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Appointments

2015- Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Wake Forest University
2009- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Wake Forest University

Education

2004-2009 Cornell University, Ph.D. in Economics
Thesis: *Essays in Higher Education Economics*
2004-2008 Cornell University, M.A. in Economics
2000-2004 Colgate University, B.A. in Economics, Biology

Research and Teaching Fields

Primary Fields: Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Public Economics
Secondary Fields: Applied Econometrics, Natural Resource and Environmental Economics

Teaching

Applied Econometrics (Econ 209)
Economics of Higher Education (Econ 236)
Labor Economics (Econ 235)
Principles of Economics (Econ 150)
Labor Economics – Guest lecturer Spring 2008 (Cornell University)
Economics of Education – Guest lecturer Spring 2007 (Cornell University)
Applied Econometrics – Grader/TA Spring 2004 (Colgate University)

Honors, Fellowships & Grants

2014 “Excellence in Reviewing” for *Economics of Education Review*
2012 Visiting Scholar to the Department of Economics at Furman University
2012 Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Research Fund Grant – Wake Forest University (\$10,000)

2008	NBER Summer Institute: Labor Studies, Fall Education Workshop
2007-2008	Sage Fellowship for Graduate Studies, Cornell University
2007 -2009	Cornell University Conference Travel Grant
2007, 2009	Roe L. Johns Travel Grant, American Education Finance Association
2004-2007	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2004	High Honors in Economics, Honors in Biology, Colgate University
2004	<i>Wall Street Journal</i> Economics Prize, Colgate University

Published and Forthcoming Papers

“Peer Effects in Higher Education: A Look at Heterogeneous Impacts.” (with Kevin N. Rask) (2014) *Economics of Education Review*. 39. pp. 65-77.

“Faculty Gender in the College Classroom: Does it matter for achievement and major choice?” (2014) *Southern Economic Journal*. 81(1). pp. 211-231.

“Using PGA Tour Results to Illustrate the Effects of Selection Bias” (with Todd A. McFall) (2013) *Journal of Economic Education*. 44(3). pp. 238-248.

“Behavioral Responses to Epidemics in an Online Experiment” (with Frederick Chen, Allin Cottrell, and Yue-Ling Wong) (2013) *PLOS ONE*. January 9, 2013.

“Keeping up with the Joneses: Institutional Changes Following the Adoption of a Merit Aid Policy.” (2011) *Economics of Education Review*. 30(5).

Featured in *Inside Higher Ed*

Media: *Chronicle of Higher Education*: January 6, 2013,

<http://chronicle.com/article/Private-College-Presidents/136509/>

“The Karyopherin Kap95 and the C-Termini of Rfa1, Rfa2, and Rfa3 Are Necessary for Efficient Nuclear Import of Functional RPA Complex Proteins in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.” (With Kenneth D. Belanger, Heather L. Baker, Jeanne N. Hansen, Laura A. Simmons Kovacs, Justin S. Seconi, & Andrew C. Strine) (2011) *DNA & Cell Biology*. 30(9). Pp. 641-651.

“Persistence of women and minorities in STEM field majors: Is it the school that matters?” (2010) *Economics of Education Review*. 29(6). pp. 911-922.

“Can’t Get There From Here: The Decision To Apply to a Selective Institution.” (2009) (with Donna S. Rothstein). *Economics of Education Review*. 28(5). pp. 620-628.

“The Influence of the US News and World Report Rankings on the Matriculation Decision of High-Ability Students: 1995-2004.” (2007) (with Kevin N. Rask). *Economics of Education Review*. 26(2). pp. 244-255.

Non-Peer Reviewed Contributions

“The Importance of Role Models” (Summer 2013) *Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession Summer Newsletter*.

http://www.aeaweb.org/committees/cswep/newsletters/CSWEP_nsltr_SprSum_2013.pdf

Working Papers

“The Effect of Institutional Expenditures on Employment Outcomes and Earnings” (with Kevin N. Rask).

