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Curriculum Vitae (November 2019)

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Education

- Ph.D. **Economics**, *Michigan State University*, expected 2021.
- M.A. **Economics**, *University of Texas, Austin*, 2016.
- B.S. **Applied Mathematics**, *Auburn University, summa cum laude*, 2015.

Fields of Interest

Economics of Education, Applied Econometrics, Labor Economics, Public Policy

Job Market Paper

“Student-Faculty Race Match Effect: Student Achievement”

I find that race matched K-12 faculty members have a significant impact on student test scores which implies that diversifying the people surrounding students helps to close achievement gaps. Further, I shed light on the race match effect for a previous understudied population, Hispanic students.

Working Papers

Revise & Resubmit “Teacher Quality Gaps by Disability and Socioeconomic Status: Evidence from Los Angeles”
Educational Review. (with Ijun Lai, Scott Imberman, Katharine Strunk, & Nathan Jones).

“Student-Faculty Race Match Effect: Student Behavior” (with Ijun Lai).

“Teachers’ Comparative Advantage: Students with Disabilities” (with Ijun Lai, Scott Imberman, Katharine Strunk, & Nathan Jones).

Conference & Seminar Presentations

2019-2020 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference, Association for Education Finance & Policy Annual Conference (scheduled)

2018-2019 Association for Education Finance & Policy Annual Conference

Research Experience

2019-Present Graduate Assistant, Education Policy and Innovation Collaborative, *MSU*

2017-Present Research Assistant, Prof. Katharine Strunk, *MSU*

2016 Student Technical Assistant, Prof. Cynthia Osborne, *UT-Austin*

Teaching Experience

- Summer 2019 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Econometrics, *American Economic Association Summer Program*
- Summer 2018, 2019 Teaching Assistant, EC485 Economics of Education, *MSU*
- Fall 2017 Teaching Assistant, EC202 Introduction to Macroeconomics, *MSU*
- Spring 2017 Teaching Assistant, EC301 Intermediate Microeconomics, *MSU*
- Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant, EC302 Intermediate Macroeconomics, *MSU*
- Summer 2015 Instructor, Introduction to Game Theory, *Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth*

Awards & Honors

- 2017 Veterans Affairs Fellowship, *MSU*
- 2016 Department of Economics Merit Scholarship, *UT-Austin*
- 2014 Army Achievement Medal, *US Army*
- 2011 Sapper Spirit Award (AIT Top Graduate), *US Army*

References

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