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Academic Appointments

Fall 2018-present Assistant Professor of Economics University of South Carolina

Education

2018	Ph.D., Economics	Columbia University
2015	M.Phil., Economics	Columbia University
2014	M.A., Economics	Columbia University
2012	B.S., Mathematics, Summa Cum Laude	Auburn University
2012	B.S., Economics, Summa Cum Laude	Auburn University

Research Areas

Public Economics, Industrial Organization, Applied Microeconomics

Publications

"Higher Education: The Impact of Recreational Marijuana on College Applications" with Christopher Blake and Josh Hess. *Contemporary Economic Policy*, forthcoming

"Hits from the Bong? The Impact of Recreational Marijuana Dispensaries on Property Values" (with Lin Tian). *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, March 2021

Working Papers

"Uniform Brand Variant Pricing and Tax Pass-through" (2023)

"License Quotas and the Inefficient Regulation of Sin Goods: Evidence from the Washington Recreational Marijuana Market" (2020)

Selected Works in Progress

"How Do Uniform Brand Variant Pricing Pass-Through Input Costs?" (with Haimiti Aerfate)

"Uniform Brand Variant Pricing Firms and Oligopoly Competition"

Seminar and Conference Presentations

2023: Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting, Federal Trade Commission

2022: National Tax Association 115th Annual Conference on Taxation (cancelled), Southern Economic Association Annual Conference

2021: National Tax Association 114th Annual Conference on Taxation, Southern Economic Association Annual Conference

2020: Southern Economic Association Annual Conference

2019: 3rd Annual Columbia/Princeton Women in Economics Conference, 14th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Southern Economic Association Annual Conference

2018: Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Federal Trade Commission, Columbia University, University of South Carolina, Temple University, Lafayette College, Carnegie Mellon University, Auburn University

Teaching

Public Finance (Ph.D.)

Fall 2019, Spring 2022, Fall 2023

Public Finance (UG)

Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Fall 2023

Industrial Organization (UG)

Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2023, Spring 2023

Professional Service

Reviewing

Journal of Political Economy, Production and Operations Management, Regional Science and Urban Economics, National Tax Journal, Annals of Regional Science, Economics of Transition and Institutional Change

Conference Discussant

National Tax Association 115th Annual Conference on Taxation (2022), Southern Economics Association Annual Conference (2022), National Tax Association 114th Annual Conference on Taxation (2021), Southern Economics Association Annual Conference (2021), National Tax Association 113th Annual Conference on Taxation (2020), 14th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (2019), Western Economic Association International Annual Conference (2018)

Departmental Service

Seminar Coordinator (2020–present)

Hiring Committee (2023-2024)

Faculty Senate (2023-2025)

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2022-2023)

Honors and Awards

2022-2023	Alfred G. Smith, Jr. Award for Excellence in Teaching	University of South Carolina
2016-2017	Alice Hanson Jones Fellowship for Economics and History	Columbia University
2015-2016	Alice Hanson Jones Fellowship for Economics and History	Columbia University
2015	Wueller Award for Best Graduate Teaching Assistant	Columbia University

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