

# James Thomas

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## Appointments

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

“What do course offerings imply about university preferences?” *Journal of Labor Economics*, forthcoming.  
“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

“Equilibrium Grade Inflation with Implications for Female Interest in STEM Majors,” with Thomas Ahn, Peter Arcidiacono, and Amy Hopson. *Second R&R at Econometrica*.  
“Improving the Signal Quality of Grades,” with Adam Chilton, Peter Joy, and Kyle Rozema. *Conditionally Accepted at Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*.

## 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.