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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Economics, DePaul University, 2019–Present

Assistant Professor, 2013–2019

Instructor, 2012–2013

Driehaus Fellow, DePaul University, 2019–Present

Research Fellow, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 2015–Present

Affiliated Scholar, UC Berkeley–Center on Wage & Employment Dynamics,
2016–2019

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Johns Hopkins University, 2013

Dissertation Advisor: Robert A. Moffitt

M.A. in Economics, Tufts University, 2006

B.A. in Economics, Wesleyan University, 2000

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics, Demographic Economics

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“Welfare Rules, Incentives, and Family Structure” with R. Moffitt and A. Winkler,
Journal of Human Resources, 2020, 55(1): 1-42 (lead article).

“Hedonic-Based Labor Supply Substitution and the Ripple Effect of Minimum
Wages,” *Journal of Labor Economics*, 2019, 37(3): 905-948.

“Wage Shocks and the Technological Substitution of Low-Wage Jobs” with
Daniel Aaronson, *The Economic Journal*, 2019, 129(617): 1-34 (lead article).

- **Media Coverage:** NPR’s Marketplace, World Economic Forum, Reuters,
Los Angeles Daily News, OUP Blog

“Returns to College Majors across Large Metropolitan Areas” with William Sander,
Journal of Regional Science, 2017, 57(5): 781-818.

“The Long-Run Effect of Job Displacement on Sources of Health Insurance Coverage,”
with Nicholas A. Jolly, *Journal of Labor Research*, 2017, 38(2): 187-205.

“Job Displacement’s Long-Run Effect on Access to Employer-Provided Health
Insurance and other Fringe Benefits” with Nicholas A. Jolly, *Economics Letters*,
2015, 130: 100-104.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Does Automation Always Lead to a Decline in Low-Wage Jobs?” with Daniel Aaronson,
Chicago Fed Letter, No. 413, 2019.

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“The Potential to Automate Low-wage Jobs in the U.S. and its Impact on Workers,” with Daniel Aaronson, *LSE Business Review*, August 2018.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Evolution of Technological Substitution in Low-Wage Labor Markets”
with Daniel Aaronson (*Under Review*)

“The Labor Market Consequences of Competing and Non-competing High
Skill Immigrants: Evidence from College Majors” with William Sander

“Systematic and Idiosyncratic Heterogeneity in the Cost of Worker Displacement”

“Task Mismatch and the Reemployment of Displaced Workers”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Reexamining the Ripple Effect of Minimum Wages”

“Minimum Wages and Apartment Rents” with Jihwan Kin and Jin Man Lee

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES & INVITED SEMINARS

2020: Society of Labor Economists

2019: University of Chicago, The Brookings Institution, Iowa State University,
Middle Tennessee State, Midwest Economic Association, Southern
Economic Association

2018: American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists

2017: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, W.E. Upjohn Institute for
Employment Research, Midwest Economic Association, Association for
Public Policy Analysis and Management

2016: Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, University of California, Berkeley
Society of Labor Economists, Population Association of America

2015: American Economic Association, Midwest Economic Association

2014: University of Notre Dame, Marquette University, Illinois State University
American Economic Association, Midwest Economic Association

2013: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Northern Illinois University,
Loyola University, European Society of Population Economists, European
Association of Labor Economists, Western Economic Association

2012: Federal Reserve Board, Johns Hopkins SAIS, University of Montana,
DePaul University, U.S. Census Bureau, Congressional Budget Office,
U.S. Treasury, Abt Associates

2011: Society of Labor Economists

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Referee:

*American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, European Economic Review,
Industrial & Labor Relations Review, Journal of Human Resources, Journal
of Labor Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Labour Economics, National
Tax Journal, Review of Economics & Statistics, Review of Economic Studies,
Review of Financial Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Southern
Economic Journal*

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Book Reviewer:

McGraw Hill, MIT Press, W.W. Norton & Company

Conference Program Committee:

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2017

Conference Discussant:

American Economic Association (2021, 2014), APPAM (2017), Midwest Economic Association (2019, 2017, 2015, and 2014), Western Economic Association (2013)

Invited Conference Participant:

Conference on Tasks, Skills, and Human Capital, Univ. of Western Ontario, 2012
Conference on Search and Matching, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 2018

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Gus Economos Teaching Award, Kellstadt Graduate School of Business, 2020

Teaching Recognition Award, Driehaus College of Business, 2017

QIC Excellence in Teaching Award, DePaul University, 2016

Early Career Research Award, W.E. Upjohn Inst for Employment Research, 2015

Summer Research Grant, Driehaus College of Business, Every Summer 2015-2019

Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, Spring 2012.

Department Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, 2007–2012

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Department-Level Committees:

MS-EPA Curriculum Committee, 2012–Present

Research Seminar Committee, 2013–Present

Free Lunch Research Workshop Committee, 2013–Present

Economic Alumni Network Committee, 2018–Present

Economics Journal List Committee, 2019–Present

Faculty Search Committee, 2018–2019

College-Level Committees:

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Chair, 2019–Present

Driehaus Tomorrow (2030 Planning) Committee, 2018–Present

College Teaching Committee, 2012–2015 and 2018–2019

Doctorate in Business Administration Committee, 2014–2015

University-Level Committees:

QRTL-SI Task Force Committee, 2019–Present

Student Service:

DePaul Fishing Club, Faculty Advisor, 2019–Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Full Courses:

Labor Economics (MS Program), 2012–Present

Introduction to Econometrics, 2013–Present

Principles of Microeconomics, 2013–Present

Research Methods for Economics II (MS Program), 2020–Present

Short Courses:

DBA Current Topics Seminar, 2017–2019

MS-EPA Math Boot Camp, 2019–Present

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Independent Studies:

MS-EPA Thesis Supervision, Spring 2013 & Spring 2018

Undergraduate Thesis Supervision, Spring 2019 & Winter 2020

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 2015-2016.

Research Assistant to Robert Moffitt, Johns Hopkins University, 2009-2011.

Summer Research Fellow, MIT Center for Real Estate, Summer 2006.

Senior Analyst, Economics & Technology, Inc., 2003-2005.

Associate Analyst, NERA Economic Consulting, 2000-2002.

REFERENCES

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