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## Academic Appointments and Affiliations

Assistant Professor of Economics, United States Military Academy at West Point, 2015-Present.

Long-Run Research Coordinator, Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis, 2018-Present.

IZA Research Affiliate, 2018-Present.

CESifo Research Network Affiliate, 2017-Present.

## Education

Ph.D., Policy Analysis & Management, Cornell University, 2015.

M.A., Policy Analysis & Management, Cornell University, 2014.

B.A., Economics, Brigham Young University, 2009.

## Fields

Applied Microeconomics, Behavioral Economics, Economics of Education, Labor Economics.

## Research

### *Peer Reviewed Publications*

[“Benefits left on the table: Evidence from the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.”](#) *With Benjamin Castleman and William Skimmyhorn. Economics of Education Review.* Forthcoming.

[“Can Behavioral Tools Improve Online Student Outcomes? Experimental Evidence from a Massive Open Online Course.”](#) *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization.* 2018.

[“Computers and Productivity: Evidence from Laptop Use in the College Classroom.”](#) *With Robert Patterson. Economics of Education Review.* 2017.

[“Charter School Unionization and Student Outcomes.”](#) *With Jordan Matsudaira. Economics of Education Review.* 2017.

[“Could Trends in Time Children Spend with Parents Help Explain the Black-White Gap in Human Capital? Evidence from the American Time Use Survey.”](#) *Education Economics.* 2017.

[“Reputation Tapping.”](#) *With Bradley Rickard and Jill McCluskey. European Agricultural Economic Review.* 2015.

*Other Publications*

“[The Competitive Effects of Online Education.](#)” *With David Deming and Michael Lovenheim.* Forthcoming in *Productivity in Higher Education* (Caroline Hoxby and Kevin Stange, Eds.) *Also published as NBER Working Paper No. 22749.*

“Innovation in Education.” *With Jordan Matsudaira.* Dominic Brewer and Lawrence Picus, editors. *Encyclopedia of Education Economics and Finance.* Sage Publications. 2014.

*Papers Under Review*

“[Timing is Everything: Evidence from College Major Decisions.](#)” *With Nolan Pope and Aaron Feudo.*

“[Attribution Bias in Major Decisions: Evidence from Major Choice at the United States Military Academy.](#)” *With Kareem Haggag and Nolan Pope.*

“[Lack of Study Time is the Problem, but What is the Solution? Unsuccessful Attempts to Help Traditional and Online College Students.](#)” *With Phillip Oreopoulos, Uros Petronijevic, and Nolan Pope.*

*Other Working Papers and Projects*

“The Effects of Email Prompts and Targets on Savings Contributions.” *With Tatiana Homonoff, Jacob Goldin, and William Skimmyhorn.*

“Learning by Doing: Evidence from College Instructors.” *With Aaron Phipps and Eric Taylor.*

“Fungibility, Labels, and Large Purchases: Evidence from Servicemember Housing Decisions.” *With Susan Carter.*

“Parental Absence and Human Capital Development: Evidence from Quasi-Random Deployments.” *With Andrew Johnston and David Lyle.*

**Fellowships, Grants, & Awards**

2014-2015 National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship.

2014 Russell Sage Foundation. Small Grants in Behavioral Economics. \$6,000.

2014 Cornell Population Center Rapid Response Grant. \$800.

2012 Cornell Institute for Social Science Small Grants Program. *With Jordan Matsudaira.* \$10,000.

2009 Brigham Young University Office of Research and Creative Activities (ORCA) student grant. \$1,500.

2007 Brigham Young University Introductory Economics Teaching Assistant of the Semester.

## Professional Service

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Education Economics*, *Education Finance and Policy*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Human Capital*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Public Economics*.

## Presentations

2019 (scheduled) Association for Education Finance and Policy Meetings; Society of Labor Economists Meetings; University of Oregon; University of California San Diego

2018 Brigham Young University; Northeast Economics of Education Workshop; Southern Economics Association; University of Alaska; University of Pittsburgh; Western Economics Association.

2017 APPAM; Wesleyan University; Western Economic Association Meetings.

2016 Association for Education Finance and Policy Meetings; Western Economic Association Meetings; NBER Higher Education Productivity Conference (co-author presented); Ideas42; Northeast Economics of Education Workshop.

2015 Analysis Group; Cornell University; Mathematica; Southern Economics Association; United States Military Academy; American Education Research Association Meetings (poster).

2014 BYU Graduate Student Conference; Utah State University; Western Economic Association.

2013 Western Economic Association.

2011 AAEA-Behavioral Economics & Child Nutrition; American Marketing Association.

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