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Areas of Specialization

Economics of Migration, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics, International Economics

Education

PhD, Economics, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2012

Master of Arts, Economics, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2006

Bachelor of Arts, Economics, American University, Washington D.C., 2005

Academic Experience

Associate Professor (with tenure), University of Tampa, January 2020-present

Assistant Professor, University of Tampa, August 2016-January 2020

Assistant Professor, Hood College, August 2012-July 2016

Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, September 2010-June 2012

Adjunct Instructor, Milwaukee Area Technical College, January 2010-September 2011

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, August 2006-June 2010

Other Appointments

Fellow, Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, October 2022-present

Executive Board Member, Data-driven Frederick, Hood College, August 2022-present

Fellow, Global Labor Organization, October 2021-present

Editorial Board, *Eastern Economic Journal*, March 2020-present

Publications

“Leveraging Tradle to Expand Geographic Literacy in an International Trade Class” (with Jadrian Wooten), *Journal of Economics Teaching*, (2025), Published online May 5, 2025, doi: [10.58311/jeconteach/94271ca8d775a86681bc421dbdbd1758c7d5d948](https://doi.org/10.58311/jeconteach/94271ca8d775a86681bc421dbdbd1758c7d5d948).

“Border Fencing, Migrant Flows, and Crossing Deaths” (with Cynthia Bansak and Abigail Blanco), *American Economic Association: Papers & Proceedings*, 2022, 112: 381-385, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1257/pandp.20221023>.

“Using Podcasts to Teach the New Generations about Supply and Demand” (with Dan Diaz-Vidal), *Journal of Higher Education Theory and Practice*, 2021, Volume 21(2).

“Unintended Consequences of US Asylum Policy” (with Abigail Blanco and Cassie Bricker), *Peace Review*, 2020, Volume 32(2), Published online 19 January 2021.

- “Variations in Naturalization Premiums by Country of Origin,” (with Miao Chi), *Eastern Economic Journal*, 2020, Volume 46(1), Published online 12 September 2019, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41302-019-00149-0>.
- “Visa Wait Times and Future Earnings: Evidence from the National Survey of College Graduates,” (with Miao Chi), *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, 2019, Volume 2(1), pp. 43-61, Published online 5 November 2018, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41996-018-0024-6>. Special Issue: Immigration Policy, Editors: Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes and Susan Pozo.
- “Follow the Money: Remittance Responses to FDI Inflows,” (with Rebecca Neumann), *Journal of Globalization and Development*, 2018, Volume 8(2), Published online 18 May 2018, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1515/jgd-2017-0023>.
- “Local Immigration Enforcement and Arrests of the Hispanic Population,” *Journal on Migration and Human Security*, 2017, Volume 5(3), pp.645-666, doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.14240/jmhs.v5i3.102>.
- “Elasticity of Demand and Optimal Prize Distribution for Instant Lottery Games,” (with Gwyn Whieldon), *Atlantic Economic Journal*, 2016, Volume 44(4), pp. 457-469, Published online 10 November 2016, doi: 10.1007/s11293-016-9512-8.
- “Remittances and Child Labor in Bolivia,” *IZA Journal of Migration*, 2016, 5:1, doi: 10.1186/s40176-016-0050-6.
- “Walking ATMs: Do Crime Rates Affect Remittances of Mexican Migrants in the US?” *Eastern Economic Journal*, 2015, Volume 41(1), pp. 6-23. Published online 10 March 2014, doi:10.1057/eej.2014.12.
[Awarded 2018 Eckstein Prize for Best Article Published in EEJ 2015-2016]
- “Financial Development and the End-Use of Migrants’ Remittances,” *IZA Journal of Labor & Development*, 2014, 3:7, doi:10.1186/2193-9020-3-7.

Book Chapters

- “Political Economy of High-Skill Labor” (with Cynthia Bansak and Keith Bender). In Zimmerman, K. (Ed.), *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*. 2021 New York: Springer.

