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APPOINTMENTS

2021 – Nonresident Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution
2020 – Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
2017 – 2019 Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara (2017)
Three Essays on the Valuation of the Environment, Regulation, and Transportation Infrastructure
Visiting Graduate Student, Institut Henri Poincaré, Paris, France (2013)
M.A., Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara (2012)
B.A., Economics and Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin (2009)
High Honors, Special Honors in Latin American Studies, minors in Math and History

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Commuting, Labor, and Housing Market Effects of Mass Transportation: Welfare and Identification. Forthcoming at *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

Formative Experiences and the Price of Gasoline (with Arthur van Benthem). Forthcoming at *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.

Technology Adoption Under Uncertainty: Take-Up and Subsequent Investment in Zambia (with Paulina Oliva, Kelsey Jack, Samuel Bell, & Elizabeth Mettetal). *Review of Economics and Statistics* 102, no. 3 (2020), 617–632.

What is Marine Justice? (with J Martin, S Gray, E Aceves-Bueno, P Alagona, T Elwell, A Garcia, Z Horton, D Lopez-Carr, J Marter-Kenyon, K Miller, T Shewry, B Twohey). *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 9, no. 2 (2019): 234–243.

Land-Use Regulations, Property Values, and Rents: Decomposing the Effects of the California Coastal Act (with Andrew Plantinga). *Journal of Urban Economics* 107 (2018): 65–78.

A Forward-Looking Ricardian Approach: Do Land Markets Capitalize Climate Change Forecasts? (with Chris Costello & Olivier Deschênes). *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* 89 (2018): 235–254.

Rural Entrepreneurial Education: An Innovative Piece of Practical Development in Latin America. *Student Journal of Latin American Studies* 1 (2009): 26–51.

WORKING PAPERS (see [website](#) for WORKS IN PROGRESS)

Lockdowns and Innovation: Evidence from the 1918 Flu Pandemic (with Enrico Berkes, Olivier Deschênes, Ruben Gaetani, & Jeffrey Lin). NBER Working Paper 28152 (2020). Revision requested at *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

Driving, Dropouts, and Drive-throughs: Mobility Restrictions and Teen Outcomes (with Valerie Bostwick).

The problem has existed over endless years: Racialized difference in commuting, 1980-2019 (with Devin Michelle Bunten, Ellen Fu, and Lyndsey Rolheiser).

BOOKS, CHAPTERS, AND ESSAYS

A Ticket to Ride: Estimating the Costs and Benefits of Rail Transit. *Economic Insights* 5, no. 2 (2020): 1–9.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Seminar and Conference Organization

Virtual Co-Organizer, 2020 Virtual Meeting of the Urban Economics Association

Founding Co-Organizer, Online Spatial and Urban Seminar (Summer 2020)

Organizer, Online Urban Economics Seminar (Spring 2020)

Refereeing

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Econometrica, Economics Letters, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Land Economics, Land Use Policy, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Southern Economic Journal, Urban Studies

Program Committees

Urban Economics Association (2020-2021)

AERE and AERE@SEA Conferences (2018-2021)

AREUEA (2019-2021)

AREUEA/ASSA Meetings (2019)

Occasional Workshop in Environmental and Resource Economics (2017)

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Econometric Society, Urban Economics Association

Panels and Outreach

Guest Panelist – Online Spatial and Urban Seminar, March 2021

Guest Co-Host – *Densely Speaking* (podcast), January 2021

Other Service

FRB Philadelphia RA Mentor

CSWEP Liaison

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations (* - virtual)

- 2022 *Upcoming*: University of Toronto
- 2021 ASSA*, FRS System Regional*, UEA*
- 2020 FR System Applied Micro Conference*, NBER SI EEE Egg Timer*, Tobin Center (Yale)*, TREE (Duke/NCSU)*, UCSB Alumni Conference*
- 2019 AERE Summer Conference (Lake Tahoe), ASSA/Econometric Society (Atlanta), Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, FRS Energy Conference (Denver), Michigan State University, Migration and Mobility Workshop (Bank of Italy), NBER Economics of Infrastructure, Southern Economic Association (Fort Lauderdale), University of New Hampshire, UEA (Philadelphia), University of Pennsylvania (Wharton EEF)
- 2018 AREUEA National Conference (Washington DC), FRS Applied Microeconomics Conference (Washington DC), Pennsylvania State University (Smeal), SMU Conference on Urban and Regional Economic (Singapore), UEA (NYC), World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (Göteborg)
- 2017 European Meeting of the UEA (Copenhagen), Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, FRS Committee on Regional Analysis (NYC), Fordham University, New York University (Furman Center), NARSC (Vancouver), Tilburg University (EOR), UEA (Vancouver), University of Massachusetts Amherst (DRE), University of Ottawa, Western Economics Association International (San Diego)
- 2016 NARSC (Minneapolis), Washington University in St. Louis Economics Graduate Student Conference, Western Economics Association International (Portland)
- 2015 AERE Summer Conference (San Diego), NBER SI (EEE Egg Timer)
- 2014 ASSA (Philadelphia), Southern California Conference for Applied Microeconomics

Conference Discussions

- 2021 Urban Economics Association*
- 2019 ASSA/AREUEA (Atlanta), Southern Economic Association (Fort Lauderdale), Urban Economics Association (Philadelphia)
- 2018 FR System Committee on Regional Analysis (Boston), Urban Economics Association (NYC)
- 2017 Urban Economics Association (Vancouver), Western Economics Association International, North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association (Vancouver)
- 2016 Western Economics Association International, North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association
- 2015 Occasional Workshop in Environmental and Resource Economics
- 2013 Workshop on Environmental Economics and Development

TEACHING

Instructor

PhD Math Camp (UCSB, 2013-15)

Teaching Assistant

PhD Econometrics 241A/B/C (UCSB 2013-14)

Master's Applied Econometrics (UCSB Bren 2014)

Climate Change Economics (UCSB 2014-15)

Intermediate Microeconomics (UCSB 2016)

Introduction to Econometrics (UCSB 2017)

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Finalist, NARSC Graduate Student Paper Award (2017)

Economics Department & Graduate Division Travel Grants, UCSB (2015-17)

Regents Special Fellowship, UCSB (2011-15)

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention (2013)

Andron Fellowship, UCSB Economics (2011-12)

Distinction, Macroeconomics and Econometrics PhD Preliminary Exams (2011)

Liberal Arts Competitive/Honors Research Fellowship, UT Austin (2008)

Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Undergraduate Scholarship, UT Austin (2007)

National Merit Scholar (2004)