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Areas of specialization

Economic History • Political Economy • Political Science • Criminal Justice

Experience

- 8/2019-Present Assistant Professor: Department of Economics, Jones School of Business, Middle Tennessee State University.
- *Courses Taught: Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 2430), Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 2420), Graduate-level Econometrics (ECON 7070), Econometrics and Forecasting (ECON 4620), Graduate-level Public Finance (ECON 7430)*
- 7/2015-6/2019 Assistant Professor: Department of Economics, Colgate University. (On leave: Fall 2017-Fall-2018)
- *Courses Taught: Public Economics (ECON 344), Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON 251), Seminar in Policy Evaluation (ECON 443), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (SOSC 275)*
- 7/2014-6/2015 Visiting Assistant Professor: Department of Economics, Colgate University
- *Courses Taught: Public Economics, American Economic History, Applied Econometrics*
- 6/2011-7/2013 Instructor, Boston University
- *Courses Taught: Development Economics, Labor Economics, International Economics*

Peer-Reviewed Work

- 2023 “Are Schools in Prison Worth It? The Effects of and Economic Returns to

- Prison Education” with Ben Stickle (MTSU). *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-023-09747-3>
- 2023 “U.S. Postal Savings Banks and the Collapse of B&Ls During the Great Depression” with Matthew Jaremski (Utah State University) and Sebastian Fleitas (University of Leuven). *Southern Economic Journal*. 89(4), 1196-1215
- 2023 “The Persuasive Power of the Fourth Estate: Estimating the Effect of Newspaper Endorsements 1960-1980”. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. 207, 496-510
- 2020 “Does Campaign Spending Affect Election Outcomes? New Evidence from Transaction-Level Disbursement Data”. *Journal of Politics*. 82(4), pp. 1502 - 1515
- 2020 “An Empirical History of the United States Postal Savings System” with Matthew Jaremski (Utah State University) and Elisabeth Ruth Perlman (U.S. Census Bureau). *Social Science History* 44(4), pp. 667 - 696
- 2016 Perlman, E.R. and Sprick Schuster, S., “Delivering the Vote: The Political Effect of Free Mail Delivery in Early Twentieth Century America” (with Elisabeth Perlman). *The Journal of Economic History*. 76(3), pp. 769–802

Working Papers

- “Deposit Insurance, Uninsured Depositors, and Liquidity Risk During Panics” with Matthew Jaremski (Utah State)
- “What We are Getting Wrong When We Measure Campaign Spending”
- “Widows, Congressional Representation, and the (Ms.)appropriation of a Name” with Danielle Lupton (Colgate University) and Sahar Parsa (Tufts University).
- “Duverger’s Law and Strategic Voting: an Empirical Test Using Florida’s Elimination of Primary Runoff Elections”
- “Consolidating Votes: The Lingering Effects of Same-day Primaries” (R&R, *Journal of Politics*)

Grants & Awards

- (2023) Grant from Mackinac Center for Public Policy to analyze current state of prison education in United States (\$70,000)
- (2022) Grant from Mackinac Center for Public Policy to conduct meta-analysis of prison education research (\$30,000)
- (2021) Social Science History Association Founder's Prize for best journal article appearing in *Social Science History* in 2020.

Other Writing

- "Stop The Blitz on Nashville Taxpayers". *The Center Square* (4/24/2023)
- "Are Education Programs in Prison Worth It? A meta-analysis of the highest-quality academic research". Policy brief prepared on behalf of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy (1/26/2023)
- "Ranked-choice voting encourages civil discourse among candidates". *Nashville Business Journal* (9/22/2022)
- "Fewer Elections Could Improve Election Security". *Nashville Business Journal* (11/22/2021)
- "How Can Biden Win Over the Left? One Answer May Lie at the Post Office". *The Fiscal Times*. (5/8/2020)

Education

2014	PH.D in Economics, Boston University
2013	M.A. in Political Economy, Boston University
2007	B.A. in Economics, University of Missouri-Columbia
2005	B.A. in Art History, University of Missouri-Columbia

Referee Experience

Journal of Economic History, Public Choice, Sustainability, American Political Science Review, Journal of Economic Education, Election Law Journal, Political Research Quarterly, Economics of Governance, Eastern Economic Journal, Electoral Studies, American Political Science Review

Professional Service

Co-chair, economics section, 2017-2019 Social Science History Association Conference.

Citizenship

United States