Working Papers/Research in Progress

- “Immigration Enforcement and Public Assistance Use” (with Abigail Blanco and Cynthia Bansak)
- “Border Walls and Death on the U.S.-Mexican Border: A Hot Spot Analysis of the Impact of the Secure Fences Act in Arizona” (with Abigail Blanco, Cynthia Bansak, and Suzi Dieringer)
- “Border Enforcement and the Use and Cost of Human Smuggling” (with Joan Padden)

“Differences in self-employment among immigrant origins and legal status: Evidence from the Survey of Income and Program Participation,” (with Kostas Alexiou and Thomas Pittz)

“Teaching International Trade with Podcasts,” (with Daniel Diaz-Vidal)

Popular Press

“[Tariffs are an economic hurricane for Florida businesses](#),” (with Abigail Hall), *Florida Business Observer*, April 29, 2025.

“[Welcome to DeSantistan](#),” (with Abigail Hall), *Tallahassee Democrat*, March 23, 2023.

“[Florida university trustees should not be sole arbiters of who becomes faculty](#),” (with Abigail Hall), *Miami Herald*, March 2, 2023.

“[Gov. DeSantis’ new migration law is expensive political theater](#),” (with Abigail Hall), *Tampa Bay Times*, February 24, 2023.

“[Why local law enforcement should not enforce federal immigration law](#),” *Tampa Bay Times*, April 5, 2019.

“[Want to stop illegal immigration? Allow more legal immigrants](#),” (with Abigail Hall), *Tribune News Service*, December 13, 2018.

“[There is no ‘chain migration’ problem](#),” (with Abigail Hall), *RealClear Policy*, January 26, 2018.

“[Trump immigrant rhetoric relies on statistical outliers](#),” (with Abigail Hall), *The Mercury News*, November 11, 2017.

“[Anti-price gouging laws don’t benefit consumers](#),” (with Abigail Hall), *Sun-Sentinel*, September 7, 2017.

“[Feds should focus less on fixing immigrants and more on fixing the law](#),” (with Abigail Hall), *The Hill*, August 22, 2017.

Media Mentions/Interviews

TV Globo, “[One in four Trump voters think tariffs are disrupting the U.S.; polls are alert to Republicans](#)” July 20, 2025.

Financial Times, “[Tampa heads the list of best places for foreign businesses in latest FT-Nikkei ranking](#)” June 23, 2025.

CNET, “[Yes, an iPhone Could Cost More Than \\$2,200 With Tariffs. Should You Buy One Now?](#)” June 11, 2025.

WUSF NPR, "[University of Tampa economics professors explain how tariffs could impact the economy](#)" May 22, 2025.

Bloom, WFLA NBC Channel 8, "[Understanding Tariffs and Their Possible Impact](#)" May 9, 2025.

Buzzfeed, "[It's Going To Get A Lot Worse Before It Gets Better": This One Grocery Staple Is Going To See A Huge Price Surge Due To Tariffs, So Brace Yourself](#)" May 11, 2025.

HuffPost, "[Experts Reveal Exactly How Trump's Tariffs Will Affect Food Prices — Particularly On Coffee](#)" May 7, 2025.

Tampa Bay Business Journal, "[Tampa Bay business brace for price hikes as tariffs shift](#)" April 15, 2025.

Free the Economy Podcast, "[Trade Myths \(and Facts\)](#)" April 10, 2025.

WFLA NBC Channel 8, "[Stock market tumble impacts retirement savings; Florida economists explain](#)" April 3, 2025.

Consumer Affairs, "[Comparing the costs of generations](#)" March 31 2025.

Bankrate, "[Trump's tariffs are here — here's who pays for these import taxes and how much prices could rise](#)" March 26, 2025.

US News and World Report, "[How Trump's Mass Deportations Could Lower the Social Security Trust Funds](#)" February 18, 2025.

Battleground Florida, WFLA NBC Channel 8, "[Officials discuss tariffs, LGBTQ policies](#)" February 10, 2025.

US News and World Report, "[What a Trade War Under Trump Would Mean for Your Finances](#)" February 7, 2025.

Tampa Bay Times, "[What Trump's tariffs could mean for Florida](#)" February 5, 2025.

Also reprinted in Yahoo! Finance and Florida Insider.

ABC Action News (Tampa), "[Local Reaction to Tariffs on Canada and Mexico](#)" February 1, 2025.

Bankrate, "[Massive new Trump tariffs are looming. Here's how these import 'taxes' work and who pays for them](#)" January 16, 2025.

Yahoo! Finance, "[What are tariffs, and how do they affect you?](#)" August 23, 2024.

