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Professional Appointments

Vanderbilt University

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics 2019 - Present

National Bureau of Economic Research

Faculty Research Fellow 2017 - Present

College of William & Mary

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics 2015 - 2019

Faculty Affiliate, Public Policy 2015 - 2019

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Pittsburgh; 2015
Dissertation "Government and Economic Outcomes"
Supervised by: Werner Troesken

M.A. Economics, University of Pittsburgh; 2012

B.A. Business Finance, University of Washington; 2010

Publications

[Losing by less? Import competition, unemployment insurance generosity, and crime](#)
(with John Lopresti) *Economic Inquiry*, 2019. 57(2): 1163-81

[Coal smoke and mortality in an early industrial economy](#)
(with Walker Hanlon) *The Economic Journal*, 2018. 128(615): 2652-75.

[Gridlock: Ethnic diversity in government and the provision of public goods](#)
(with Daniel Jones) *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2017. 9(1):
112-36.

[Business as usual: Politicians with business experience, government finances,
and policy outcomes](#) (with Daniel Jones) *Journal of Economic Behavior &
Organization*, 2016. 131: 292-307.

[Typhoid fever, water quality, and human capital formation](#) (with Joseph Ferrie, Martin
Saavedra, and Werner Troesken) *The Journal of Economic History*, 2016. 76(1):
41-75. Awarded Arthur H. Cole prize for best article 2015-16.

Publications continued

[Mitigating the effects of low birth weight: Evidence from quasi-randomly assigned adoptees](#) (with Martin Saavedra) *American Journal of Health Economics*, 2015. 1(3): 275-96.

[Time or spot? A reevaluation of Amsterdam market data prior to 1747](#) (with Stephen Norman and Douglas Wills) *Cliometrica*, 2013. 7 (1): 61-85.

Working Papers

[Fetal shock or selection? The 1918 influenza pandemic and human capital development](#) (with Joseph Ferrie and Martin Saavedra)
NBER working paper W24725.
Revisions Requested: *The Journal of Political Economy*.

[Censorship, family planning, and the historical fertility transition](#) (with Walker Hanlon)

[Recessions, mortality, and migration bias: Evidence from the Lancashire Cotton Famine](#) (with Vellore Arthi and Walker Hanlon)
Previously circulated as NBER working paper W23507.
Revisions Requested: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.

[Disease and the municipalization of private waterworks in nineteenth century England and Wales](#) (with Werner Troesken and Nicola Tynan)
NBER working paper W22553.

[Minority representation in local government](#) (with Daniel Jones, Tate Twinam, and Randall Walsh) NBER working paper W25192.

[Land use regulation and individual welfare](#) (with Tate Twinam)

[Do markets reward constitutional reform? Lessons from America's state debt crisis](#)

Segregation and the initial provision of water in the United States (with John Parman and Martin Saavedra)

Invited Seminars

Colby College (Nov. 2019) ■ U. of Tennessee, Knoxville (Apr. 2019) ■ U. Pittsburgh (Dec. 2018) ■ Florida State U. (Oct. 2018) ■ Oberlin College (Oct. 2018) ■ George Mason U. (Sep. 2018) ■ Princeton U. (May 2018) ■ Auburn U. (Dec. 2017) ■ Northwestern U. (May 2015) ■ U. of South Carolina (Oct. 2014).

Conference Activity

ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting (2020*, 2019, 2018*, 2016*) ■ Economic History Association Annual Meeting (2019, 2014) ■ Cliometrics Society Annual Conference (2019, 2014) ■ University of Michigan's H2D2 Workshop (2019) ■ Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting (2019) ■ Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2018*, 2016, 2015) ■ World Economic History Congress (2018) ■ NBER DAE Spring Meeting (2018) ■ Social Science History Annual Meeting (2017) ■ Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2017) ■ Pittsburgh Economics Medley (2014, 2013) ■ NBER Summer Institute, DAE group (2013).

* Denotes discussant only.

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

College of William & Mary Summer Research Grant, 2017
Arthur H. Cole Prize for best article in the Journal of Economic History, 2016
Suzann Wilson Matthews Summer Research Grant, 2016
Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, 2014-2015
Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2013-2014
Arts and Sciences Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, 2013
Jerome C. Wells Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistance, 2012

Teaching Experience

Vanderbilt University

Topics in Applied Microeconomics (PhD).
Public Economics (undergraduate).

College of William & Mary

Public Economics (undergraduate).
Economics of State and Local Policymaking (graduate).
Microeconomics for Public Policy (graduate).
Introduction to Microeconomics (undergraduate).
Economics of Regulation (undergraduate).

University of Pittsburgh

Introduction to Microeconomics (undergraduate).

Referee Service

Applied Economics ■ American Journal of Health Economics ■ Economic Inquiry ■ Economics of Education Review ■ European Review of Economic History ■ Explorations in Economic History ■ Journal of Comparative Economics ■ Journal of Political Economy ■ Journal of Economic History ■ Journal of Health Economics ■ National Tax Journal ■ Public Choice ■ Southern Economic Journal ■ The World Economy.