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Academic Employment

The University of Alabama
Assistant Professor, Department of Consumer Sciences
Tuscaloosa, AL
2019-present
Faculty Affiliate, Alabama Research Institute on Aging
2020-present

Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI Ph.D., Consumer Behavior and Family Economics 2019

Loyola University Chicago Chicago, IL B.B.A., Economics and Finance, magna cum laude 2014

Publications

Journal Articles

L'Esperance, Madelaine, Grooms, Jevay, and Smeeding, Timothy. "Patterns of Child Tax Credit Receipt Among Children with Retired and/or Disabled Household Members in 2021." Social Service Review. *Accepted*.

L'Esperance, Madelaine. "Nudging credit union members to check their credit: Evidence from a field experiment." Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance 37 (2023): 100775. DOI: 10.1016/j.jbef.2022.100775

Collins, J. Michael, and Madelaine L'Esperance. "What do students gain from banks in schools? A field study." Review of Economics of the Household (2022): 1-24. DOI: 10.1007/s11150-022-09611-z

L'Esperance, Madelaine. "Does responsibility for financial tasks influence credit knowledge and behavior?: Evidence from a panel of US couples." Journal of Family and Economic Issues 41, no. 2 (2020): 377-387. DOI: 10.1007/s10834-019-09641-3

Working Papers

The Effect of High School Personal Finance Education on Responsibility for Finances in Young Adulthood with J. Michael Collins and Cliff Robb.

Youth Employment and Financial Behavior: Does Work in High School Build Financial Capability?

Social Security Interactions with the Child Tax Credit Expansion with Jevay Grooms and Tim Smeeding

Effects of Income Payment Timing on Financial Shortfalls for Retirees and People with Disabilities

Short-term disabilities, return to work, and transitions to long-term disability benefits with Adibah Abdulhadi and J. Michael Collins

Disability and Wealth: Exploring the Liquid Asset Trajectories of Social Security Disability Program Applicants

Grants and Awards

"Social Security Administration's Growing Interest in the Child Tax Credit and Other Child Driven Income Support Programs" Co-PIs Timothy Smeeding, Jevay Grooms, and Shogher Ohannessian UW-Madison Retirement and Disability Research Center (\$157,837)

2022–2023

"Social Security Interactions with Child Tax Credit Expansion" Co-PIs Timothy Smeeding and Jevay Grooms

UW-Madison Retirement and Disability Research Center (\$129,830)

2021-2022

Extramural Mentored Social Policy Fellowship

UW-Madison Retirement and Disability Research Center (\$40,800)

2021-2022

"Disability, Disability Programs, and Wealth"

UW-Madison Retirement and Disability Research Center JSIT Small Grant (\$5000)

2019-2020

"Youth Employment and Financial Well-being"

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (\$21,800)

2019-2020

Junior Scholar in Training

UW-Madison Retirement and Disability Research Center

2019

Schurch Thomson Graduate Research Excellence Award

UW-Madison School of Human Ecology

2019

Behavioral Research Insights Through Experiments (BRITE) Lab Small Grant

UW-Madison BRITE Lab

2019

Presentations

2023 (including scheduled)

APPAM Annual Research Conference; UW-Madison Household Finance Seminar; Social Security Administration Work In Progress Seminar; Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Well-Being; ACCI Annual Research Conference

2022

UW-Madison Retirement and Disability Research Center (RDRC) Annual Meeting; APPAM Annual Research Conference; ACCI Annual Research Conference; UW-Madison Household Finance Seminar

2021

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting; Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting; University of Alabama-Birmingham Personal Finance Symposium (*Presenter; Discussant*); ACCI Annual Research Conference

2020

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Annual Fall Research Conference; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (*Presenter; Discussant*); CFPB Youth Financial Education Research Convening; UW-Madison Household Finance Seminar; American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI) Annual Research Conference

2019

Center for Financial Security Webinar Series; CFP Board Academic Research Colloquium

Teaching and Mentoring

Teaching

Financial Capability

The University of Alabama Fall 2022, 2023

Personal Finance

The University of Alabama Fall 2021, 2022, 2023

Research Methods

The University of Alabama Spring 2022, 2023

Introduction to Consumer Economics

The University of Alabama Spring 2023

Consumer Economics (Intermediate Microeconomics)

The University of Alabama Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020

Analysis in Quality Control

The University of Alabama Spring 2021

Public Policy

The University of Alabama Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Mentoring

Master's Thesis Committee Chair: Ellie Cochran (2020)

Master's Thesis Committee Member: Genevieve Smith (2020)

Service

Referee

Editorial Review Board, Journal of Consumer Affairs

2023 -

Junior Editorial Review Board, Journal of Consumer Affairs

2021 - 2023

Journal of Consumer Affairs; Journal of Family Economic Issues; Journal of Economic Education; Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance; Financial Planning Review; Managerial Finance; Journal of Financial Planning and Counseling

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Southern Economic Association	2020 – Present
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management	2015 – Present
American Council on Consumer Interests	2015 – Present
Committees	
College of Human Environmental Sciences Research Committee	2020 – Present
Graduate Admissions Committee	2020 – Present
Faculty Senate (Alternate)	2022 – Present
Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee	2020 - 2021

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