Tampa Bay Times, "[Navigating the perilous path of the Darién Gap, finding a way to Tampa Bay](#)" October 15, 2023.

Reason Magazine, "[Ron DeSantis' Immigration Crackdown Could Prove Costly](#)" June 22, 2022.

Tampa Bay Times, "[Hand sanitizer frenzy has state officials monitoring price gouging](#)" March 3, 2020.

Bay News 9, "[Tampa Bike Shop Feeling Pain as US-China Trade War Continues](#)" August 27, 2019.

Bay News 9, "[Restaurateur Wary of 5 Percent Tariff Plan on Mexican Goods](#)" June 5, 2019.

Mic News, "[A local North Carolina race could reinstate an ICE program that targets Latinos](#)" November 3, 2018.

PM Tampa Bay, WFLA 970, "[How Steel and Aluminum Tariffs Could Affect Tampa Bay](#)" March 9, 2018.

Tampa Bay Online, "[Feds to certify Pasco deputies in deal that may boost deportations](#)" October 16, 2017.

Frederick News-Post, "[Study of arrest rates posits that 287\(g\) immigration enforcement keeps Hispanics from going to the police](#)" August 14, 2017.

Frederick News-Post, "[Hood students eat on \\$2 per day to learn about poverty](#)" September 27, 2013.

WHAG-NBC News, "[Hood College takes on \\$2 Challenge](#)" September 26, 2013.

Conference Presentations and Seminars

"Leveraging Tradle to Expand Geographic Literacy in an International Trade Class" with Jadrian Wooten
Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, Denver, CO, May 2025^D

"Economics of Immigration: How Mass Deportations Will Affect You"
Osher Lifetime Learning Institute, Eckerd College, February 2025

"Immigration Enforcement and Public Assistance Use" with Cynthia Bansak and Abigail Blanco
Western Economic Association International, Seattle, WA, June 2024^C
International School of Management, Frankfurt, Germany, June 2024
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2023^C
Markets and Society 2nd Annual Conference, Falls Church, VA, October 2023

"Danger and Death: A Study of the Impact of the Secure Fence Act at the Southwest Border" with
Cynthia Bansak, Abigail Blanco, and Suzanne Dieringer
Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, March 2023
Border Walls & Borderlands Conference, University of Montreal at Quebec, October 2022

"Dealing with facts, myths and the impact of Latino immigration"

Latino Coalition of Tampa Bay Annual Conference, November 2023

“Border Fencing, Migrant Flows, and Crossing Deaths” with Cynthia Bansak and Abigail Blanco

International Conference on Public Economic Theory, Marseille, France, June 2022^C

Global Labor Organization Seminar Series, February 2022

American Economic Association Annual Conference, January 2022^{D, C}

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Houston, TX, November 2021

“Visa Wait Times and Future Earnings: Evidence from the National Survey of College Graduates,” with Miao Chi

93rd Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International, Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 2018^D

“Achieving the (American) Dream,” with Rebecca Todd

12th Annual Black, Brown, & College Bound Conference, Tampa, FL, March 2018

“Variations in Naturalization Premiums by Country of Origin,” with Miao Chi

Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, New York, NY, March 2019^D

Academy of Economics and Finance, St. Petersburg, FL, February 2019^{D, C}

American Economic Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, January 2018

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL, November 2017^D

84th International Atlantic Economic Conference, Montreal, QC, Canada, October 2017^D

NEA/ASHE Freedom and Justice Conference, Washington, DC, August 2016

“Local Immigration Enforcement and Public Safety”

Mobilizing Coherent Community Responses to Changing Immigration Policies, Center for Migration Studies, Houston, TX, June 2017

“Follow the Money: Remittance Responses to FDI Inflows,” with Rebecca Neumann

American Economic Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, January 2017

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2016^{D, C}

“Remittances and Child Labor in Bolivia”

Northern Virginia Community College, Lyceum Series, Alexandria, VA, April 2016

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2015^D

International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, PR, May 2015

Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, New York, NY, March 2015

“Local Immigration Enforcement and Arrest Rates of the Hispanic Population”

NEA/ASHE Freedom and Justice Conference, Washington, D.C., August 2015

“The Effect of Workers’ Remittances on Poverty in Mexico: A Regional Analysis”

