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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Positions

Associate Professor of Economics, Texas A&M University (Fa 2019-present)
Visiting Scholar, Dartmouth College Department of Economics (Fa 2021-Sp 2022)
Ray A. Rothrock Fellow, Texas A&M University (Fa 2019-present)
Research Network Fellow, Center for Economic Studies (CES) ifo (Fa 2018-present)
Faculty Director, Texas A&M – US Army Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis Partnership (Fa 2015-present)
Faculty Affiliate, Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities at Notre Dame (LEO) (Fa 2017-present)
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard (Fa 2018-present)

Previous Positions

Research Network Affiliate, Center for Economic Studies (CES) ifo (Fa 2014-Fa 2018)
Assistant Professor of Economics, Texas A&M University (Fa 2015-Sp 2018)

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Virginia Sp 2015
M.A. in Economics, University of Virginia Sp 2011
B.A. in Economics, University of Virginia, Award for Most Outstanding Major Sp 2007

Fields of Research and Teaching

Applied Microeconomics – Labor, Public, Education

Publications¹

Peer reviewed journals:

- [1] Barr, A. 2019. "[Fighting for Education: Veterans and Financial Aid](#)," *Journal of Labor Economics*, 37(2), 509-544.
- [2] Barr, A. and Turner, S. 2018. "[A Letter and Encouragement: Does Information Increase Post-Secondary Enrollment of UI Recipients?](#)" *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 10(3), 42-68.
- [3] Barr, A. 2016. "[Enroll or Enlist: Credit Constraints, College Aid, and the Military Enlistment Margin](#)," *Economics of Education Review* (special issue on College Access), 51, 61-78.
- [4] Barr, A. and Dee, T. 2016. "[Property Taxes and Politicians: Evidence from School Budget Elections](#)," *National Tax Journal*, 69(3), 517-544.
- [5] Barr, A., and Turner, S. 2015. "[Out of work and into school: Labor market policies and college enrollment during the Great Recession](#)," *Journal of Public Economics*, 124, 63-73.
- [6] Barr, A. 2015. "[From the Battlefield to the Schoolyard: The Short-term Impact of the Post-9/11 GI Bill](#)," *Journal of Human Resources*, 50(2), 580-613.
- [7] Barr, A. and Turner, S. 2013. "[Expanding Enrollments and Contracting Budgets: The Effect of the Great Recession on Higher Education](#)," *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 650, 168-193.

Other academic publications:

¹ Author names listed alphabetically as convention in the profession.

[8] Barr, A. and Castleman, B. 2019. "[Exploring Variation in College Counselor Effectiveness](#)," *AEA: Papers and Proceedings*, 109, 227-231.

Working Papers

- [9] "[Breaking the Cycle: The Intergenerational Effects of an Anti-Poverty Program in Early Childhood](#)," with Chloe Gibbs (2nd round revise and resubmit, *Journal of Political Economy*) August 2017
Supported by UC Davis Center for Poverty Research Small Research Award (\$31,625)
- [10] "[The Effect of Reduced Student Loan Borrowing on Academic Performance: Evidence from a Loan Counseling Experiment](#)," (forthcoming, *Journal of Public Economics*) May 2020
with Ben Castleman and Kelli Bird
Supported by the Lumina Foundation (\$130,000)
- [11] "[Fighting Crime in the Cradle: The Effects of Early Childhood Access to Nutritional Assistance](#)," June 2019
with Alex Smith (forthcoming, *Journal of Human Resources*)
- [12] "[An Engine of Economic Opportunity: Intensive Advising, College Success, and Social Mobility](#)," June 2018
with Ben Castleman
Winner of Coalition for Evidence Based Policy Low-Cost RCT Competition
- [13] "[The Effect of Early Childhood Education on Adult Criminality: Evidence from the 1960s Through 1990s](#)," (conditionally accepted, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*) August 2020
with John Anders and Alex Smith
- [14] "[The Effects of Income During Infancy: Evidence from a Tax Discontinuity](#)," December 2020
(revise and resubmit, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*) with Jonathan Eggleston and Alex Smith
- [15] "[You Can't Handle the Truth: The Effects of the Post-9/11 GI Bill on Higher Education and Earnings](#)" July 2021
(NBER working paper #29024) with Laura Kawano, Bruce Sacerdote, Bill Skimmyhorn, and Michael Stevens

Work in Progress

"Personalized Postsecondary Information for US Army Service Members" with Kelli Bird, Ben Castleman, and Bill Skimmyhorn
Supported by the Kresge Foundation (\$128,500), the Lumina Foundation (\$128,500), the Heckscher Foundation for Children (138,074), and the Spencer Foundation (\$43,617)

"Labor Market Outcomes and the Post-9/11 GI Bill" with Laura Kawano, Bruce Sacerdote and Bill Skimmyhorn
Supported by the Spencer Foundation (\$70,000)

Grants and Competitive External Fellowships

Funded (Co-PI on all grants, PI on all fellowships):

The Spencer Foundation, 2020-2022 (\$50,000)
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, 2020-2021 (\$125,000)
The Kresge Foundation, 2020-2021 (\$100,000)
GTF and Temple Foundation, 2018-2023 (\$350,000)
Upjohn Early Career Research Grant, 2019 (\$5,000)
The Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2018-2019 (\$290,000)
Meadows Foundation, 2018-2020 (\$125,000)
Laura and John Arnold Foundation, 2017-2020 (\$299,843)
National Academy of Education / Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2017-2019 (\$70,000)
Russell Sage Foundation, 2016-2018 (\$57,219)
UC Davis Center for Policy Research Small Research Award, 2015-2016 (\$31,624)
Bottom Line, 2014-2021 (\$105,689)
The Kresge Foundation*, 2014-2017 (\$140,000)
The Lumina Foundation*, 2014-2017 (\$128,500)

