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Appointments

College of William & Mary

Assistant Professor, Economics; 2015 - Present
Faculty Affiliate, Public Policy; 2015 - Present
Faculty Affiliate, Schroeder Center for Health Policy; 2015 - Present

National Bureau of Economic Research

Faculty Research Fellow, 2017 - Present

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Pittsburgh; 2015
Dissertation "Government and Economic Outcomes"
Supervised by: Werner Troesken

M.A. Economics, University of Pittsburgh; 2012
B.A. Business Finance, University of Washington; 2010

Research Interests

Public Economics, Economic History, Labor Economics

Publications

[Coal smoke and mortality in an early industrial economy](#) (with Walker Hanlon)
Accepted at *The Economic Journal*.

[Gridlock: Ethnic diversity in government and the provision of public goods](#) (with Daniel Jones) *American Economic Journal - Economic Policy*, 2017. 9(1):112-36.

[Business as usual: Politicians with business experience, government finances, and policy outcomes](#) (with Daniel Jones) *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2016. 131: 292-307.

[Typhoid fever, water quality, and human capital formation](#) (with Joseph Ferrie, Martin Saavedra, and Werner Troesken) *The Journal of Economic History*, 2016. 76(1): 41-75.
Awarded Arthur H. Cole prize for best article 2015-16.

[Mitigating the effects of low birth weight: Evidence from quasi-randomly assigned adoptees](#) (with Martin Saavedra) *American Journal of Health Economics*, 2015. 1(3): 275-96.

Publications (continued)

[Time or spot? A reevaluation of Amsterdam market data prior to 1747](#) (with Stephen Norman and Douglas Wills) *Cliometrica*, 2013. 7 (1): 61-85.

Working Papers

[Do markets reward constitutional reform? Lessons from America's state debt crisis](#)

[Can migration make deadly recessions look healthy? Evidence from large-scale linked microdata](#) (With Vellore Arthi and Walker Hanlon)
Previously circulated as NBER working paper W23507.

[Disease and the municipalization of private waterworks in nineteenth century England and Wales](#) (with Werner Troesken and Nicola Tynan)
NBER working paper W22553.

[Fetal shock or selection? The 1918 influenza pandemic and human capital development](#) (with Joe Ferrie and Martin Saavedra)
NBER working paper W24725.

[Minority representation in local government](#) (with Daniel Jones, Tate Twinam, and Randy Walsh)
NBER working paper W25192.

[Land use regulation and individual welfare](#) (with Tate Twinam)

[Losing by less? Import competition, unemployment insurance generosity, and crime](#) (with John Lopresti)

Segregation and the initial provision of water in the United States (with John Parman and Martin Saavedra)

Censorship, family planning, and the British demographic transition (with Walker Hanlon)

Invited Seminars

Virginia Tech (May 2019) ■ University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Apr. 2019) ■ Florida State University (Oct. 2018) ■ Oberlin College (Oct. 2018) ■ George Mason University (Sep. 2018) ■ Princeton University (May 2018) ■ Auburn University (Dec. 2017) ■ Utah State University (Dec. 2017) ■ Northwestern University (May 2015) ■ William & Mary (Jan. 2015) ■ Dickinson College (Jan. 2015) ■ University of California, Davis (Jan. 2015) ■ University of Kentucky (Jan. 2015) ■ University of New Mexico (Jan. 2015) ■ University of South Carolina (Oct. 2014).

Conference Activity

ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting (2019, 2018*, 2016*) ■ Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting (2019) ■ Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2018*, 2016, 2015) ■ World Economic History Congress (2018) ■ NBER DAE Spring Meeting (2018) ■ Social Science History Annual Meeting (2017) ■ Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2017) ■ Cliometrics Society Annual Conference (2014) ■ Economic History Association Annual Meeting (2014) ■ Pittsburgh Economics Medley (2014, 2013) ■ NBER Summer Institute (DAE) (2013).

* Denotes discussant only.

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

College of William & Mary Summer Research Grant, 2017
Arthur H. Cole Prize for best article in the Journal of Economic History, 2016
Suzann Wilson Matthews Summer Research Grant, 2016
Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, 2014-2015
Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2013-2014
Arts and Sciences Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, 2013
Jerome C. Wells Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistance, 2012

Teaching Experience

Introduction to Microeconomics (undergraduate); William & Mary, U. Pittsburgh.
Public Economics (undergraduate); William & Mary.
Economics of Regulation (undergraduate); William & Mary.
Economics of State and Local Policymaking (graduate); William & Mary.
Microeconomics for Public Policy (graduate); William & Mary.

Referee Service

Applied Economics ■ American Journal of Health Economics ■ Economic Inquiry ■ European Review of Economic History ■ Explorations in Economic History ■ Journal of Comparative Economics ■ Journal of Political Economy ■ Journal of Economic History ■ Journal of Health Economics ■ National Tax Journal ■ Public Choice ■ Southern Economic Journal ■ The World Economy.

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