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Positions:

2020 – Present Assistant Professor, Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin – Madison
2016 – 2020 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Kansas State University

Education:

Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University, 2016 (conferred January 2017)
Advisors: Stephen Coate, Ronald Ehrenberg, Maria Fitzpatrick
M.A., Economics, Cornell University, 2014
B.A., Economics & Political Science, Macalester College, 2008

Affiliations:

2020 – Faculty Affiliate, Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin – Madison
2020 – Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin – Madison

Publications:

Optimal fiscal limits with overrides (with Stephen Coate). *Journal of Public Economics*. June 2019 (174)76-92.
“Backup Power: Public Implications of Private Substitutes for Electric Grid Reliability” (with Paul Brehm and Sarah Johnston) *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, **Accepted**.

Working Papers:

“Relaxing Electoral Constraints in Local Education Funding” (with Michel Grosz) *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*
“Crowd-out of Private Contributions to Local Public Goods: Evidence from School Tax Referenda” *Submitted*
“The Intra-district Allocation of School Facilities Spending” (with Michel Grosz)

Work in Progress:

“Dynamic Fiscal Limits on Local Governments”

“The Volatility Penalty: Income Aggregation and Tax Policy” (with Corina Mommaerts)

“The Kansas Tax Experiment: Did Industries Benefit?” (with Jehu Mette)

Other Papers:

“The Other Debt Crisis.” (with Ronald G. Ehrenberg), *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, November / December, 2013.

"University Endowment Growth: Assessing Policy Proposals" (with Ronald Ehrenberg), Cornell Higher Education Research Institute Working Paper: WP162, 2014.

“Valuing Public School Facilities with Bond Elections in Ohio”

Other Positions:

Spring 2020: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2013, Exchange Scholar, Department of Economics, Yale University

2012-13, Research Assistant to Damon Clark, Cornell University

2011-12, Research Assistant to Ronald Ehrenberg, Cornell Higher Education Research Institute, Cornell University

2008-10, Research Assistant, Education Policy Center, Urban Institute, Washington, DC

Referee Service:

Economics of Education Review; Journal of Public Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Routledge; Poverty & Public Policy

Presentations:

2023: Association for Education Finance and Policy, National Tax Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference.

2022: Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin – Madison; Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin – Madison

2021: National Tax Association

2020: University of Wisconsin – Madison; National Tax Association

2018: Association for Education Finance and Policy; Public Choice Society; Marquette University; University of Kansas; University of Wisconsin - Madison

2017: Western Economic Association International

2016: Department of Treasury; Joint Committee on Taxation; Kansas State University; Association for Education Finance and Policy; Syracuse University

2015: Cornell University; National Tax Association (poster)

Fellowships, Honors and Awards:

Jerry and Mary Cotter Faculty Fellow, 2020-21
Faculty Enhancement Award, Kansas State University, 2017-18
C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship, Lincoln Land Institute, 2015-16
Mabel A. Rollins Scholarship, Cornell University, 2010-11
Flora Rose Fellowship, Cornell University, 2010-11
Ruth Ada Birk Eastwood Fellowship, Cornell University, 2010-11
Human Service Studies Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University, 2010-11
Lucy Maltby Fellowship, Cornell University, 2010-11
Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2010
John M. Dozier Prize in Economics, Macalester College, 2008

Teaching:

University of Wisconsin – Madison:

Analytical Tools for Public Policy, Spring 2023, Fall 2023
State and Local Government Finance (MPA), Spring 2021, Spring 2023
Introduction to Statistical Methods for Public Policy Analysis (MPA/MIPA),
Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022
Research in Public Economics (MA), Spring 2020

Kansas State University:

Topics in Public Economics (PhD), Fall 2017, Fall 2019
Principles of Microeconomics, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019,
Fall 2019
Economic Analysis for Business (MBA), Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019

As Teaching Assistant (Cornell University, unless noted):

