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Education

Ph.D. Economics, Duke University, expected May 2017.

COMMITTEE: Peter Arcidiacono (co-chair), Patrick Bayer (co-chair), Hugh Macartney,
Christopher Timmins

DISSERTATION: “Essays in School Choice.”

M.A. Economics, Duke University, 2012.

M.A. Economics, University of Colorado Denver, 2010.

B.A. Economics with Honors, Calvin College, 2008.

Fields

PRIMARY: Public Economics, Economics of Education

SECONDARY: Applied Microeconomics, History of Economics

Working Papers

“Incentives and the Supply of Effective Charter Schools” (Job Market Paper)

Charter school funding is typically set by formulas that provide the same amount for all students regardless of advantage or need. In this paper, I present evidence that this policy skews the distribution of students served by charters towards low-cost populations. I develop and estimate an empirical model of charter school supply and competition to evaluate the effects of funding policies that aim to correct these incentives. To do this, I recover estimates of cost differentials across student populations by linking charter school effectiveness at raising student achievement with unique records of charter school expenditures gathered from Florida. I then leverage revealed preference with entering charter schools’ location choices in an entry game to uncover how charter schools respond to competitive and financial incentives. The results indicate that a cost-adjusted funding formula would significantly increase the share of charter schools serving disadvantaged students with little reduction in aggregate effectiveness.

“Valuing School Choice: Using a Randomized Experiment to Validate Welfare Evaluation of Private School Vouchers,” with Peter Arcidiacono, Karthik Muralidharan, and Eun-young Shim.

“Putting Dollars Before Scholars? Evidence from For-Profit Charter Schools in Florida” (revise and resubmit *Economics of Education Review*).

“The Competitive Effects of Entry: Evidence from Supercenter Expansion,” with Peter Arcidiacono, Paul B. Ellickson, and Carl F. Mela (under review).

Publications

“The Empirical Economist’s Toolkit: From Models to Methods,” with Matthew T. Panhans (forthcoming *History of Political Economy*).

“Sorting Charles Tiebout,” *History of Political Economy* 47, annual suppl. (2015): 199-226.

“‘Money is a Sterile Thing’: Martin Luther on the Immorality of Usury Reconsidered,” *History of Political Economy* 43, no. 4 (2011): 683-698.

Work in Progress

“School Boards and Student Segregation,” with Hugh Macartney.

“The Welfare Implications of Targeted Television Advertising,” with Carl F. Mela and Andrew Sweeting.

Chapters and Edited Volumes

“Slaves or Mercenaries? Milton Friedman and the Institution of the All-Volunteer Military” in *Milton Friedman: Contributions to Economics and Public Policy*, eds. Robert Cord and J. Daniel Hammond. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2016.

Chicago Price Theory, 3 vols. (edited with J. Daniel Hammond and Steven G. Medema). Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2013.

Presentations

“Incentives and the Supply of Effective Charter Schools,” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 12 October 2016.

“The Empirical Economist’s Toolkit,” “Becoming Applied,” History of Political Economy Conference, Duke University, 1 April 2016.

“Putting Dollars Before Scholars? Evidence from For-Profit Charter Schools in Florida,” Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Denver, CO, 19 March 2016.

“Putting Dollars Before Scholars? Evidence from For-Profit Charter Schools in Florida,” University of Colorado Denver, 16 March 2016.

“The Empirical Economist’s Toolkit,” Allied Social Science Associations Meetings, San Francisco, CA, 3 January 2016.

“The Empirical Economist’s Toolkit,” History of Economics Society Annual Conference, Michigan State University, 28 June 2015.

“The Empirical Economist’s Toolkit,” Summer Institute for the History of Economic Thought, University of Richmond, 7 June 2015.

“Sorting Charles Tiebout,” “Market Failure in Context,” History of Political Economy Conference, Duke University, 19 April 2014.

“Sorting Charles Tiebout,” Allied Social Science Associations Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, 3 January 2014.

Teaching Experience

Duke University, TA, Fall 2012.

Microeconomic Theory I (Ph.D)

University of Colorado, TA, Fall 2009–Spring 2011.

Statistics with Computer Applications, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics

Calvin College, TA, Fall 2007–Spring 2008.

Computing Presentations, Principles of Economics, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Calculus Applications for Business

Awards & Honors

National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship, 2016.

Invited Scholar, NSF Network of Scholars and State Education Policy Leaders, 2016.

Warren J. and Sylvia J. Samuels Young Scholar, History of Economics Society, 2015.

Outstanding Graduate Student, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado Denver, 2010.

George W. Zinke Award in Economics, University of Colorado, 2009, 2010.

Professional Activities

Referee for *Annals of Regional Science*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Economics and Human Biology*, *European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, *History of Political Economy*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Public Choice*, *Review of Austrian Economics*

Member of the American Economic Association, Association for Education Finance and Policy, History of Economics Society, Society of Labor Economists

Economics Graduate Student Council, Duke University, 2013–2014.

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