“The Importance of Aid and Institutional Expenditures for the Matriculation Decision of High-Ability Students” (with Kevin N. Rask)

“The Impact of Advising on Student Course Performance and Grades” (with Joyce Main and Matt Pistelli)

“Test-Optional Admissions: Increasing Access or Selectivity?” (with Emily K. Rizik & Claire Hammond).

“The importance of relative tuition levels in the formation of the college application choice set.”

“Institutional fit and College Success of Low-Income and Minority Students”

Work in Progress

“The Effect of Increasing College Selectivity on Non-Employment Outcomes” (with Kevin N. Rask).

“A Roommate Like Me: Peer Effects in College” (with Kevin N. Rask)

“The Importance of Information during an Epidemic” (with Fred Chen)

“What You Don’t Know Could Hurt You: An Experimental Study of Gender Differences in Response to Uncertainty and Competition” (with Fred Chen)

“The Price Elasticity of College Applications”

“Factors affecting Major Choice & Occupational Choice of Minority Students” (with Ronald G. Ehrenberg and Gary Cohen)

“A model of college housing choice” (with Francis Flanagan, Justin Burkett, and Fred Chen).

“Earnings of STEM and non-STEM workers by race and gender” (with Doug Webber).

Professional Service

Referee: *Journal of Labor Economics, Economic Journal, Journal of Policy Analysis & Management, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Higher Education, Education Economics, Eastern Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Education, Southern Economic Journal, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Educational Evaluation & Policy Analysis.*

Popular Press Contributions

Quoted on: "Taking the Sting out of Tuition." *Marketplace on American Public Radio.* Piece by Gigi Douban. Aired July 8, 2013.

Work cited in "Private-College Presidents Urge a Commitment to Need-Based Aid" *Chronicle of Higher Education.* Author: Lee Gardner. Published: January 6, 2013.

Quoted in: "U.S. News college rankings: not the only way to judge schools." *Christian Science Monitor.* Author: Stacy Teicher-Kadaroo. Published: September 13, 2012.

Quoted in: "Emory scandal: Critics doubt college ratings: Misrepresentations emanate from schools' high-stakes 'selling'." *Atlanta Journal-Constitution.* Authors: Craig Schneider & Laura Diamond. Published: August 26, 2012.

Authored submission: "What if you're bad at math?" *NYTimes* 'Room for Debate.' Published online March 28, 2011.

Quoted in: "College merit aid produces bidding wars." *The Washington Post.* Author: Daniel De Vise. Published May 30, 2011.

Quoted in: "Ivy league diplomas still worth the price of admission?" *CNBC.com.* Author: Mark Koba. Published March 1, 2011.

Also carried by: *USA Today*

Quoted on: "UC expected to raise tuition." *Marketplace on American Public Radio.* Piece by David Gura. Aired July 14, 2011.

Presentations

2015: North Carolina State University Microeconomics Seminar. American Education Finance & Policy (by co-author).

2014: American Education Finance & Policy. Society of Labor Economists. Southern Economic Association (by co-author).

2013: ASSA, American Education Finance & Policy, Society of Labor Economists. Southern Economic Association.

2012: American Education & Finance Policy, Society of Labor Economists (poster).

University of Georgia, Furman University, Colorado College
2011: American Education & Finance Policy, UNC-Greensboro, Elon University,
Society of Labor Economists, Southern Economic Association.
2010: American Education Finance Association, Cornell Higher Education Research
Institute, Houston Higher Education Finance Roundtable, Southern Economic
Association.
2009 : American Education Finance Association, Society of Labor Economists.
2008 : American Education Finance Association, Society of Labor Economists,
Binghamton University, Cornell University.
2007 : American Education Finance Association, Society of Labor Economists.

Affiliations

American Economic Association, American Education Finance Association, Society of
Labor Economists, Southern Economic Association, Western Economic Association.

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