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Current Positions

Research Economist, Office of Employment and Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
July 2013–present.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Duke University, May 2013
Committee: V. Joseph Hotz (chair), Duncan Thomas, Peter Arcidacono, Marjorie McElroy
M.A. Economics, Duke University, January 2009
B.S. Economics, *Summa Cum Laude*, Virginia Polytechnic and State Institute (Virginia Tech), December 2006.

Fields of Research Interest

Labor Economics, Data Science, Machine Learning, and Applied Microeconomics

Research

Publications

“Putting the Paycheck Protection Program into Perspective: An Analysis Using Administrative and Survey Data“. *National Tax Journal*, 2023.
“The K-Shaped Recovery: Examining the Diverging Fortunes of Workers in the Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic Using Business and Household Survey Microdata“ with Jeffrey Groen, Mark Loewenstein, David Piccone, Anne Polivka. *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 2021.
“Overattention to First-Hand Experience in Hiring Decisions: Evidence from Professional Basketball” with Peter Landry. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2020.
“Employment changes by employer size during the COVID-19 pandemic: a look at the Current Employment Statistics survey microdata“ with Elizabeth Handwerker and Mark Loewenstein. *Covid Economics*, 2020.
“Mitigating the Consequences of a Health Condition: The Role of Intra- and Interhousehold Assistance” with Daniel LaFave. *Journal of Health Economics*, 2017, 53.

Non-refereed Publications

“Telework during the COVID-19 pandemic“ with Jeffrey Groen. *Monthly Labor Review*, 2022.
“Geographic impact of COVID-19 in BLS surveys by industry“. *Monthly Labor Review*, 2020.

Working Papers

“Do online job postings capture job vacancies? An analysis of matched online postings and vacancy survey data” with Lisa Kahn and Andreas Mueller (2025).

“Do Workforce Development Programs Bridge the Skills Gap?” with Elanor Dillon, Lisa Kahn, Joanna Venator. (2025).

“The Impact of Remote Work on Local Employment, Business Relocation” with Matthew Dey and Mark Loewenstein. (2025).

“Labor Market Effects of Local Spread of COVID-19” (2020).

“Measuring the Mechanisms of Informal Family Insurance” with Daniel LaFave (2018).

“Resources, Composition, and Family Decision-Making” with V. Joseph Hotz and Duncan Thomas (2017).

“Family Transfers in Response to Unemployment” (2013).

Works in Progress

“Heat and Injuries on the Job” with A. Patrick Behrer and Jisung Park (2024).

Conference and Seminar Presentations

“The Impact of Remote Work on Local Employment, Business Relocation”

American Economic Association (2023); Stanford University Remote Work Conference (2023)

“Putting the Paycheck Protection Program into Perspective: An Analysis Using Administrative and Survey Data”

American Economic Association (2023); Small Business Administration (2022)

“Do online job postings capture job vacancies? An analysis of matched online postings and vacancy survey data”

American Economic Association (2023); Bureau of Economic Analysis (2020); BLS-Census Workshop (2019); National LMI Director’s Meeting (2019); Bureau of Labor Statistics, Data Science User’s Group (2019)

Panel speaker, “Federal Use of Private-Sector Data”, Data Transparency conference (2018).

Keynote panel speaker, Annual Public Data Users Conference (2017)

Online Labor Market Data and the Implications for the Bureau of Labor Statistics

Bureau of Labor Statistics Panel Discussion (2017); Society for Government Economists (2017); BLS-Census Workshop (2017).

Overattention to First-Hand Experience in Hiring Decisions: Evidence from Professional Basketball

Society of Labor Economists, Poster presentation (2017); Canadian Economics Association (2016).

Resources, Composition, and Family Decision-Making

PSID User’s Conference, University of Michigan (2016).

Measuring the Mechanisms of Informal Family Insurance

Conference on New Directions in Intergenerational Transfers and Time Use in Later Life, University of Michigan (2016).

Mitigating the Consequences of a Health Condition

Population Association of America (2013); Catholic University (2013); Southern Economic Association (2013).

Family Transfers in Response to Unemployment

Southern Economic Association (2012); East Carolina University (2013); University of Pittsburgh (2013); Bureau of Labor Statistics (2013); Census Bureau (2013).

Family Transfers in Response to Hurricanes

Population Association of America (2013).

The Family that Shares is the Family that Cares: Are Extended Families Efficient?

Population Association of America (2010).

Advisory Committee Appointments

Study of industry and occupational certifications, undertaken by Corporation for a Skilled Workforce (CSW), Workcred, and the George Washington University Institute of Public Policy (GWIPP).

External Grant Funding

Measuring the Mechanisms of Informal Family Insurance (Co-PI Daniel LaFave) Sub-project funded through the Panel Study of Income Dynamics/National Institute on Aging P01 AG029409

Professional Activities

Referee for *American Economic Review* *Journal of Economic Inequality* *Management Science* *National Tax Journal* *Review of Economic Statistics* *Journal of Health Economics* *Journal of Labor Economics* *Journal of Development Economics* *Marine Resource Economics*

Teaching Experience

Lecturer, Undergraduate Statistics, Catholic University of America, Fall 2014-Spring 2018

Lecturer, Undergraduate Econometrics, Catholic University of America, Spring 2014

Instructor, Undergraduate Intermediate Microeconomics, Duke University, Summer 2011

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

Bureau of Labor Statistics Innovation Award, 2021

For work on the Business Response Survey

Bureau of Labor Statistics Innovation Award, 2019

For work on the Quarterly Business Survey

DuPRI Pre-Doctoral Training Fellowship, 2012-2013.

Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University, 2010, 2011.

Outstanding Senior in Economics, Virginia Tech, 2007.