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## Current Employment and Affiliations

Associate Professor (Economics), Miami University, 2020-present

Assistant Department Chair (Economics), 2025-present

National Bureau of Economic Research, Research Associate (Development of the American Economy), 2020-present

## Past Affiliations

National Bureau of Economic Research, Faculty Research Fellow (DAE), 2017-2020

Assistant Professor (Economics), Miami University, 2013-2020

Senior Lecturer (Economics), Vanderbilt University, 2012-2013

Economist, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2004-2007

## Education

**Vanderbilt University, 2007-2012**

Ph.D. in Economics, August 2012
M.A. in Economics, May 2009
Dissertation: The Economic and Health Benefits of Iron Fortification in the United States
Advisor: William J. Collins

Fields of Specialization: Economic History, Labor Economics, Health Economics

**DePauw University, 2000-2004**

B.A. in Economics and Management, with minor in Computer Science, May 2004
Awards: Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude

# Publications

"Ironing Out Deficiencies: Evidence from the United States on the Economic Effects of Iron Deficiency" *The Journal of Human Resources*, Vol. 50, No. 4 (Fall 2015): 910-958.

"Revisiting the Great Compression: Wage inequality in the United States, 1940-1960" (with Taylor Jaworksi). *Historical Methods*, Vol. 51, No. 1 (January 2018): 39-48.

"Revising Infant Mortality Rates for the Early 20th Century United States" (with Katherine Eriksson and Melissa Thomasson). *Demography*, Vol. 55, No. 6 (December 2018): 2001-2024. NBER Working Paper 23263.

*Data:* "Revised Infant Mortality Rates and Births for the United States, 1915-1940" Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor]. ICPSR37076.v1

"Unions and the Great Compression of American Inequality, 1940-1960" (with William J. Collins). *Economic History Review*, Vol. 72, No. 2 (May 2019): 691-715
*2018 IPUMS USA Published Research Award Winner*

"The Impact of Land Bank Demolitions on Property Values" (with L. Allison Jones-Farmer, and undergraduates William Holmes and Nathan Soundappan). *Economics Bulletin*, Vol. 40, No. 1 (February 2020): 217-233. *Post-tenure*

"Do Menu Labeling Laws Translate into Results? Impacts on Population Obesity" (with Jackie Craig and Charles Moul). *Applied Economics*, Vol. 52, No. 14 (March 2020): 1592-1605. (with undergraduate Jackie Craig) *Post-tenure*

"Medical Education Reforms and the Origins of the Rural Physician Shortage" (with Carolyn M. Moehling, Melissa Thomasson, and Jaret Treber). *Cliometrica*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (May 2020)

"Racial Residential Segregation and Black Low Birth Weight, 1970-2010" (with Katharine Shester). *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, Vol. 83(C) (2020). *Post-tenure*

"Immigration Shocks and Marriage Market Sorting" (with Katherine Eriksson and Addison Lake). *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 112:214-18 (May 2022). *Post-tenure*

"Income Gains and the Geography of the US Home Ownership Boom, 1940 to 1960" (with William J. Collins) in Historical Labor Markets and Inequality, eds. Bailey, Boustan, and Collins (2023). NBER Working Paper 31249. *Post-tenure*

"Shut Down and Shut Out: Women Physicians in the Era of Medical Education Reform" (with Carolyn Moehling and Melissa Thomasson), *Cliometrica*, (Forthcoming 2026). *Post-tenure*

# Working Papers

"The Rise and Fall of the Know-Nothing Party" (with Marcella Alsan and Katherine Eriksson). Manuscript. NBER Working Paper 28078.

"Death in the Promised Land: The Great Migration and Black Infant Mortality" (with Katherine Eriksson). Manuscript.

"Marriage and the Intergenerational Mobility of Women: Evidence from Marriage Certificates 1850-1920," (with Katherine Eriksson, Myera Rashid, and Jacqueline Craig). Manuscript.

"Immigration and Infant Mortality in Massachusetts: Evidence from the Age of Mass Migration" (with Katherine Eriksson and Peter Lin). Manuscript.

"Trends in Educational Assortative Mating over the Early Twentieth Century United States" (with Emma LaGuardia). Manuscript.

## Work in Progress

"The Impact of Medical Education Reforms on the Mortality Transition: The Case of Diphtheria." (with Carolyn M. Moehling and Melissa Thomasson). In progress.

## Non-refereed Publications

"Improvements in Health and the Organization and Development of Health Care and Health Insurance Markets." (with Melissa Thomasson) in *Handbook of Cliometrics*, eds. Claude Diebolt and Michael Haupert. Berlin: Springer. (2018).