Empirical Strategies for Policy Research (PhD), Spring 2016 (Jordan Matsudaira)
Intermediate Microeconomics, Fall 2015 (Eric McDermott)
Waiting for Superman? The “crisis” in American education, Spring 2015 (Maria Fitzpatrick)
Market Regulation and Public Policy (Masters), Fall 2014 (Richard Geddes)
Econometrics, Spring 2014 (Michael Lovenheim)
Empirical Strategies for Policy Research (PhD), Fall 2013 (Alfonso Flores-Lagunes)
Econometrics, Spring 2009 (Gary Krueger, Macalester College)

Media Mentions and Interviews:

2023, November, 22, The Badger Herald, “Experts weigh in on Madison’s financial health growing budget deficit”
2023, November 14, The Cap Times, “Brewers stadium deal is a new ballgame for Wisconsin taxpayers”
2023, November 6, WKOW News, “Digging Deeper: Upcoming property tax increase for Madison school district largest in several years”
2023, July 10, WISN 12 News at 4:00, Milwaukee sales tax.
2023, June 19, Wisconsin Public Radio, Evan Casey, “Milwaukee sales tax hike will soon be in the hands of local officials”

2023, June 12, Wisconsin Public Radio, Central Time
2023, May 9, Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Alison Dirr, Milwaukee's Fiscal Cliff
2023, May 8, WORT, 8 O'Clock Buzz
2023, May 3, Wisconsin Public Radio, Evan Casey, "Attack on local control: Milwaukee leaders decry shared revenue provisions for city"
2023, May 2, FOX6 Milwaukee, Sam Kraemer, "Wisconsin GOP shared revenue funding plan comes with strings"
2023, April 5, Wisconsin Public Radio, Gaby Vinick, "Wisconsin school districts again turn to voters with referendums to increase revenue limits, fund projects"
2023, April 5, NBC15, "Monroe School District referendum stirs controversy and a lawsuit"
2023, February 23, Daily Cardinal, Alexander Tan, "Who foots the bill? Republicans' flat income tax proposal for Wisconsin, explained"
2023, February, 22, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, JR Radcliffe, "Economists will tell you public funding for stadiums is a bad idea. Why does it still happen?"
2023, February, 20, Daily Cardinal, Liam Beran, "Q&A: UW professor explains why you should care about shared revenue"
2023, January 19, PBS Wisconsin, Steven Potter, "Making sense of what a state flat tax on income means for Wisconsinites"
2023, January 13, Fox11 Green Bay, Lexi Schroeder, "Wisconsin GOP leader proposes flat income tax; Evers opposes"
2023, January 13, WKOW, A.J. Bayatpour, "'Large tax decrease for very high income Wisconsinites': Analyzing the Senate GOP income tax cut plan"
2023, January 13, News3, Will Kenneally, "GOP introduces flat tax for Wisconsin"
2023, January 10, WKOW, A.J. Bayatpour
2022, November, 4, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "Ron Johnson fought for a tax cut as his family was amassing luxury real estate around the country"
2022, October 24, WKOW, "From six-figure tax bills to \$0: Why trust fund set up by Sen. Johnson no longer owes state taxes"
2022, October, 18, Wisconsin Public Radio, "Wisconsin tax burden falls to lowest level in decades"
2022, August 31, News 9 Wausau, Adriana Daniel, State taxes on loan forgiveness.
2022, July 21, Fortune Magazine
2022, June 22, Channel3000, "Gas tax savings may not benefit consumers much, could negatively impact public works"
2022, June 15, CBS58, Emilee Fannon
2022, June 6, WKOW " Relief at the pump through a gas tax holiday; experts weigh in "
2022, February 14, "The Brewers stadium sales tax ended two years ago to applause. Here's how we're back to again talking about public help for the ballpark.", MJS, Page A1
2021, December 17, "Wisconsin unemployment rate ties record low of 3%", Wisconsin State Journal
2020, September 28 " With time running out, bids for Wisconsin's federal COVID-19 relief intensify " David Wahlberg, Wisconsin State Journal

Other:

IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) tax preparer

