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CURRENT POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University	August 2024 –
Research Affiliate, CESifo	October 2024 –

PAST POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Tulane University	July 2020 – June 2024
Senior Associate, Deloitte Financial Advisory Services, LLP	2013 – 2014
Associate, Deloitte Financial Advisory Services, LLP	2011 – 2013

EDUCATION

University of Virginia, Charlottesville	
Ph.D. in Economics	May 2020
University of Virginia, Charlottesville	
M.A. in Economics	December 2015
University of Maryland, College Park	
B.A. in Economics, <i>magna cum laude</i>	May 2011
B.M. in Violin Performance, <i>summa cum laude</i>	May 2011

PUBLICATIONS: PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

“The Effect of Vaccine Mandates on Disease Spread: Evidence from College COVID-19 Mandates,” with Riley Acton (Miami), Wenjia Cao (MSU), Scott Imberman (MSU), Michael Lovenheim (Cornell). NBER Working Paper #30303. *Journal of Human Resources*.

“Progressivity of Pricing at U.S. Public Universities,” with Sarah Turner (UVA). *Economics of Education Review*, (2022) Volume 88.

“The Influence of Peer Institutions on Colleges’ Decisions: Evidence from Fall 2020 Reopening Plans,” with Riley Acton (Miami) and Allison Luedtke (St. Olaf). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, (2022), Volume 195, pp. 288-302.

“Missed Exams and Lost Opportunities: Who Could Gain from Expanded College Admission Testing?,” with Sarah Turner (UVA). *AERA Open*, (2019) 5:2.

“Network Structure and Consolidation in the U.S. Airline Industry, 1990-2015,” with Federico Ciliberto (UVA) and Jonathan W. Williams (UNC-Chapel Hill). *Review of Industrial Organization*, (2019) 54:3.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Covid-19 and Higher Education,” with Riley Acton (Miami), forthcoming in *Live Handbook of Research on Education Finance and Policy*, Douglas Harris (ed.), Association for Education Finance and Policy.

“College Pricing in the US,” with Sarah Turner (UVa), forthcoming in *Live Handbook of Research on Education Finance and Policy*, Douglas Harris (ed.), Association for Education Finance and Policy.

“Transitioning from High School to College: Differences across Virginia,” with Jessie Romero (Richmond Fed) and Sarah Turner (UVA). *Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Economic Brief*, (2017) 17:12.

WORKING PAPERS

“Market Structure and College Access in the US”

“How Does the Price of College Affect Major Choice?,” with Ruipu Gao (Tulane) *under review*

“The Effect of Federal Science and Engineering Research Funding on University STEM Education,” with Devaki Ghose (World Bank) and Ekaterina Khmelnitskaya (UBC)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“College Financial Aid Policies,” with Chao Fu (UW-Madison) and John Stromme (Vanderbilt)

“Political Views and College Choices in a Polarized America,” with Riley Acton (Miami) and Paola Ugalde (LSU)

“The Emergence of Computer Science Degree Programs in the US,” with Devaki Ghose (World Bank) and Ekaterina Khmelnitskaya (UBC)

PRESENTATIONS

2025— Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference (AEFP, scheduled), Midwest Economics Association (MEA, scheduled), Texas A&M Program in Education Policy (scheduled), BFI/UChicago conference on higher education finance (scheduled)

2024— Texas A&M University, National Science Foundation (NSF), Society of Labor Economists Conference (SOLE), CESifo Economics of Education Conference

2023— Washington University in St. Louis, University of Connecticut, Texas Tech University, Tulane-LSU Applied Micro Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Southern Economic Association (SEA)

2022— AEFP, Tulane-LSU Applied Micro Conference, SEA, Rice University, NBER Education Program Fall Meeting

2021— Western Economic Association Conference, West Point (US Military Academy), SEA, NBER Education Program Fall Meeting

