1 article)

May 2022–present

Review of Regional Studies (2 articles)

October 2021–present

Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy (1 article)

August 2020–present

Testbank Author

2021

The Economy Today, Sixteenth Edition

By: Bradley Shiller and Karen Gebhardt

Session Chair, Regional Economy: Jobs and Wages

November 2020

North American Regional Science Council Meetings

Digitally Held

Session Chair, Spatial Modeling
Southern Regional Science Association Meetings
****Conference not held due to COVID-19 Travel Restrictions*

April 2020
Savannah, GA

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

Academic Advisor, Fall 2022 Entering Cohort (16 students)
Oxford College

Fall 2022–present

Committee Member, Conference Host Planning Committee
Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference

June 2022–present

Academic Advisor, Fall 2021 Entering Cohort (15 students)
Oxford College

Fall 2021–present

Committee Member, Woodruff Scholars Committee
Oxford College

November 2021–present

Committee Member, Honor Council
Oxford College

August 2020–present

Committee Member, Organic Farm Committee
Oxford College

December 2018–present

Committee Member, Tenure-Track Mathematics Search Committee
Oxford College

October 2021–December 2021

Grader, Fall Milestone
Oxford College

Fall 2021

Panelist, Discovery Seminar Spotlight
Oxford College

February 2021

Interviewer, Virtual Scholars Week
Oxford College

March 2021

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 , ProjectV Consulting Oxford Club Oxford College	August 2021–present
Faculty Advisor , Emory Oxford Real Estate Club Oxford College	August 2021–present
Faculty Advisor , Oxford Business Club Oxford College	August 2021–present
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	January 2022
Panelist , Phi Eta Sigma Research Night Oxford College	November 2020

Awards and Honors

Phi Eta Sigma Teaching Award Oxford College of Emory University	2019
Great Minds in Research Award Honorable Mention Graduate Student Showcase, Colorado State University	2016
Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award Economics Department, Colorado State University	2016
Excellence in Teaching Award College of Liberal Arts, Colorado State University	2013

Fellowships and Grants

Lyceum Lecture Series Grant , \$1,500 Oxford College of Emory University	2022
Oxford Center for Teaching and Scholarship Mini-Grant , \$500 Oxford College of Emory University	2022
Oxford Research Scholars Grant , \$1,000 Oxford College of Emory University	2021
Faculty Development Committee Grant , \$1,800 Oxford College of Emory University	2021
Lyceum Lecture Series Grant , \$1,500 Oxford College of Emory University	2020

Summer Oxford Research Scholars Grant Oxford College of Emory University	2020
Academic Affairs Student Conference Grant, \$1,100 Oxford College of Emory University	2020
Teaching and Learning with Technology Institute Grant, \$2,000 Oxford College of Emory University	2019
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

Content Consulting

Content Reviewing and Consulting Top Hat Publishing	2021
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Technical Consulting

R You Ready? A Framework to Assess Reopening After the COVID-19 Pandemic First Hand Experience	2020
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Presentations and Conferences

Oral Presentations

Higher Education: The Impact of Recreational Marijuana on College Applications with Dr. Joshua Hess and Dr. Danna Thomas Southern Regional Science Association Meetings	April 2022 Austin, TX
Higher Education: The Impact of Recreational Marijuana on College Applications and Student Graduation with Dr. Joshua Hess and Dr. Danna Thomas Southern Regional Science Association Meetings	April 2021 Held Digitally
Heritage Language Labor Market Returns: The Importance of Speaker Density at the State-Level with Dr. Daniel Walter American Association for Applied Linguistics Meetings	March 2021 Held Digitally

Does the Firm Superstar Model Explain Labor Share Dynamics? Evidence from Counties in Georgia November 2020
North American Regional Council Meetings Held Digitally

Spatial Evidence of Regional Melting Pots and Salad Bowls April 2020
Southern Regional Science Association Meetings Savannah, GA

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

Heritage Language Labor Market Returns: The Importance of Speaker Density at the State-Level April 2019
Southern Regional Science Association Meetings Arlington, VA

Increasing Student Engagement and Quantitative Literacy Using Minute Papers and Oxford-Style Debates April 2018
USG T&L Conference: Best Practices for Promoting Engaged Student Learning Athens, GA

Regional Characteristics of Compensation Gaps Across Sectors in the United States	November 2015 Fort Collins, CO
Economics Department Seminar, Colorado State University	
Regional Characteristics of Compensation Gaps Across Sectors in the United States	October 2015 Fort Collins, CO
Western Graduate Student Workshop	
Does Sector-Level Compensation Equal Worker Marginal Productivity Across States?	October 2014 Salt Lake City, UT
Western Graduate Student Workshop	
Are State Industries Paying Workers Their Marginal Products?	July 2014 Denver, CO
Western Economic Association International	

————— **Poster Presentations** —————

Regional Characteristics of the Difference between Compensation and Productivity	November 2016 Fort Collins, CO
Graduate Student Showcase, Colorado State University	

————— **Conference Participation** —————

Southern Regional Science Association Meetings	April 2022 Austin, TX
National Economics Teaching Association Meetings	November 2021 Held Digitally
Southern Regional Science Association Meetings	April 2021 Held Digitally
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

- Creating Your Personal Brand July 2021
- How to Create a Perfect Elevator Pitch July 2021
- Balancing Work and Life May 2021
- How to Build a Following Online May 2021
- Increase Visibility and Advance Your Career May 2021
- Learning R May 2021
- Professional Networking May 2021
- 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, National Economics Teaching Association, North American Regional Science Association, Society of Labor Economists, Southern Economics Association, Southern Regional Science Association, Omicron Delta Epsilon