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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018 - Assistant Professor of Economics, Montana State University  
2011- 2018 Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Case Western Reserve University

## EDUCATION

2011 Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, Economics  
2003 MPP, University of Chicago, Environmental Policy  
1999 B.A., Middlebury College, International Politics and Economics

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Economics, Household Finance, Public Economics

## PUBLICATIONS

“Criminal Deterrence when there are Offsetting Risks: Traffic Cameras, Vehicular Accidents, and Public Safety” with Paul J. Fisher, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* (2020), 12(3), 202-37.

“School Lunch Quality and Academic Performance” with Michael L. Anderson and Elizabeth Ramirez Ritchie, *Journal of Public Economics* (2018), 168, 81-93.

“Household Finance after a Natural Disaster: The Case of Hurricane Katrina” with Daniel Hartley, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* (2017), 9(3), 199-228.

“Learning about an Infrequent Event: Evidence from Flood Insurance Take-up in the US” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* (2014), 6(3), 206-233.

“Does Hazardous Waste Matter? Evidence from the Housing Market and the Superfund Program” with Michael Greenstone, *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2008), 123(3), 951-1003.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Weathering an Unexpected Financial Shock: The Effect of Cash Grants on Household Finance and Business Survival” with Daniel Hartley and Shawn Rohlin

“Natural Disasters that Cause No Damage: Accounting for the Selective Reporting of Weather Damage”

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Local Banking Institutions and Post-Disaster Recovery” with Daniel Hartley

“Public Investment and Infrastructure Externalities: Evidence from Municipal Water Provision” with Francisca Richter

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“[Red light cameras don’t mean fewer traffic accidents, they just reshuffle what types occur.](#)” *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*, November 20, 2019.

“[Cameras can catch cars that run red lights, but that doesn’t make streets safer.](#)” *The Conversation*, August 15, 2018 (republished by *Houston Chronicle*, *Philly Voice*, *San Antonio Express-News*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Scientific American*).

“[Public Data that Isn’t \(or Wasn’t\) Public.](#)” *Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences*, September 11, 2017.

“[Insurance and government assistance means that homeowners often have less debt following a flood disaster.](#)” *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*, September 7, 2017.

“[What victims of Hurricane Harvey can learn from Katrina as rebuilding begins.](#)” *The Conversation*, September 4, 2017 (republished by *Business Insider*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Salon*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*).

“[How the quality of school lunch affects students’ academic performance](#)” (with Michael Anderson and Elizabeth Ramirez Ritchie). *The Brookings Institution Brown Center Chalkboard*, May 3, 2017 (republished by *Education Digest*, November 2017, Volume 83, Number 3).

“[Why vaccinating our child is a good idea](#)” (with Mariana Carrera). *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, May 3, 2015.

“[Homeowners forget about past floods when assessing flood risk and are then repeatedly caught unprepared by the next flood.](#)” *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog*, August 25, 2014.

## SAMPLE OF MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

*American Economic Association Research Highlights*, September 11, 2020, “[You don’t have to put on the red-light cameras](#)”

*U.S. News & World Report*, June 3, 2019, “[Gov. Abbott Outlaws Red-Light Traffic Cameras in Texas](#)”

*Stateline* (Pew Charitable Trusts), September 28, 2018, “[Taking a U-turn on Red-Light, Speed Cameras](#)”

*Sound of Ideas* (NPR, WCPN), August 2, 2018, “[Red light camera study](#)”

*Radio Times* (NPR, WHYY), September 13, 2017, “[School lunch: teens and sleep](#)”

*American Economic Association Chart of the Week*, August 21, 2017, “[Debts and Disasters](#)”

*Innovation Hub* (NPR, WGBH), June 9, 2017, “[An Apple A Day Gives You An A](#)”

*The New York Times*, June 5, 2017, “[Feeding Young Minds: The Importance of School Lunches](#)”

*The NBER Digest*, June, 2017, “[Benefits and Costs of Healthier School Lunches](#)”

*The Atlantic*, March 22, 2017, “[Do Healthy Lunches Improve Student Test Scores?](#)”