Sobre México: Congreso de Economía, Mexico City, Mexico, April 2015

Connecticut College, Department of Economics Seminar Series, October 2013

“Elasticity of Demand and Optimal Prize Distribution for Instant Lottery Games,” with Gwyn Whieldon
 Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2014^D
 International Meeting of the Association for Public Economic Theory, Seattle, WA, July 2014^{D, C}

“Ethnic Self-Identification and Crime Among Children of Immigrants,” with Jessica Milli
 NEA/ASHE Freedom and Justice Conference, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, August 2014

“Teaching with Technology Panel: The Nearpod App on iPad”
 National Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, Washington, DC, May 2014^D

“Financial Development and the End-Use of Migrants’ Remittances”
 Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, New York, NY, May 2013

“Walking ATMs: Do Crime Rates Affect Remittances of Mexican Migrants in the US?”
 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Department of Economics Seminar Series, 2011
 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Labor Economics Workshop, 2009

^D = Also served as discussant; ^C = Also served as session chair.

Panel Discussions

El Sueño Americano, Hosted by the Hispanic Services Council, October 2, 2023.

Immigration & Criminal Justice Reform, Hosted by ACLU/UT Black Student Union/Spartans Seeking Justice, University of Tampa, April 18, 2018.

The Digital Revolution: The Future of Automation, Employment & Productivity, Hosted by the German-American Chambers of Commerce, December 6, 2017.

Courageous Conversation Series: The Future of DACA, Hosted by Hillsborough Community College Diversity Council, November 16, 2017.

Discussing DACA, Hosted by PEACE Volunteer Center, University of Tampa, October 24, 2017.

The Bridge Project: A Discussion on Immigration, Hosted by Community Based Activism, Hillsborough Community College, April 6, 2017.

Courses Taught

University of Tampa (3 courses per semester, approx. 25 students per course)

ECO 204: Principles of Microeconomics

ECO 420: Public Finance and Public Choice

ECO 430: International Economics & Finance
ECO 495: Special Topics in Economics-Economic and Social Dynamics of Immigration
ECO 500: Foundational Economics for Managers

Hood College (3-4 courses per semester, approx. 10-35 students per course)

Courses taught within department

ECON 206: Principles of Microeconomics
ECMG 212: Statistics for Economics and Management
ECON 302: Latin American Economies
ECON 306: Microeconomic Analysis (Intermediate Microeconomics)
ECON 316: Game Theory
ECON 317: Economics of Development
ECON 324: International Trade
ECON 410: Public Economics
ECON 470: Senior Research Seminar
ECON 480: Econometrics

Courses taught outside department

FYS 101: First-year Seminar- Hunger Games: Challenges of Global Poverty
GLBS 200: Introduction to Global Studies

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (4 courses per semester, approx. 35-65 students per course)

ECON 201: Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 245: Business Statistics I

Milwaukee Area Technical College (1-2 courses per semester, approx. 15-30 students per course)

ECON 202: Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 201: Principles of Microeconomics (6-week Forward Management Program)
ECON 195: Economics (Lecture and Online)

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1-2 courses per semester, approx. 35-80 students per course)

ECON 100: Introductory Economics
ECON 103: Principles of Microeconomics (Lecture and Online)
ECON 104: Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 353: Economic Development

Undergraduate Research Supervision

University of Tampa, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry

“Border Enforcement and the Demand for Coyote Services,” Joni Padden, 2021.

“Visa Status and Job Satisfaction,” Steven Massimillo, 2018-2019. Presented at COB Student Research Day.

Hood College, Tischer Scholars/Departmental Honors Theses

Main Advisor

“The Gendered Impact of Migration and Remittances on Educational Attainment: The Case of Nicaragua,” Catherine Traini, 2015-2016. Presented at the 2016 Northeast Regional Honors Conference.

“A Looming Threat from the East? An Empirical Perspective on American Economic Fears of China,” Clifford Quinn, 2012-2013.

Supervisory Committee Member

“Gender Specific Patterns of Spending Remittances and their Implications for Development: Evidence from Bosnia and Herzegovina,” Andela Golemac, 2016-2017.

“Get a Little, Give a Little: A Look at Philanthropy in Higher Education,” Kirsten Roy, 2015-2016.

“Combinatorial Game Theory: The Search for Winning Strategies in Games of No Chance,” Allison Scheutz, 2014-2015.

