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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida
Assistant Professor of Economics, 2025-Present
College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts
Assistant Professor of Economics, 2022-2025

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
Ph.D. in Economics, 2017 – 2022
Thesis: "The Economics of Life and Death"
M.A. in Economics, 2017 – 2019
University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. in Financial Economics, 2012 – 2016
B.A. in Mathematics, 2012 – 2016
Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Economic Demography, Economic History

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Blue Collar Booms and American Mortality" (with Paul Shaloka) ***forthcoming: American Journal of Health Economics***
"Agricultural Technological Change, Female Earnings, and Fertility: Evidence from Brazil" ***Economic Journal* (January, 2025)**
"Every Day is Earth Day: Evidence on the Long-term Impact of Environmental Activism" (with Daniel Hungerman). ***AEJ: Applied Economics (January, 2023)***
Media Coverage: *Notre Dame News, Le Monde*

WORKING PAPERS

"Religion and Demography: Papal Influences on Fertility" (With Lakshmi Iyer and Paloma Moyano)
Media Coverage: *Notre Dame News, Crux, Today's Catholic*
"Within the Calculus of Conscious Choice: Industrialization, Religion, and Fertility Decline in the 1800s France"

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"A Pentecostal Ethic? Evidence from a Randomized Religious Intervention in Kenya" (With David Murphy, Samuel Bird, and Susan Kilonzo) *Field Work Complete*
"Rugged Individualism and Mortality" (With Martin Fiszbein and Mesay Gebresilasse)

"Improving the Working Conditions of Domestic Workers in Brazil", *JPAL JOI Brazil Funded Initiative, Field Work in Progress*

"Can Human Capital Investments Lower Coercive Institutions? Evidence from US History"

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS (*Scheduled)

2026: *2026 ASSA meetings (Philadelphia, PA, Presenter)**

2025: *LACEA 2025 (Recife, Brazil)*, Demography and Population Health Brown Bag (*Florida State)*; ASREC Europe 2025 (Copenhagen, Denmark); 30th International Union for the Scientific Study of Population Conference (Brisbane, Australia, Poster Presenter)*; *61st Annual Cliometrics Conference* (Williams College); *NBER Fertility and Declining Population Growth*; Bates College; Florida State University

2024: Brown University Growth Lab

2023: *Southern Economic Association (New Orleans, LA)*; *LAC Development Economics Conference (Amherst College)*; College of the Holy Cross; *LAC Public and Labor Conference (Smith College, Discussant)*

2022: University of Missouri; *NBER Gender in the Economy Summer Institute (Invited Participant)*; *19th World Economic History Congress (Paris, France)*; *Eastern Economic Association (Montego Bay, Jamaica)*; College of the Holy Cross; University of Akron

2021: *Development Day Annual Conference* (Notre Dame); *North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC); Structural Transformation and Economic Growth Annual Conference*

2020: *Health, History, Demography & Development Conference* (Virtual)

2017: *Public Choice Society Meetings (New Orleans, LA)*

2015: *Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Day*

OTHER WRITING

"How agricultural innovation affected female labour force participation in Brazil", VoxDev, 2025

AFFILIATIONS

Research Affiliate, Center for Demography and Population Health, Florida State University, 2025-Present

Kellogg Doctoral Student Affiliate, University of Notre Dame, 2020-2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Florida State University

Mathematical Demography (graduate level): Spring 2026

Analysis of Economic Data: Fall 2025; Spring 2026

College of the Holy Cross

Population Economics: Fall 2023 (Evaluations: 4/4), Spring 2023 (Evaluations: 4/4)

Quantitative Microeconomics: Spring 2024 (Evaluations: 4/4), Spring 2023 (Evaluations: 4/4)

Statistics: Spring 2024 (Evaluations: 4/4), Fall 2022 (Evaluations: 4/4)

University of Notre Dame, Department of Economics

Instructor of Record: Introduction to Linear Regression: Fall 2021 (Evaluations: 5/5)

Instructor of Record: Tutorial Section for Statistics for Economics: Spring 2021

(Evaluations: 5/5)
Teaching Assistant: Principles of Macroeconomics, 2017– 2018

ADVISING

College of the Holy Cross

Meghan Webber (Class of 2025), College Honors Thesis Adviser 2024-2025
Nicholas Lupone (Class of 2024), College Honors Thesis Adviser 2023-2024

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Associates Program ($825.00), J.D. Power Center for Liberal Arts in the World, 2024
Research Associates Program ($783.75), J.D. Power Center for Liberal Arts in the World, 2022
JOI Brazil Travel Grant ($3,510.24), Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), 2022
Kellogg Conference Travel Grant ($1,250), Kellogg Institute for International Studies, 2022
ISLA Research Grant ($3,500), University of Notre Dame, 2020
Graduate Assistantship, University of Notre Dame, 2017–2022
Sondheim Public Affairs Scholar, UMBC, 2012 – 2016
Honors College, UMBC, 2012 – 2016

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Referee

Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Economic Growth; Journal of Human Resources

Conference Reviewer

2023 Annual Meeting of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
2022 Annual Meeting of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

College of the Holy Cross

"Deaths of Despair", Professor Editorial for the *College Street Journal*, 2024
Economics Search Committee, 2023-24
Weiss Summer Research Program, 2023
Awards Committee, 2022-2023

University of Notre Dame

Fulbright Award Campus Committee, 2021
Truman Scholarship Campus Committee, 2021
Fulbright Award Campus Committee, 2020

UMBC

Sondheim Scholar Selection Panel, 2016

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Business Management Analyst at *Northrop Grumman*, Linthicum, Maryland, USA, 2016– 2017
Research Assistant to Dennis Coates, *UMBC,* Baltimore, Maryland, USA, 2016-2017

SKILLS

Stata, Python, MATLAB