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## Education

Ph.D. Economics, Duke University, *expected May 2019*

M.A. Economics, Duke University, 2015

B.A. Mathematics and Economics, *magna cum laude*, Pomona College, 2013

## Research Fields

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Applied Microeconomics

## Publications

"Affirmative Action in Undergraduate Education", with Peter Arcidiacono and Michael Lovenheim, *Annual Review of Economics*, (7):487-518 (2015)

## Working Papers

"Job Networks through College Classmates: Effects of Referrals for Men and Women," (Job Market Paper)

"What Drives Differences? Effects of Adjunct Instructors on Teaching Quality in Higher Education"

## Works in Progress

"Coworker Networks and the Role of Occupations in Job Search" (with Attila Gyetvai)

## Presentations

- 2017 Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference, Society of Labor Economists Conference (*poster session*), Western Economic Association International Conference, Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Duke Bass Connections Invited Lecture
- 2018 Society of Labor Economists Conference, Western Economic Association International Conference, Young Economists Symposium, Pomona College (*scheduled*), Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings (*scheduled*)

## Teaching Experience

Certificate in College Teaching, Duke University, *expected May 2019*

Instructor, Economic Principles (undergraduate), Duke University, Summer 2016

Teaching Assistant, Economic Statistics (undergraduate), Pomona College, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Computer Science (undergraduate), Pomona College, Spring 2010

## Awards and Honors

Best Poster Award, Society of Labor Economists Conference, 2017

Education and Human Development Scholars Fellowship, Duke Social Science Research Institute, 2015–2017

National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship, 2013

James B. Duke Fellowship, Duke University, 2013–2017

University Scholars Program, Graduate Scholar, Duke University, 2013–2019

Phi Beta Kappa, Pomona College, 2013

Morris B. Pendleton Prize in Economics, Pomona College, 2013

Leland M. Backstrand Memorial Award in Economics, Pomona College, 2012

Arvid Pierre Zetterberg Award (for exemplary character, scholarship, and athleticism), Pomona College, 2011

## Professional Service

Graduate Mentor, University Scholars Program, Duke University, 2013–present

President, Economics Graduate Student Council, Duke University, 2014–2015

## Referee Service

*Review of Economics of the Household*

## Languages

English (native), Mandarin Chinese (fluent speaking), French (basic)

## Personal

Place of Birth/Citizenship: USA

## References

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