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Positions

Research Economist 2023-Present

Consumer Research, Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow 2020-2023

Sinquefield Center for Applied Economic Research, Saint Louis University

Research Associate 2017-2020

Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University

Teaching Assistant 2016-2019

Department of Economics, Syracuse University

Economic Principles, Intermediate Microeconomics, Game Theory

Instructor Summer 2017

Economic Principles, Department of Economics, Syracuse University

Education

Syracuse University - Syracuse, NY

PhD in Economics, June 2020

Dissertation: "The Makings of a Peer: Evidence on Within-Classroom Heterogeneities in Peer Effects"

Washington University in Saint Louis - Saint Louis, MO

Bachelor of Arts: Architecture and English

Specialization and Interests

Fields: Urban, Labor, and Public Economics

Research Interests: Housing and Homelessness, Consumer Finance, High Frequency Mobility Data, Peer

Effects, Economics of Education

Publications

"What Makes a Classmate a Peer? Examining which peers matter in NYC elementary schools,"

Conditionally Accepted at the Journal of Population Economics.

With William Horrace, Hyunseok Jung, and Amy Ellen Schwartz

2023 FDIC National Survey of Unbanked and Underbanked Households, (November 2024).

with Jeffrey Weinstein and Garret Christensen

FDIC Survey of VITA Providers, (June 2024).

with Elissa Cohen, Yan Lee, Noah Shult, Jeffrey Weinstein, and Mary Zaki

"You Are Who You Eat With: Academic Peer Effects from School Lunch Lines," (2022) *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 203, 43–58. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2022.08.029.

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Working Papers

"Who Affects Whom? Obesity Peer Effects in NYC Public Schools" Under Review.

"The Lunch Club: Does Exposure Increase Integration in the Lunch Line?" with Amy Ellen Schwartz

Resting Papers

"Is Discrimination Scarring? Effects of the September 11, 2001 Terror Attacks on New Entrants in the Labor Force"

Work in Progress

"Migration and Seasonality of the Homeless in the US: Using Big Data to Understand a Big Problem." with David Lucas

"How do gas prices affect commuter rail uptake?" with Christopher Rick

Presentations

2023 FDIC National Survey of Unbanked and Underbanked Households FDIC Advisory Committee on Economic Inclusion

November 2024

"The Lunch Club: Does Exposure Increase Integration in the Lunch Line?" Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)

March 2022

"Obesity Peer Effects in NYC Elementary Schools"

Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)

March 2021

"You Are Who You Eat With: Evidence on Academic Peer Effects in School Lunch Lines" Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

November 2019

"What Makes a Classmate a Peer? Examining Which Peers Matter in NYC Elementary Schools"

Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)

March 2019

Daniel Patrick Moynihan Summer Workshop in Education and Social Policy

May 2019

Fellowships and Awards

FDIC Mission Achievement Award	2024
Syracuse University Graduate Fellowship	2015-2020
Syracuse University Graduate Assistantship	2016-2019
Maxwell School Summer Fellowship	2014-2019
Travel Grant, Syracuse University	2019

Skills

Python (SciPy, Numpy, Pandas, Geopandas)

Stata

QGIS

LATEX

AWS (S3, EC2, Athena, Glue)

MATLAB

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Professional Affiliations (Past and Present)

American Economics Association (AEA)
Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
Urban Economics Association (UEA)

Referee Service

Journal of Population Economics

Citizenship

United States

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