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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics, University of New Mexico 2018
Dissertation: *Transitions from Higher Education to the Labor Market: Merit Aid, Time to Degree Signals, and Major Choice*
Major Fields: Econometrics, Labor Economics
Minor Field: Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
Advisor: Professor Melissa Binder
- M.A. Economics, University of New Mexico (UNM) 2013
Advisor: Professor Melissa Binder
- M.A. Economics, California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) 2011
Thesis: *Short Run Wage Effects of the Arizona Employer Sanctions Law*
Advisor: Professor Andrew Gill
- B.S. Economics, Barrett Honors College, Arizona State University 2006
magna cum laude
Minor: Sociology
Certificate: International Business (Exchange: Universiteit Maastricht, Nederland)
Advisor: Professor Stephen Happel

PUBLICATIONS

Erwin, Christopher, Binder, Melissa, Miller, Cynthia, and Kate Krause. (Forthcoming).
Performance-based aid, enhanced advising, and the income gap in college graduation:
evidence from a randomized controlled trial. *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*.

Erwin, Christopher, and Melissa Binder. (2020). Does Broad-Based Merit Aid Improve College Completion? Evidence from New Mexico's Lottery Scholarship. *Education Finance and Policy* 15(1), 164-190.

López, Nancy, Erwin, Christopher, Binder, Melissa, and Mario Javier Chavez. (2018). Making the invisible visible: advancing quantitative methods in higher education using critical race theory and intersectionality. *Race Ethnicity and Education*, 21(2), 180-207.

WORKING PAPERS

“Wage effects of baccalaureate time to degree in the United States,” with Xiaoxue Li and Melissa Binder (resubmit as new, *Journal of Human Capital*).

“The devil is in the details: identifying the unbiased link between access to alcohol and criminal behavior,” with Kabir Dasgupta and Alexander Plum (submitted to *Journal of Law and Economics*).

“The effectiveness of sinking lid policies in reducing player losses from problem gambling,” with Gail Pacheco and Alexandra Turcu (forthcoming submission to *Contemporary Economic Policy*).

“Low-performing student responses to state merit scholarships” (forthcoming submission to *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*)

“The overlap between criminals and victims of crime,” with Juliane Hennecke, Lisa Meehan, and Gail Pacheco.

“Do state merit scholarships discourage human capital production in STEM? Evidence from administrative data”

“Do state merit scholarships increase high school graduation?” with Kabir Dasgupta.

“Boom and bust: how the introduction of e-scooters affects traumatic injury rates,” with Kabir Dasgupta.

“Be kind: the effect of a strict COVID-19 lockdown on domestic violence and mental health,” with Kabir Dasgupta and Alexander Plum.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate Student Excellence Award (\$10,000), UNM, 2018

Gerald Boyle Memorial Prize in Public Economics (\$10,000), UNM, 2016

Doctoral Conference Presentation Award (\$500), UNM, 2016

Graduate Student Presentation Award (\$500), Southern Economic Association, 2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Review

Economics of Education Review

Education Finance and Policy

International Journal of Manpower

International Migration Review

Journal of Happiness Studies

New Zealand Economic Papers

Policy Quarterly

Conference Proposal Review

American Educational Research Association 2021

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Auckland University of Technology, March 2019

University of Canterbury, September 2020

University of Wollongong, November 2020

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Chair/Discussant/Presenter

AEA/ASSA Annual Conference, 01/05/2021, Chicago, IL

APPAM International Conference, 7/23/2020, Toronto, Canada

SOLE/EALE/ASHLE Annual Meeting, 5/27/2020, Berlin, Germany

Virtual Workshop on Applied Microeconomics, 4/16/2020, Dunedin, New Zealand

Applied Econometrics Workshop 2019, 10/2019, Wellington, New Zealand

AEFP Annual Meeting, 3/2019, Kansas City, MO

Applied Econometrics Workshop 2018, 10/2018, Wellington, New Zealand

New Zealand Association of Economists Annual Meeting, 6/2018, Auckland, New Zealand

WEAI Annual International Conference, 6/2017, San Diego, CA

AEFP Annual Meeting, 3/2016, Denver, CO

APPAM Annual Meeting, 11/2015, Miami, FL

SEA Annual Meeting, 11/2015, New Orleans, LA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNM

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Econometrics (ECON 309), Spring 2016

Instructor, Intermediate Microeconomics I (ECON 300), Summer 2015

Instructor, Mathematics for Economists (ECON 307), Spring 2015, Fall 2015

Teaching Assistant, Mathematics for Economists (ECON 307), Spring 2014

Teaching Assistant, Development Economics (ECON 321), Fall 2011

American Economic Association Summer Program

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics, Summer 2015

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Applied Econometrics, Summer 2013

CSUF

Teaching Assistant, Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 202), Spring 2011

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis (ECON 310), Fall 2010

Tutor, Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 201), Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 202), Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis (ECON 310), Intermediate Business Microeconomics (ECON 315), Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis (ECON 320), Introduction to Econometrics (ECON 440), CSUF, 2009-2011

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, New Zealand Work Research Institute, Auckland University of Technology, 2018 - Present

Research Policy Analyst, Center for Education Policy Research, UNM, 2012 - 2018

Committee Analyst (nonpartisan), New Mexico House of Representatives, Labor and Economic Development Committee, 2017 - 2018

Statistician, Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health Policy, UNM, 2014 - 2016

Research Assistant, Professor Melissa Binder, UNM Department of Economics, 2011-2012, 2015, 2017

Project Assistant, Professor Mala Htun, UNM Department of Political Science, 2016-2017

Graduate Assistant, Professor Adrian Fleissig, CSUF, 2010-2011

Graduate Assistant, Professor Kristin Kleinjans, CSUF, 2009

Graduate Assistant, Professor Radha Bhattacharya, CSUF, 2009

REFERENCES

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