2020— Cornerstone Research, U.S. DOJ Antitrust Division, Tulane University, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Southern Methodist University, UW-Madison, Federal Trade Commission, University of Western Ontario, International Industrial Organization Conference (IIOC, canceled), Summer Higher Education Policy Seminar, EALE/SOLE/AASLE Virtual World Conference, Education Research Alliance for New Orleans (ERA) brown bag, E-conomics of Education Seminar, APPAM, SEA

2019—IIOC, SOLE, DC IO Day (poster presentation), APPAM, University of Virginia, Federal Trade Commission Brown Bag Seminar, SEA

AWARDS AND GRANTS

CEsifo Distinguished Affiliate Award	2024
Russell Sage Foundation, \$75,000	2024-2025
Kurzius Family Early Career Professorship, Tulane	2023
COR Research Grant, Tulane	2023
CELT Classroom Enhancement Grant, Tulane	2023
CELT Faculty-Mentored Research Program, Tulane	2021, 2022, 2023
Murphy Institute Seed Grant	2021
Faculty Research Award, Tulane SLA	2020
Snively Prize for Best Dissertation, Department of Economics, UVa	2020
Snively Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Economics, UVa	2020
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UVa	2019
Doctoral Dissertation Grant, National Science Foundation	2018
Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowship, UVa	2018
UVa Library Data Purchase Program Award	2018
GSASC Research Grant, UVa	2018
Snively Dissertation Proposal Prize, UVa	2017
Snively Summer Paper Prize, UVa	2016
Presser Foundation Scholar (for academic success in music)	2010

TEACHING

TAMU:	
ECON 650: Industrial Organization	S25
ECON 328: Economics of Education	F24
Tulane:	
ECON 4980/6980: Industrial Organization	S22, F23
ECON 4710/6710: Economics of Education	F21
ECON 7981: Graduate Labor Economics	S21, S23
ECON 1010: Introduction to Microeconomics	F20, S21, F21, F22, S23, F23, S24
UVA:	
TA for ECON 4720: Econometric Methods	S19, F19, S20
TA for ECON 3720: Introduction to Econometrics	S16
TA for ECON 3010: Intermediate Microeconomics	F15, F16
TA for ECON 2020: Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics	Summer 15

ADVISING

Current graduate advisees:

Ruipu Gao, Tulane Econ PhD program, (dissertation committee member)
 Barb Lundebjerg, Tulane Econ PhD program, (dissertation committee member)
 Gabe Olivier, Tulane Econ PhD program, (dissertation committee member)

Past graduate advisees:

Lauren Hunter, Aging Studies Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program, Tulane Medical School (dissertation committee member)
 Kerui Geng, Tulane Econ PhD program (dissertation committee member)

Undergraduate advising: Julian Bornstein, Tulane (honors thesis committee chair)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Referee : *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *American Economic Review*, *AEJ:Policy*, *The Economic Journal*, *Journal of Human Resources* (x2), *Journal of Industrial Economics*, *Economics of Education Review* (x3), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* (x2), *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Education Economics*, *Education Finance and Policy* (x2), *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, *Journal of Human Capital*

External Reviewer: *Center for Security and Emerging Technology (CSET)*, *Sloan Foundation*

PhD Admissions Committee, TAMU Economics	2024-25
IO mini-conference co-organizer, TAMU Economics	Fall 2025
Seminar Series Organizer, Tulane Economics	AY 2023-2024
PhD Admissions Committee, Tulane Economics	Spring 2023
Mentor, CSWEP Workshop for 3rd & 4th Year PhD Students in Economics	F 22, F 23
Organizer for UVa Graduate IO Research Meetings	AY 2018–19
Organizer for UVa Economics Research Colloquium	Spring 2018
Organizer for Higher Education Reading Group, UVa	Summer 2018
Organizer for IO Reading Group, UVa	Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association (AEA), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (AP-PAM), Southern Economic Association (SEA), Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)