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Education:

Ph.D. in Economics, Princeton University, 2013
M.A. in Economics, Princeton University, 2010
B.A. in Economics, *summa cum laude*, Cornell University, 2008

Appointments:

Economist, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission, August 2017 - Present
Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Reed College, August 2013 - August 2017
Course Instructor, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, Summers 2011 & 2012

Fields of Interest:

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Experimental, Applied Microeconomics, Public Policy

Research:

“Are Universities Becoming More Unequal?” (with Harvey Rosen)
The Review of Higher Education, Vol. 39, No. 4, Summer 2016, pp. 479-514

Working Papers:

“Does Classroom Diversity Improve Academic Outcomes?”
Presented, *2017 AEA Annual Meeting (Chicago)*

“Does Standardized Testing Hurt Student Learning? Causal Evidence from a Natural Experiment”
Presented, *2017 Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (Hong Kong)*

“Tournament Incentives Structure and Effort, or The Art of Carrot Dangling”
Submitted

“The Dragon Cohort of Hong Kong: Superstitions, Demographics and Education”
Submitted

“Access to Retirement Savings and its Effects on Labor Supply Decisions”
Submitted

“The Effectiveness of Cram Schools as Inputs of Education Production”
Presented, *HKEA 9th Biennial Conference 2016*

“Accounting for International Differences in Education Inequality”
Presented, *Western Economics Association 89th Annual Meeting*

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations:

Econometric Society 2017 Asian Meeting, June 2017

Korea Development Institute, May 2017

Hanyang University, May 2017

American Economic Association 2017 Annual Meeting, January 2017

Hong Kong Economics Association 9th Biennial Conference, December 2016

Western Economics Association 90th Annual Meeting, June 2015

IZA / RIETI Workshop: Changing Demographics and the Labor Market, May 2015

Portland State University Department of Economics Seminar Series, April 2015

Western Economics Association 11th International Conference, January 2015

Western Economics Association 89th Annual Meeting, June 2014

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, May 2014

Princeton Research Symposium, November 2012

Honors and Awards:

Miller-Mintz Fellowship, Reed College, 2013 - 2017
Princeton University Graduate Fellowship, 2008 - 2013
Honorable Mention, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 2008
Honors Program, Cornell University Department of Economics, 2007 - 2008
Member, Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics Honors Society), Inducted 2007

Teaching and Advising:

Econometrics - Reed
Intermediate Microeconomics - Reed
Economics of Education - Reed, Princeton
Political Economics - Reed
Junior Seminar in Research Skills - Reed
Advanced Microeconomics (with Calculus) - Princeton Woodrow Wilson School
Public Policy Microeconomics - Princeton Woodrow Wilson School
Introductory Microeconomics - Princeton

Advisor to 18 Reed College Senior Theses

Service / Other Experience:

Member, Institutional Review Board, Reed College, August 2016 - May 2017
Member, Summer Experience Award Review Committee, Reed College, January - May 2016
Speaker, Alumni College, Reed College, June 2015
Member, Administration Committee, Reed College, August 2013 - May 2015
Member, McGill-Lawrence / Davis Prize Committee, Reed College, August 2013 - May 2014
Graduate Fellow, Whitman College, Princeton University, 2012 - 2013
Research Assistant to Professor David Lee, Princeton University, July - September 2009
Research Assistant to Professor Jon Bakija, Cornell University, May - August 2008
Research Associate, Securities Group, NERA Economic Consulting, May - July 2007