The Heckscher Foundation for Children*, 2014-2017 (\$138,074)
 The Spencer Foundation*, 2014-2017 (\$43,617)
 The Lumina Foundation*, 2014-2016 (\$130,000)
 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant, 2014 (\$15,800)
 National Academy of Education / Spencer Dissertation Fellowship, 2012-2013 (\$25,000)
 National Science Foundation / American Educational Research Association Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)

* - Brought on as Co-PI and equal collaborator after initial application (fiscal agent, University of Virginia)

Recognitions

Excellence in Reviewing Award	American Economic Journal: Economic Policy	2019-20
Best Feedback Provider on Research	Department of Economics, Texas A&M University	2020
Distinguished Affiliate Award	Center for Economic Studies (CES) ifo (Education)	2014
Snavelly Dissertation Proposal Award	University of Virginia	2012-2013
Pre-doctoral New Scholars Award	Association of Education, Finance, and Policy	2013
Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowship	University of Virginia	2013-2014
President's Fellowship	University of Virginia	2009-2013

Presentations

2021 – American Economic Association Annual Meeting, NBER Summer Institute Public
 2020 – NBER Children Spring Meeting, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
 2019 – American Economic Association Annual Meeting, NBER Children Spring Meeting, Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Summer Conference, NBER Summer Institute Labor/Education, Center for Economic Studies (CES) ifo (Economics of Education)
 2018 – Boston College, Harvard (CEPR), Spencer/NAEd Annual Meeting
 2017 – UC Davis, Center for Economic Studies (CES) ifo (Economics of Education), Columbia (Teachers College), Rutgers
 2016 – Texas A&M Big Data Workshop, Naval Postgraduate School, Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting, Center for Economic Studies (CES) ifo (Economics of Education), Stata Empirical Micro Conference, Methods in Experimental Economics Research Conference
 2015 – West Point, Stata Empirical Micro Conference, National Bureau of Economics Research (NBER) Economics of Education Group Fall Meetings, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), RAND Corporation, Texas A&M, University of Georgia, Upjohn Institute, University of Illinois, Notre Dame, University of Chicago (Harris)
 2014 – Center for Economic Studies (CES) ifo (Economics of Education), Richmond Federal Reserve, Duke (Sanford), Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Summer Conference, National Academy of Education / Spencer Meeting, RAND Corporation, Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP, Southern Economic Association (SEA)

Teaching

Instructor (Texas A&M University)

ECON 690 – Theory of Econ Research	2017-18
ECON 603 – Public Economics I	2017, 2020
ECON 604 – Public Economics II	2017, 2019, 2020
ECON 412 – Public Finance	2016, 2020
ECON 610 – Labor Economics II	2016

Instructor (University of Virginia)

ECON 4340 – Economics of the Public Sector	2012
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Student Advising

PhD: John Anders (chair, 2019, Trinity University)
 Joshua Witter (committee member, Church of Latter Day Saints)
 Meradee Tangvatcharapong (committee member, expected 2020)
 Adam Roberts (chair, expected 2022)
 Jiee Zhong (co-chair)

Service

Referee:

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, Economics of Education Review, Education Finance and Policy, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Labour Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, National Tax Journal, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics

Discussions:

- 2019 – American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Center for Economic Studies (CES) ifo (Economics of Education)
- 2017 – Center for Economic Studies (CES) ifo (Economics of Education), New York Federal Reserve Conference on Higher Education Financing and Costs and Returns of Higher Education
- 2016 – Center for Economic Studies (CES) ifo (Economics of Education), Association for Education Finance and Policy (multiple)
- 2015 – Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

Departmental:

Graduate Instruction Committee (member), 2019-20, 2020-21
Undergraduate Instruction Committee (member), 2018-2019
Co-director of Placement, 2015-2018
Private Enterprise Research Center (PERC) Applied Micro Seminar Coordinator, 2017-2018

College:

Research Advisory Committee, 2020-21

Selected Media Coverage

“Education experts weigh in on Biden’s Proposal to Triple Funding for Low-Income Schools”, October 29, 2020 (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/28/biden-proposes-tripling-funding-for-low-income-schools.html>)
“Taking out a Student Loan Is Better Than Dropping Out”, The New York Times, September 6, 2019
“The Downside of Reduced Student Borrowing”, Inside Higher Ed, July 12, 2019
“The Benefits of Early Childhood Education and Health Programs May Last Longer Than a Lifetime”, The Wall Street Journal, September 25, 2017
“Head Start May Offer Next-Generation Benefits, Researchers Say”, Ed Week, September 22, 2017
“Who Benefits from Head Start? Kids who attend – and their kids too”, Chalkbeat, September 19, 2017
Study Mentioned on CBS This Morning, September 26, 2017
“College-Advising Model Yields Results for Low-Income Students”, Ed Week, October 26, 2017
“Mentoring Program Posts 81% College Persistence Rate with Focus on In-Person Coaching, Affordability, New Study Finds”, The 74 Million, November 15, 2017