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Research interests Applied microeconomics

Education, disability employment, inter-generational policy effects.

Education Texas A&M University

August 2021 – Present

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 Florida August 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

"Who Are the "Rich," How Do We Identify Them, and How Are They Different from Everyone Else?" with Jeffrey Thompson. *Journal of Income Dynamics, Forthcoming.* (Pre-doctoral work)

"Can High School Counselors Help the Economics Pipeline?" with Danila Serra and Jonathan Meer. *AEA: Papers and Proceedings*, 2023

"Agricultural Aid and Agricultural Production in Africa" with Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong. *Journal of African Development, 2020.* (Pre-doctoral work)

Working Papers "Driving Inclusion: The Effect of Improved Transportation for People with Dis-

abilities" Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Human Resources

"Dynamic Sales Tax Competition: Evidence at the Border" with Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley, Shawn Rohlin, Jeffrey Thompson. (Pre-doctoral work)

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

Accessible Transportation"

"Remote Work and Employment at the Margins: Evidence from Older and Disabled Adults in the UK" with Ian Burn and Joanna Lahey

"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)

"Beyond the Text: Understanding Opt-Out, Dosage, and Response Disparities in an SMS Intervention" with Miranda Lambert, Kalena Cortes, and Brian Holzman

"The Resilience of Local Economies: What Helps Rural Communities and Small Towns Survive Economic Shocks?" with 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 Res Jeffrey Thompson	September 2018 – July 2021
Undergraduate Research Assistant at	University of South Florida
Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong	September 2015 – May 2016
S. Charles Maurice Graduate Fellowship	(Texas A&M University) 2025
Gail Frey Monson Memorial Scholarship	
Retirement and Disability Policy Research Graduate Fellow (NBER) 2024	
Retirement and Disability Dissertation G	· · · ·
MJ Grove Scholarship (Texas A&M Unive	
Aviles-Johnson Diversity Fellowship (Tex	•
Darla Moore Fellowship (University of So	outh Carolina) 2017
Public Economics (ECON412), Texas A	A&M Spring 2025
Two guest lectures on social insurance. A	Average student rating: 4.7/5.
Personnel Economics (ECON419), Tex	xas A&M Spring 2025
One guest lecture on disability topics. Av	verage student rating: 3.8/4.
Labor Economics (ECON418), Texas A	A&M Summer 2024
Instructor of Record. Average student rati	ing: 4.9/5.
Hullabaloo U (ECON285), Texas A&M	Fall 2023
Instructor of Record. Average student rational	ing: 4.2/5.
2025: Eastern Economics Association,	Allied Social Science Associations
(ASSA), Home and Community Based Se	
Economics Association (expected)	
2024: Association for Education Financ	e and Policy (AEFP), Texas Applied

Presentations

Teaching experience

Honors and scholarships

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 Economic Association Annual Conference

Referee Experience

Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Educational Researcher, Economic Development Quarterly, Feminist Economics, Journal of Behavioral Public Administration

Professional Service

Texas Applied Microeconomics Student (TEAMS) Workshop	2025
Coordinator	
Public-Labor-IO PhD Student Brown Bag Coordinator	2023-24
Economic Graduate Student Association 2nd Year Representative	2022-23
Economic Graduate Student Association 1st Year Representative	2021-22