## Honors and Fellowships

2018 IPUMS USA Published Research Award Winner

Honors Faculty Member of the Year, Miami University Honors Program, 2018

Richard K. Smucker Teaching Excellence Award: Outstanding Junior Professor, Farmer School of Business, 2017

Arthur H. Cole Grant in Aid, Economic History Association, 2014

John E. Rovensky Fellowship, University of Illinois Foundation, 2011-2012

Noel Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University, 2011

College of Arts & Science Summer Research Award, Vanderbilt University, 2011

Kirk Dornbush Summer Research Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2009

Graduate School Dissertation Enhancement Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2011

Household International Best Research Paper, Vanderbilt University, 2010

Council of Economics Graduate Students Research Grant, 2010, 2011

## Professional Activities

Presentations of Research

2023: Cliometric Society Meetings, NBER Economics of Mobility, NBER Historical Labor Markets

2022: Economic History Association, Yale University Economics Department Seminar.

2021: Economic History Society Meetings, Social Science History Association Meetings, Resilience Through History: The 2021 Economic History Conference at Yale.

2019: Cliometric Society Meetings, NBER-DAE Summer Institute, Social Science History Association Meetings, Statistics Norway.

2018: Northwestern University, NBER-DAE Summer Institute.

2017: Dickinson College, Economic History Association Meetings.

2016: ASSA Annual Meetings, NBER-DAE Spring Meetings, Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Social Science History Association Annual Meetings.

2015: AALAC Conference: The economic history race, gender, and class; Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics; Social Science History Association Meetings.

2014: Cliometric Society Meetings; Economic History Association Meetings; Social Science History Association Meetings.

2012: Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics; Colgate University.

2011: University of Michigan; UC-Davis; DePauw University 150th Anniversary Seminar Series; Economic History Association Meetings; Cliometric Society Annual Conference; NBER-DAE Summer Institute Poster Session; Population Association of America Annual Meetings.

Referee

*American Economic Review, American Economic Review - Insights, Econometrica, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Social Science History*

Professional Affiliations

American Economic Association, Economic History Association, Cliometric Society, Social Science History Association, Population Association of America

# Teaching

Courses Taught

Miami University: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Labor Economics, Principles of Microeconomics (Honors and non-honors), Game Theory and Strategic Decisions, Two Millenia of Globalization

Vanderbilt University: Labor Economics, Economic Statistics, Seminar in Microeconomic Policy

Theses Advised

Jason Milliken, "Long-term Labor Market Effects of the 1943 Bengal Famine," 2015, M.A. Economics Exit Paper

Kelsey O'Flaherty, "Income Inequality and Fertility Choice," 2016, Honors Thesis (supervisor)

Jackie Craig, "Posted Calorie Count Mandates Effectiveness to Reduce Obesity," 2015, USS project (co-supervisor with Charles Moul)

Jackie Craig, "Intergenerational Mobility of Women in Early 20th Century United States," 2017, Honors Thesis and M.A. Economics Exit Paper

Drew Hussung, "How Concerned Should We Be When a Rural Obstetric Unit Closes Its Doors? Evidence from an Event Study," 2018, M.A. Economics Exit Paper

Madi Gregory, "The Political Economy of Physician Licensing: The Adoption of Pre-Medical College Requirements," 2019, Honors Thesis

Eashwar Nagaraj, "Skilled Immigration and the Great Recession: A Panel Data Analysis," 2019, Honors Thesis and M.A. Economics Exit Paper

Sarah Siegel, "Sisters in the Early 20th Century: The Effect of a Mother's Childhood on the Health-Income Gradient," 2020, Honors Thesis and M.A. Economics Exit Paper

Yanqing Zhao, "Estimating the Impact of Women's Education on the U.S. Suffrage Movement: An IV Approach" 2020, M.A. Economics Exit Paper

Emma LaGuardia, "Rationalizing Trends in Educational Assortative Mating over the Early 20th-Century United States," 2021, Honors Thesis

Ruku Pal,"Economic Effect of Sole Hospital Closure on Rural Community", 2021, Honors Thesis

Karli Schivitz, "The Bump and Grind of Labor and Love: Assortative Matching Among Select Occupations From 1900 to 1940" 2021, MA Thesis Thesis

Emma LaGuardia, "The Community College Expansion Period," 2022, M.A. Economics Exit Paper, (co-supervisor with Riley Acton)

Daria Sokholova, "COVID-19 Employment Effects in Russia by Age, Gender, and Education," 2022, MA Thesis

Brittany Lowe, "Commodity Price Shocks and Child Marriage: Evidence from Coffee Regions in East Africa" 2023, MA Thesis

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