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Education

- 2015 – **University of Chicago**
Ph.D. Student, Harris School of Public Policy
Fields: Labor Economics, Public Economics
- 2009 – 2013 **Princeton University**
A.B. (with honors), Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs
Certificate in Finance

Research

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Disentangling the Effects of the School Year from the School Day: Evidence from the TIMSS Assessments (2018)

Forthcoming, *Education Finance and Policy*.

The Poverty Reduction of Social Security and Means-Tested Transfers (2018)

(with Bruce D. Meyer)

Industrial and Labor Relations Review, 71(5): 1106-1153.

Working Papers

The Use and Misuse of Income Data and the Rarity of Extreme Poverty in the United States

(with Bruce D. Meyer, Victoria Mooers, and Carla Medalia)

Do Federal Grants Crowd Out Local Spending? Evidence from Title I

Works in Progress

Do Surveys Miss the Poor? Evidence from Administrative SNAP Records

(with Bruce D. Meyer)

Income, Poverty, and Inequality Over Two Decades

(with Bruce D. Meyer)

Linking Survey and Administrative Data to Measure Income, Inequality, and Mobility

(with Carla Medalia, Bruce D. Meyer, and Amy O'Hara)

Policy Reports

Building a Pathway to Student Success at Georgia State University (2015)

(with Martin Kurzweil)

Case Study, Ithaca S+R.

Online Learning in Postsecondary Education: A Review of the Empirical Literature (2013-2014)
(2015)
Research Publication, Ithaka S+R

The Effects of Rising Student Costs in Higher Education: Evidence from Public Institutions in Virginia (2015)
(with Christine Mulhern, Richard R. Spies, and Matthew P. Staiger)
Research Publication, Ithaka S+R

Book Chapters

University of California Online Education Initiative (2015)
In Bowen, William G. and Eugene M. Tobin. 2015. *Locus of Authority*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Presentations

2019 AEA Annual Meetings (scheduled)
2018 APPAM Fall Conference (scheduled); Joint Statistical Meetings; PAA Annual Meeting (co-author); SEA Annual Meetings (scheduled); University of Chicago, Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries in the Social Sciences (scheduled); U.S. Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies; WEA International Conference
2017 APPAM Fall Conference; University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy

Teaching Experience

2018 Advanced Statistics for Data Analysis I (MPP), Head TA for Dan Black
2017 Quantitative Methods in Public Policy (Undergraduate), TA for Anthony Fowler
2017 Advanced Microeconomics II (PhD), TA for Damon Jones
2016 Analytical Politics I (MPP), TA for Ethan Bueno de Mesquita

Professional Experience

2017 – Research Assistant, Prof. Bruce Meyer (spent SY 2017-18 at U.S. Census Bureau)
2013 – 2015 Research Analyst, Ithaka Strategy and Research, New York, NY
2012 Intern, White House Council of Economic Advisers, Washington, D.C.
2011 Research Fellow, National Council on Teacher Quality, Washington, D.C.
2010 Intern, National Council on Teacher Quality, Washington, D.C.
2008 – 2009 Student Member, Maryland State Board of Education

Selected Grants and Awards

2017 University of Chicago NORC Fellowship (Declined)
2016 Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans (Finalist)
2016 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (Honorable Mention)
2012 Woodrow Wilson School Summer Grant (\$4,500)
2010 Pearson Prize for Higher Education, National Fellow (\$10,000)
2010 One of 10 U.S. Teens Selected to Carry 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Torch
2009 Coca-Cola National Scholar (\$20,000)
2008 United States Senate Youth Program, Maryland Delegate (\$5,000)

Selected Volunteer and Extracurricular Activities

2017 Reader, PhD Admissions Committee, University of Chicago Harris School
2016 – 2017 Co-Chair, PhD Social Committee, University of Chicago Harris School
2009 – 2013 Project Coordinator, SVC imPACT Volunteer Tutoring Program, Trenton (NJ)

Selected Affiliations

U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status, AEA, APPAM, ASA

Personal

Citizenship: United States of America

Foreign Languages: Oral Fluency in Mandarin Chinese, Proficiency in Spanish and Latin

Computer Languages: STATA, R, SAS, SPSS, LaTeX