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Current Appointment

Economist, Consumer Protection Division, Federal Trade Commission, August, 2018 – Present.

Previous Appointments

Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Economics, Yale University, August, 2016 – June, 2018.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Duke University, 2016.

M.A. Economics, Duke University, 2011.

B.A. Economics, B.A. Mathematics, *Summa Cum Laude*, University of Pennsylvania, 2010.

Research Interests

Labor Economics, Economics of Education.

Research

Published Articles

“The signal quality of grades across academic fields.” *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 34(4) (June/July, 2019): 566-587.

“The effects of Greek affiliation on academic performance,” with Andrew De Donato. *Economics of Education Review*, 57 (April, 2017): 41-51.

Working Papers

“What do course offerings imply about university preferences?” *R&R at Journal of Labor Economics*.

“Equilibrium Grade Inflation with Implications for Female Interest in STEM Majors,” with Thomas Ahn, Peter Arcidiacono, and Amy Hopson. *R&R at Econometrica*.

“Improving the Signal Quality of Grades,” with Adam Chilton, Peter Joy, and Kyle Rozema.

Honors and Awards

Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Fellowship, Duke Univ., Summer, 2015.

John T. Grigsby Fellowship, Duke Univ., Summer, 2013.

Graduate School Tuition Scholarship, Duke Univ., 2010-2016.

Teaching

ECON 448 Employment and Public Policy (undergraduate). Instructor, Yale Univ., Fall, 2017.

ECON 208D Econometrics (undergraduate). TA for Duncan Thomas, Duke Univ., Fall 2012.