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EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Oregon *2018-Present*
Visiting Scholar, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis *2017-2018*

OTHER POSITIONS

Research Economist, NBER *2020-Present*
Affiliate Member, CESifo (Center for Economic Studies and Ifo Institute), Munich *2019-Present*
CES Visiting Scholar, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich *May-June 2019*
Dissertation Intern, St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank *Summer 2016*

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Primary: **Labor Economics**
Secondary: **Public Economics, Urban Economics**

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics *2017*
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA
Committee: John Kennan, Chris Taber, Jesse Gregory
Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies *2011*
Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
B.A. Economics (Highest Honors) *2009*
UC Davis, Davis, CA, USA

PUBLICATIONS

“Optimal Subsidies for Residential Solar” (with Emmett Reynier)
Accepted: **Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics**
“Vertical Migration Externalities” (with Emmett Reynier*)
Regional Science and Urban Economics 101 (2023): 103900.
“The Indirect Fiscal Benefits of Low-Skilled Immigration” (with Dominik Sachs)
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 16.2 (2024): 515-550.
“Social Transfers and Spatial Distortions” (with Robert McDonough)
Journal of Labor Economics 43.1 (2025): 161-201.
“The Environmental Cost of Land Use Restrictions” (with John M. Morehouse)
Quantitative Economics, 2022. 13(1): 179-223.
“Heterogeneous Workers and Federal Income Taxes in a Spatial Equilibrium” (with Kevin Hutchinson)
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 2021. 13(2): 100-134.
“Optimal Need-Based Financial Aid” (with Sebastian Findeisen and Dominik Sachs)
Journal of Political Economy, 2021. 129(2): 492-533.
“Transformations in China’s Hukou System and Internal Labor Migration” (with Suqin Ge)
Journal of Labor Research, 2019. 40(3): 296-331.

WORKING PAPERS

“Means-Tested Solar Subsidies” (with Emmett Reynier)

“Dynamic Responses to Immigration”

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Value of Performance Information on Teacher Sorting and Student Achievement” (with Chao Fu)

CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2025 (including scheduled) University of Nebraska, Seoul National University, Sciences Po, Singapore Management University

2024 Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE)

2023 Minneapolis Fed

2022 Bank of Italy, University of Michigan, USC Marshall Macro Day

2021 Rochester Applied Micro Conference, McGill/Boston College Joint Seminar

2020 University of Pittsburgh, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington, Hitotsubashi University

2019 University of Munich (LMU), Mannheim, Royal Holloway, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Banff Empirical Microeconomics Conference, Urban Economics Association Meetings, Southern Economic Association Conference

2018 Minneapolis Fed, UW Madison Grainger Institute Conference, AREUEA-International Conference, National University of Singapore

2017 New York University, University of Oregon, Arizona State University, University of Rochester, Virginia Tech, Tufts, St. Louis Fed, Federal Reserve Board, Midwest Search and Matching Workshop

2016 St. Louis Fed, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2015 University of Wisconsin-Madison

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Review, American Economics Review: Insights, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, European Journal of Political Economy, International Economic Review, Journal of Asian Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Political Economy: Macro, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies, Quantitative Economics

Co-Organizer: 3rd Annual UW Madison Alumni Conference (2019)

Head Organizer: 2nd Annual UW Madison Alumni Conference (2018)

AWARDS AND HONORS

National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant SES-1947674 (with Chao Fu) *2020–2023*

New Junior Faculty Research Award, University of Oregon *2018*

Leon Mears Graduate Fellowship, UW Madison *2016*

Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award, UC Davis *2009*

Levine Family Honors Thesis Award, UC Davis *2009*

Phi Beta Kappa *2008*

PHD ADVISING

Cory Briar (Co-chair) First Job: Washington State Institute for Public Policy *2022*

John Morehouse (Co-chair) First Job: Freddie Mac *2022*

Robert McDonough (Committee member) First Job: UNC Chapel Hill (Lecturer) *2023*

Colleen O'Briant (Committee member) First Job: University of Arkansas (Visiting AP) *2024*

Emmett Reynier (Co-chair) First Job: Stanford FSE (Postdoc), University of Georgia (Assistant Professor) *2025*