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## Contact Information

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## Education

Cornell University, Ph.D., Economics (August, 2011)  
Grinnell College BA, Math and Economics (May, 2006)

## Departmental Service

Placement Director (2015-present) *University of Illinois at Chicago*  
Graduate Curriculum Committee (2016-present) *University of Illinois at Chicago*  
Seminar Organizer (2013-present) *University of Illinois at Chicago*  
Advisory Committee (2012-2016) *University of Illinois at Chicago*  
Graduate Admissions Committee (2014) *University of Illinois at Chicago*

## Publications and Forthcoming

“The Role of Families in Student Sorting to Teachers” (Forthcoming) *Journal of Human Resources* (with Javaeria Qureshi)  
“Does Teacher-Family Experience Affect Test Scores?” (Forthcoming) *Contemporary Economic Policy* (with Javaeria Qureshi)  
“The Effect of Graduating with Honors on Earnings” (Forthcoming) *Labour Economics* (with Pauline Khoo)  
“Academic Probation, Student Performance and Strategic Behavior” (Forthcoming) *Economic Inquiry* (with Marcus Casey, Jeffrey Cline and Javaeria Qureshi)  
“The Returns to College for Marginal Students: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from University Dismissal Policies” (Forthcoming) *Journal of Labor Economics* (with Weixiang Pan and Doug Webber)  
“The Impact of Layoff for Working College Students” *Labour Economics* (2018) 51, 1-12 (with Weixiang Pan and Doug Webber)  
“Workload and Teacher Absence” *Economics of Education Review* (2017) 57, 20-30 (with Jeff Schiman)  
“Comparing standard deviation effects across contexts” *Education Economics* (2017), 25(3), 251-265. (with Anuj Gangopadhyaya and Jeff Schiman)

“Gender preference and age at arrival among Asian immigrant mothers in the US” *Economic Letters* 2016, 145, 286-290. (with Eva Dziadula)

“Disruptive Peers and the Estimation of Teacher Value-Added” *Economics of Education Review* 2015, 49, 180-192 (with Irina Horoi)

“Grade-Specific Experience, Grade Reassignments, and Teacher Turnover” *Economics of Education Review* 2015, 46, 112-126 (with Jeff Schiman)

“The Impact of Parental Layoff on Higher Education Investment” *Economics of Education Review* 2014, 42, 53-63 (with Weixiang Pan)

“How do Teachers Improve? The Relative Importance of General and Specific Human Capital”, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2014, 6(2): 127-151.

“The Impact of Letter Grades on Student Effort, Course Selection, and Major Choice: A Regression-Discontinuity Analysis.” *The Journal of Economic Education*, 2014, 45(1), 1-10, (with Joyce Main).

“The Role of Peers and Grades in Determining Major Persistence in the Sciences.” *Economics of Education Review*, 2010, 29(6): 923-934.

## Teaching

### Teaching Awards

University of Illinois at Chicago TRP Award (based on 2011-2016 academic years)

### Courses Taught

Graduate Microeconometrics *University of Illinois at Chicago*

Graduate Labor Economics *University of Illinois at Chicago*

Graduate Economics of Education *University of Illinois at Chicago*

Undergraduate Labor Economics *University of Illinois at Chicago*

Introduction to Macroeconomics *University of Illinois at Chicago*

Economics of Wages and Employment *Cornell University*

Introduction to Macroeconomics *Auburn Prison (Cornell Prison Education Program)*

## Advising

**Undergraduate Thesis Mentor:** Sara Bollman; Marek Gal; Samana Walji

**Undergraduate Research Experience Advisor:** Rodrigo Garcia; Mark Lewicki; Maria Hartas; Valentina Palmiotti; Danny Yoshiba; Akash Patel; Martin Gannon

**Graduate Advising:** Kevin Callison (committee member); Thomas Walstrum (chair); Abeya Mokhtar (chair); Eva Dziadula (committee member); Naveen Singhal (committee member); Cuiping Long (committee member); Pavel Dramski (committee member); Weixiang Pan (committee member); Jeff Schiman (committee member); Irina Horoi (committee member); Yeong Jeong (chair); Nahleen Zahra (committee member)

## Grants

Spencer Foundation (PI) \$47,000

OSSR (PI) \$3894

## Presentations

Lake Forest College (December 2015)

Notre Dame (December 2014)

Lehigh University (November 2013)

Institute for Governmental and Public Affairs (December 2012)

Association for Education Finance and Policy (March 2010, March 2012, March 2013, February 2015)

Cornell Higher Education Research Institute Conference (March 2010)

## Professional Service

Referee for: *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Labour Economics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Education Finance and Policy*, *Education Evaluation and Policy*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics*

Grant reviewer for: *National Science Foundation*, *Israel Science Foundation*

Conference reviewer for: *American Educational Research Association*