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REFERENCES

Jeffrey A. Smith (co-chair)

Professor; Paul T. Heyne Distinguished Chair in Economics; Richard A. Meese Chair in Applied Econometrics
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, distributed minor in Education Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2024
M.S. Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020
M.A. Economics and Education, Columbia University, 2017
B.A. Economics and Spanish, *magna cum laude*, Mount Holyoke College, 2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Labor economics, economics of education, public economics
Secondary: Crime, childcare

RESEARCH

Working Papers

“Bucky, Becky and Student Financial Aid Policy Design” (with Jeffrey Smith and Sarah Turner)
“Cost Uncertainty, Financial Aid, and the Enrollment Choices of Low-Income Students”
“The Spillover Effects of Universal Pre-K on Mothers’ Labor Supply”
“As Seen On TV: The Effects of Advertising on Demand for College”
“Selling the American Dream: The Competitive Effects of Advertising by Less-Selective Colleges”

In-Progress

“Markets for Firearms” (with Jonathan E. Becker)

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

National Science Foundation (NSF) Economics Program Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (PI: Jeffrey A. Smith), 2022 – 2024

Mary Claire Phipps Dissertation Fellowship, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics, 2022 – 2023

Dissertation Grant, American Educational Research Association (AERA), 2021 – 2022

AERA Fellowship, UW-Madison Graduate School and Dept. of Economics, 2021 – 2022

Fellowship, IES Interdisciplinary Training Program, UW-Madison, 2017 – 2022

Juli Plant Grainger Summer Fellowship (with J. Becker), UW-Madison Economics, 2020

Juli Plant Grainger Summer Fellowship, UW-Madison Economics, 2019

Teachers College Doctoral Fellowship, Columbia University, 2014 – 2017

Doctoral Fellowship, Education Policy & Social Analysis, Columbia University, 2014 – 2017

U.S. Graduate Fellowship, Armenian General Benevolent Union, 2014 – 2017

Mount Holyoke Leadership Award, Mount Holyoke College, 2007 – 2011

Travel Awards

Roe L. Johns Student Travel Award, Association for Education Finance and Policy, 2023

Student Conference Travel Award, UW-Madison College of Arts & Sciences, 2022, 2023

Conference Travel Award, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics, 2022, 2023

Roe L. Johns Student Travel Award, Association for Education Finance and Policy, 2022

Conference Travel Award, Education Policy & Social Analysis, Columbia University, 2016

HONORS

Western Economics Association International (WEAI) Graduate Student Workshop, 2022

Honorary Member (nominated for teaching excellence), Phi Kappa Phi, 2021

Price Theory Summer Camp, Becker-Friedman Institute, University of Chicago, 2019

Excellent Teaching Assistant for Applied Econometrics, 2019

Excellent Teaching Assistant for Principles of Microeconomics, 2018

Education Policy Academy, American Enterprise Institute, 2018

Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity (HCEO) Global Working Group, University of Chicago, 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Professor Taylor Odle, UW-Madison, 2023 – 2024

Research Assistant, SSTAR Lab, UW-Madison, 2021 – 2022

Research Assistant for Professor Alan Sorensen, American Economic Association, 2019

Research Assistant for Professor Peter Bergman, Columbia University, 2015 – 2016

Research Assistant for Professor Judith Scott-Clayton, Columbia University, 2014 – 2015

Research Associate, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, 2012 – 2014

Research Assistant, Economic Consulting Services, LLC, 2011 – 2012

AFFILIATIONS

Researcher, Wisconsin Research Data Center, U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 – present

Research Affiliate, SSTAR Lab, UW-Madison, 2021 – present

Graduate Research Fellow, Institute for Research on Poverty, UW-Madison, 2018 – 2024

Pre-Doctoral Trainee, Center for Demography and Ecology, UW-Madison, 2020 – 2021

PRESENTATIONS

(including scheduled)

2024: APPAM, Chicago Fed Authors' Conference in honor of Rebecca M. Blank, AEFP, SOLE, Conference in honor of Rodney J. Andrews

2023: AEFP Annual Conference, APPAM Fall Research Conference, Wisconsin Center for Education Research (WCER) Interdisciplinary Training Program Seminar

2022: AEFP Annual Conference, AERA Annual Meeting*, SOLE Annual Meeting, NASFAA Conference, WEAI Annual Conference, Young Economists' Symposium (YES) at Yale University

2021: WCER Interdisciplinary Training Program Seminar, UW-Madison Division of Enrollment Management

2020: H2D2 Conference at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

* indicates poster presentation

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Wisconsinites for Inclusion & Diversity in Economics, 2018 – 2024

Ph.D. Student Mentor (x4), UW-Madison Dept. of Economics, 2018 – 2024

Leadership Board, Wisconsinites for Inclusion & Diversity in Economics, 2021 – 2022

Leadership Board (Faculty Liaison), Wisconsin Economics Graduate Organization, 2018 – 2021

Ph.D. Recruiting, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics, 2018 – 2022

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant (TA) for Prof. Christopher McKelvey, Applied Econometrics, UW-Madison, 2019

TA for Prof. Korinna Hansen, Principles of Microeconomics, UW-Madison, 2018

TA for Prof. Henry M. Levin, Resource Allocation in Education, Columbia University, 2017

TA for Prof. Randall Reback, Statistics for Economics, Barnard College, 2016

TA for Prof. Joydeep Roy, Economics of Higher Education, Columbia University, 2016

TA for Prof. Melanie Guldi, Microeconomic Theory, Mount Holyoke College, 2011

Mentor at the Speaking, Arguing, and Writing Center, Mount Holyoke College, 2008 – 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

“Labor Mismatch in the Great Recession: A Review of Indexes Using Recent U.S. Data” with Maria E. Canon and Mingyu Chen. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis *Review*, Vol. 95 (3), May/June 2013, pp. 237-272.

Representative Policy Publications

“Changes in the Racial Earnings Gap Since 1960” with Maria E. Canon. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis *The Regional Economist*, July 2013, pp. 10-11.

“Job Polarization Leaves Middle-Skilled Workers Out in the Cold” with Maria E. Canon. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis *The Regional Economist*, January 2013, pp. 9-11.

“Urban Areas Host the Largest Manufacturing and Service Employers” with Rubén Hernández-Murillo.

- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis *The Regional Economist*, July 2013, pp. 21-22.
- “Manufacturing and Construction Decline in the Ranks of Top 10 Employers” with Rubén Hernández-Murillo. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis *The Regional Economist*, October 2012, pp. 14-16.
- “The Output Gap: A ‘Potentially’ Unreliable Measure of Economic Health?” Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis *Page One Economics Newsletter*, November 2012, pp. 1-3.
- “A report on economic conditions in the St. Louis zone” with Kevin L. Kliesen, E. Katarina Vermann, Yang Liu, Li Li, Michelle Clark Neely, and Lowell R. Ricketts. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis *Burgundy Books*, 2014 (Second Quarter)