*American Economics Association Research Highlights*, January 15, 2016, “[Will there be a spike in flood insurance take-up in 2016?](#)”

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Research Fellow, MSU Initiative for Regulation and Applied Economic Analysis, 2018-2021

NSF Grant 1638320 (Co-PI; \$220,000), 2016-2020

Weatherhead School of Management Emerging Impact Award, 2018

Lewis-Progressive Fellowship, 2017-2018

Nominated WSOM Undergraduate Teaching Award: 2013, 2016, 2017

CWRU Weatherhead Research Grant (\$14,000), 2014-2016

Freedman Fellows Research Grant (\$4,600), 2014-2015

NBER Household Finance Research Grant (\$10,000), 2010-2011

IBER Dissertation Research Award, 2010-2011

UC Berkeley Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, 2009-2010

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2008-2009

EPA Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Fellowship, 2005-2009

## **INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES**

**2021** (including planned): AEA Annual Meetings (Discussant), Montana State University, PERC

**2020:** AEA Annual Meetings, Northeastern University, San Diego State University, University of Wisconsin (Center for Financial Security)

**2019:** AEA Annual Meetings (Discussant), Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference, Georgia State University (Risk Management and Insurance), University of Pennsylvania (Wharton)

**2018:** AEA Annual Meetings (Discussant), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference, Cleveland State University, London School of Economics (Dept. Geography and Environment), Louisiana State University, Montana State University, University of Colorado—Boulder, Urban Economics, Association Annual Conference

**2017:** Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference (Discussant), Case Western Reserve University, Claremont Graduate University, NBER Education and Childrens Spring Joint Meetings, UC Irvine, Urban Economics Association Annual Conference

**2016:** Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference, Northeast Ohio Economics Workshop, University of Houston

**2015:** Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Summer Conference, Middlebury College, Resources for the Future, University of Akron, University of Maryland (Agricultural and Resource Economics), Southern Economics Association Annual Conference

**2014:** AEA Annual Meetings (Discussant; 2 sessions), Case Western Reserve University, NBER

Insurance Working Group, University of Washington

**2013:** Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference, International Banking, Economics and Finance Summer Conference

**2012:** Kent State University

**2011:** Case Western Reserve University, Congressional Budget Office, Loyola Marymount University, University of Pennsylvania (Wharton)

**2010:** MIT (Public and Labor Economics Seminar), UC Berkeley (Agricultural and Resource Economics Environmental Seminar), UC Berkeley (Labor Economics Seminar)

## **JOURNAL REFEREE AND GRANT REVIEW SERVICE**

Journal Referee Experience: *American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Economic Journal, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of the European Economics Association, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Risk and Insurance, Journal of Urban Economics, Management Science, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics*

Grant Review: National Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Sloan Foundation

Scientific Review Committee Member, The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center, Annapolis, MD, 2017 - 2020

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

MSU Undergraduate Research Committee, 2018-present

MSU Financial Engineering Steering Committee, 2018-2020

CWRU Economics Research Seminar Co-Coordinator, 2014-2018

CWRU Economics Faculty New Hire Committee, 2011-2013

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANT PLACEMENT (AT UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATION)**

Andrew Loucky (2012): Federal Reserve Board, Research Assistant

Joe Kachovec (2013): Federal Reserve Board, Research Assistant

Anthony Gatti (2014): Northwestern University, MA Data Analytics

Jonathon Mobley (2015): Patriot Software, Financial Analyst

Ben Marks (2016): Google, Programmer

Sarah Mattson (2016): Federal Reserve Bank, Cleveland, Research Assistant

Andrew Weisberg (2016): PNC Bank, Quantitative Analyst

Paul Fisher (2017): University of Arizona, PhD Economics

Ini Umosen (2017): Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Research Assistant

Jackie Blair (2018): Federal Reserve Board, Research Assistant

## REFERENCES

David Card, University of California, Berkeley, [card@econ.berkeley.edu](mailto:card@econ.berkeley.edu)

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