“The Impact of Quantitative Easing on the Capital Markets: GARCH Analysis of the Exchange Traded Funds Market,” Nicholas Duafala, 2013-2014. Published in *Undergraduate Economic Review*, 11(1).

“Can the Spread of Credit Default Swaps Explain at What Point a Sovereign Will Default on its Debt?” Lucas Netter, 2012-2013.

Professional Association Memberships

American Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, Western Economic Association International

Professional Service

Referee: Migration Letters, Comparative Economic Studies, Journal of Economic Education, Eastern Economic Journal, IZA Journal of Migration, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Economic Bulletin, Economic Notes, Journal on Migration and Human Security, Journal of Applied Social Science, Economics and Business Letters, Southern Economic Journal, Criminal Justice Review, Criminology and Public Policy, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Journal of Economics Teaching

Textbook Reviewer: *Principles of Economics* (Mateer and Coppock), W.W.Norton; *Economic Development* 12th Edition (Todaro and Smith), Pearson; *Essentials of Economics* (Krugman, Wells, and Graddy), Worth.

Academic Service

University of Tampa

University

Faculty Senate, 2019-present

International Programs Committee, 2017-2022

Ad Hoc Active Learning Classroom Committee, Spring 2023

Faculty Grants Committee, 2017-2018

College of Business

International Business Committee, Spring 2023-present
Experiential Learning Committee, 2021-2022
Faculty Grants and Awards Committee, 2019-2021, Chair spring 2021
Teaching Effectiveness Committee, Chair, 2018-2019
Online Programs Ad Hoc Committee, 2018
Student and Teaching Effectiveness Committee, 2016-2018, Chair 2017-2018

Economics Department

Adam Smith Society Advisor, 2016-present

Student Organizations

PEACE Volunteer Center, Alternative Break Faculty Advisor, May 2023
Crescent Scholars, Faculty Mentor, 2019-2023
PEACE Volunteer Center, Alternative Break Faculty Advisor, May 2017

Hood College

MSCHE Reaccreditation Steering Committee, General Education Working Group, Chair, 2015-2016
Global and International Studies Council, 2015-2016
Global Studies Major Advisory Committee, 2014
Graduate School Council, 2013-2015
Academic Technology and Infrastructure Committee, 2013-2014
First-Year Reads Selection Committee, 2013-2016
Economics Search Committee, 2012
Alternative Spring Break to Haiti, Faculty Lead, 2013-2016
Uniting Global Perspectives Living-Learning Community, Faculty Advisor, 2014

Grants

Summer Undergraduate Research Fund, University of Tampa, 2021
Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Grant, University of Tampa, 2018
International Collaboration Award, University of Tampa, 2018
Board of Associates McCardell Professional Development Grant, Hood College, 2015
Board of Associates McCardell Professional Development Grant, Hood College, 2014
McNair Scholars Summer Research Grant, American University, 2004

Awards and Honors

Eckstein Prize (Best article published in Eastern Economic Journal 2015-2016), 2018
Omicron Delta Epsilon, 2016
Profiled for “Best of Hood” Global Studies Faculty, Hood College, 2016
Dr. Henry P. and Page Laughlin Faculty Professional Achievement Award, Hood College, 2015
Profiled for “Best of Hood” Undergraduate Faculty, Hood College, 2015
AHANA-I Award for Promoting Campus Diversity, Hood College, 2015
AHANA-I Award for Promoting Campus Diversity (awarded to department), Hood College, 2014

AHANA-I Award for Promoting Campus Diversity, Hood College, 2013
Student Accessibility Center Award for Outstanding Teaching of Students with Disabilities, UWM, 2008

Other Education/Professional Development

Estimate: The Reduced Form, Michigan State University (Virtual), Winter 2021
CodeChella Econometrics Workshop, Baylor University (Virtual), Summer 2021
ESTIMATE-Early Summer Tutorial In Modern Applied Tools of Econometrics, Michigan State University (Virtual), Summer 2021
Info-Metrics Institute: Nonparametric Kernel Methods, American University, Summer 2015
Adventure Education Center, Spanish Immersion Program, La Fortuna, Costa Rica, Summer 2007
Justus-Liebig Universität, Economics Summer Exchange Program, Giessen, Germany, Summer 2006
Oaxaca Cultural Institute, Spanish Immersion Program, Oaxaca, Mexico, Summer 2005

References

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