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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–Present

## 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 Labor Market Consequences of Competing and Non-competing High Skill Immigrants: Evidence from College Majors” with William Sander  
“Reexamining the Ripple Effect of Minimum Wages”  
“Systematic and Idiosyncratic Heterogeneity in the Cost of Worker Displacement”  
“Task Mismatch and the Reemployment of Displaced Workers”

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“The Evolution of Low-Wage Automation” with Daniel Aaronson  
“Minimum Wages and Apartment Rents” with Jihwan Kin and Jin Man Lee

### **PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES & INVITED SEMINARS**

**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, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Eastern Economic Journal, Economic Development Quarterly, European Economic Review, Industrial & Labor Relations Review, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Labour Economics, National Tax Journal, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Financial Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Southern Economic Journal*

#### **Book Reviewer:**

*MIT Press, W.W. Norton & Company*

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**Conference Program Committee:**

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), 2017

**Conference Discussant:**

American Economic Association (2014), APPAM (2017), Midwest Economic Association (2014, 2015, 2017, and 2019), 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**

**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 II (MS Program), 2020–Present

The Business of Sports: A Laboratory for Economic Theory, Spring 2012

**Short Courses:**

DBA Current Topics Seminar, 2017–Present

CEO Lunch Seminar, 2019–Present

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

**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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Department of Economics  
Johns Hopkins University  
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Daniel Aaronson  
Vice President & Director of Micro Research  
Research Department  
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago  
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