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Research interests Applied microeconomics

Education, disability employment, inter-generational policy effects.

Education Texas A&M University August 2021 – May 2026 (Expected)

PhD in Economics, Committee: Professors Barr (*Chair*), Meer, Eckel, and Lahey **University of South Carolina**August 2017 – August 2018

MA in Economics, Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics

University of South FloridaAugust 2014 – August 2017

BS in Quantitative Economics

Publications "Divergent Paths: Differential Impacts of Minimum Wage Increases on Indi-

viduals with Disabilities" with Jeffrey Clemens and Jonathan Meer. National

Tax Journal, Forthcoming

"Can High School Counselors Help the Economics Pipeline?" with Danila Serra

and Jonathan Meer. AEA: Papers and Proceedings, 2023

Job Market Paper "Driving Inclusion: The Effect of Improved Transportation for People with Dis-

abilities" Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Human Resources (funded by NBER

RDRC Fellowship)

Work in Progress "Going the Distance: The Contemporaneous and Intergenerational Effects of

Accessible Transportation" (funded by NBER RDRC Fellowship)

"No Time Like the Present: The Effects of On-Demand Trips for Paratransit Customers on Rider Mobility, Well-being, and Health" with Michael Cassidy

and Ludovica Gazze (funded by JPAL)

"Remote Work and Employment at the Margins: Evidence from Older and Dis-

abled Adults in the UK" with Ian Burn and Joanna Lahey

"Beyond the Text: Understanding Opt-Out, Dosage, and Response Disparities

in an SMS Intervention" with Miranda Lambert, Kalena Cortes, and Brian Holz-

man

Pre-doctoral Work "Lifetime Earnings, Income Or Wealth. How Alternative Resource Measures

Affect The Location And Composition Of The Very Top Of The Distribution"

with Jeffrey Thompson. Journal of Income Distribution, Forthcoming.

"Agricultural Aid and Agricultural Production in Africa" with Kwabena

Gyimah-Brempong. Journal of African Development, 2020.

"Dynamic Sales Tax Competition: Evidence at the Border" with Nadia

Greenhalgh-Stanley, Shawn Rohlin, Jeffrey Thompson. (Pre-doctoral work)

Research experience	Research Assistant at Texas A&M University		
	Andrew Barr, Kalena Cortes, Catherine Eckel, and Danila Serra Research Assistant at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston		
	Jeffrey Thompson September 2018 – July	y 2021	
Honors and	S. Charles Maurice Graduate Fellowship (Texas A&M University)	2025	
scholarships	Gail Frey Monson Memorial Scholarship (Texas A&M University)	2025	
	Retirement and Disability Policy Research Graduate Fellow (NBER)	2024	
	Retirement and Disability Dissertation Grant (UMBC and SSA, declined)	2024	
	MJ Grove Scholarship (Texas A&M University, PERC)	2024	
	Aviles-Johnson Diversity Fellowship (Texas A&M University)	2021	
	Darla Moore Fellowship (University of South Carolina)	2017	
Teaching experience	Public Economics (ECON412), Texas A&M Spring	g 2025	
	Two guest lectures on social insurance. Average student rating: 4.7/5.		
	Personnel Economics (ECON419), Texas A&M Spring	g 2025	
	One guest lecture on disability topics. Average student rating: 3.8/4.		
	Labor Economics (ECON418), Texas A&M Summe	r 2024	
	Instructor of Record. Average student rating: 4.9/5.		
	Hullabaloo U (ECON285), Texas A&M Fal	ll 2023	
	Instructor of Record. Average student rating: 4.2/5.		
Presentations	2025: Eastern Economics Association, Allied Social Science Associ	ations	
	(ASSA), Home and Community Based Services Annual Conference, Southern		
	Economics Association (expected)		
	2024: Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), Texas Applied		
	Microeconomics Student Workshop, STATA Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference, APPAM Fall Research Conference		
	2023: Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop, Southern Eco	: Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop, Southern Economic	
	Association Annual Conference		
Referee Experience	Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Educational Re-		
	searcher, Economic Development Quarterly, Feminist Economics, Journal	of Be-	
	havioral Public Administration		
Professional Service	Texas Applied Microeconomics Student (TEAMS) Workshop	2025	
	Coordinator		
	Public-Labor-IO PhD Student Brown Bag Coordinator	023-24	
	Economic Graduate Student Association 2nd Year Representative 20	022-23	
	Economic Graduate Student Association 1st Year Representative 20	021-22	