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## Current Position

2018-present Assistant Professor, Department of Finance and Economics
Mississippi State University

## Other Appointments

May 2024 Mobile Professor, School of Economics, Shandong University, Jinan, China

## Education

May 2018 Ph.D., Economics, Purdue University
Advisors: Timothy N. Bond and Kevin J. Mumford

May 2015 M.S., Economics, Purdue University

May 2013 B.S., Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*, Texas Tech University

## Publications

"Education, Crowding-out, and Black-White Employment Gaps in Youth Labor Markets: Evidence from No Pass, No Drive Policies," with Danqing Shen. *Economic Inquiry* 62(4) 2024, 1579-1597. With Danqing Shen. https://doi.org/10.1111/ecin.13228

"When Opportunity Knocks: China's Open Door Policy and Declining Educational Attainment." *Labour Economics* 81 (2023): 102312. With Xuan Jiang and Jiatong Zhong. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2022.102312

"Hidden Schooling: Endogenous Measurement Error and Bias in Education and Labor Market Experience." *Journal of Population Economics* 36 (2022): 2691-2723. https://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-022-00918-w

"The Unexpected Effects of No Pass, No Drive Policies on High School Education." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 39.1 (2020): 191-217. https://doi.org/10.1002/pam.22182

## Awards and Grants

National Science Foundation, SES-2241522; SES-2241521 for "Collaborative Research: Southern Lynchings and Children's Educational Outcomes," Principal Investigator (Co-PIs Mary Kate Batistich and Kalena Cortes)
Amount Awarded: $305,145

W.E. Upjohn Institute Early Career Research Award, 2021 – for "Causal Effects of Education on Longevity: Evidence from African Americans in Jim Crow Mississippi."

SEC Travel Grant, 2021

## Working Papers

"Grade Retention," with Simon ter Meulen and Jiee Zhong. Invited and submitted for inclusion in *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*, ed. Klaus F. Zimmermann. Expected publication late Summer 2024.

"Effects of Immigration Enforcement on Mobility and Avoidance Behavior: Evidence from 287(g) Agreements," with Heriberto Gonzalez Lozano and Sandra Orozco Aleman. (under review, *AEA Papers and Proceedings*)

"Lead in Drinking Water and Child Health: Evidence from Jackson, Mississippi," with Eunsik Chang and Justine Mallatt. (under review, *Journal of Public Economics*.)

## Works in Progress

"Southern Lynchings and Children's Educational Outcomes," with Mary Kate Batistich, Maxwell Bullard, and Kalena Cortes.

"The Long-Run Returns to School Inputs and the Costs of Between-School Resource Inequality," with Mary Kate Batistich, Maxwell Bullard, and Kalena Cortes.

"Causal Effects of Education on Longevity: Evidence from African Americans in Jim Crow Mississippi," with Todd Jones and Joe Price.

"Task-Based Stereotyping with Employer Learning," with Magdalena Bennett.

"Affirmative Action with Race-Neutral Preferences."

"Effects of Lead Discovery, Abatement, and Removal on Local Property Values," with Eunsik Chang, Yao Ma, and Justine Mallatt.

"Effects of Teacher, Principal, and Student Racial Match on Grade Retention," with Jiee Zhong and Simon ter Meulen.

"Incentive Effects of Grade Retention," with Simon ter Meulen and Jiee Zhong.

## Presentations

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| Jinan University | May 2024 |
| Shandong University (3x) | May 2024 |
| Southern Economics Association | November 2023 |
| Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management | November 2023 |
| Purdue University | September 2023 |
| University of Notre Dame | September 2023 |

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| Association for Education Finance and Policy | March 2023 |
| Southern Economics Association | November 2022 |
| Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management | November 2022 |
| Annenberg Institute at Brown University | May 2022 |
| Society of Labor Economists | May 2022 |
| Association for Education Finance and Policy | March 2022 |
| Texas A&M Bush School of Government and Public Service | February 2022 |
| Texas A&M Department of Economics | February 2022 |
| Southern Economic Association | November 2021 |
| Association for Education Finance and Policy | March 2021 |
| Bureau of Economic Analysis | December 2020 |
| Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management | November 2020 |
| Online Seminar on Discrimination and Disparities | October 2020 |
| United States Air Force Academy | October 2020 |
| IAB Conference on Labor Market Transitions | September 2020 |
| 13th Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop (SIDEW) | February 2020 |
| Southern Economics Association | November 2019 |
| NBER Spring Education Program Meeting | April 2019 |
| Southern Economics Association | November 2018 |
| European Association of Labour Economists | September 2018 |
| NC State University | January 2018 |
| Mississippi State University | January 2018 |
| Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management | November 2017 |
| Southern Economics Association | November 2017 |
| Bowling Green State University | September 2017 |
| University of Toledo | September 2017 |
| Midwest Economics Association | April 2017 |
| European Association of Labour Economists | September 2016 |
| Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management International Meeting | June 2016 |
| Society of Labor Economists | May 2016 |
| Midwest Economics Association | April 2016 |

## Teaching Experience

**Mississippi State University**

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|---|---|
| Principles of Microeconomics | Fall 2018-Fall 2024<br>In-person (11x) and Online, asynchronous (5x) |
| Economics of Education | Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 |
| Microeconomics I (PhD) | Spring 2020, Spring 2022 |
| Microeconomics II (PhD) | Fall 2024 |

**Purdue University**

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| Principles of Microeconomics | Summer 2015, Fall 2015 |
| Principles of Microeconomics (online) | Summer 2015 |

## Academic Advising

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| Ph.D.: | Committee Member | Lili Yao (2020). |
| Undergraduate: | Thesis Advisor | Jimmy Sieja (2025). |
| | Thesis Committee Member | Ivanna Porter (2021). |

## Refereeing

*Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy (2x), Economics of Education Review (2x), Empirical Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (2x), Journal of Population Economics (3x)*

## Service

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| 2023-: | Institutional Effectiveness Committee, Mississippi State |
| 2019-20: | Department of Finance and Economics Search Committee and Interviewer |