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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2023 – Assistant Professor of Agricultural & Applied Economics
The University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2020 – 2023 Assistant Professor of Economics
Temple University
- 2019 Post Doctoral Fellow
Johns Hopkins University 21st Century Cities Initiative

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Applied Economics & Management, Cornell University, May 2019
- M.Sc. Applied Economics, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2013
- B.A. Economics, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2009 *with Honors*

ACADEMIC VISITS

- 2017–2019 The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Exchange Scholar

PUBLISHED PAPERS

- Municipal Governments Under the Clean Water Act
Journal of the Association of Environmental & Resource Economics (2026) vol. 13
- Cities & Water Quality (with Daniel Phaneuf) *Regional Science and Urban Economics* (2024) vol. 107
- The Long Run Effects of Temporary Protection from Deportation (with Jorgen Harris) *Journal Policy Analysis & Management* (2024)
- The Impact of Road Rationing on Housing Demand and Sorting (with Panle Barwick, Shanjun Li, and Jing Wu) *Journal of Urban Economics* (2024) vol. 140
- Local Public Finance Dynamics & Hurricane Shocks (with Matthew E. Kahn and Gary C. Lin) *Journal of Urban Economics* (2023) vol. 134
- The Efficiency of Local Government: The Role of Privatization and Public Sector Unions (with Matthew E. Kahn and Shanjun Li) *Journal of Public Economics* (2017) vol. 154

WORKING PAPERS & RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Navigating Change: Google Maps, Realtime Information and Transit Ridership
(with Andrea La Nauze and Xinyi Peng)

The Long-Term Employment Effects of Invasive Species in the Great Lakes (*with Jennifer Raynor*)

Local Legacies of The Civilian Conservation Corps (*with John Bryon Meyer*)

Electrical Blackouts & Crime (*with Viviane Sanfelice*)

Urban Surface Water Pollution & Health (*with Carlos Hurtado*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Frontiers in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (AAE 760/762, UW-Madison)

The Environment & the Global Economy (AAE 244, UW-Madison)

Urban Economics (ECON 3580, Temple)

Public Finance (ECON 3512/5112, Temple)

Research Seminar in Policy Analysis (BEPP 399, TA, Penn)

Economics for Social Policy (MSSP 668, TA, Penn)

Urban Economics (ECON 3855, TA, Cornell)

Environmental Economics (AEM 2500, TA, Cornell)

Intro to Econometrics (AEM 4110, TA, Cornell)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

2026 Taylor-Hibbard Club Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2025 Fall Research Competition, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2024 USDA Hatch Grant

2021 College of Liberal Arts Research Award, Temple University

2021-2022 Fuller Research Scholar, Temple University

2021-2022 Public Policy Lab Faculty Fellow, Temple University

2019 Lincoln Institute Scholar, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

2018 East Asia Program Area Studies Fellowship, Cornell University

2017 C. Lowell Harris Dissertation Fellowship, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

2017 George F. Warren Award, Cornell University

2016 American Studies Graduate Research Grant, Cornell University

2013–14 Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University

2011–13 JBT Hunt Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

INVITED PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES (*Scheduled; †Online)

2026 Urban Spatial Workshop[†]; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; NBER SI (Urban Economics)*

2025 Ohio State University (AEDE); LSE Workshop in Environmental Economics;
ITEA Annual Conference; National University of Singapore (Real Estate)

2024	UC Berkeley (ARE) [‡] ; Heartland Environmental & Resource Economics Workshop; UW Madison (Limnology); AERE Summer Meeting
2023	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
2022	UW Madison (AAE); Eastern Economic Association; AREUEA National Meeting; WEA Annual Meeting; UEA Annual Meeting; SEA Annual Meeting; Symposium on Natural Resource Governance for Young Scholars; Environmental Defense Fund [‡]
2021	HEC Montreal/U Cambridge [‡] ; National University of Singapore; SWELL [‡] ; MEA Annual Meeting; AERE Annual Meeting [‡] ; LSE Workshop in Environmental Economics [‡] ; Northeast Workshop on Energy Policy & Environmental Economics [‡] ; NOAA Climate Justice Seminar [‡] ; Public Policy Lab Colloquium [‡] ; Villanova University
2020	Eastern Economic Association; LSE Workshop in Environmental Economics [‡] ; NBER Energy Use in Transportation Conference [‡] ; UEA Annual Meeting [‡] ; OARES [‡] ; Binghamton University [‡] ; TWEEDS [‡] ; OSWEET [‡] ; NTA Annual Conference [‡]
2019	Middlebury College; Wake Forest; Temple University; Georgetown; Notre Dame; University of Pittsburgh; SUNY Binghamton; Iowa State; NYU Furman Center; Philadelphia Fed; UEA European Meeting; UEA North America Meeting; NAREA Workshop; Social Cost of Water Pollution Workshop (Cornell); Southern Economic Association; Yale FES; NY Fed; Heartland Environmental & Resource Economics Workshop; Lincoln Institute of Land Policy; Loyola University
2018	Philadelphia Fed; APPAM Annual Fall Conference, DC; NTA Annual Conference, New Orleans
2017	Northeast Workshop on Energy Policy & Environmental Economics, Dartmouth College
2015	NARSC Annual Meeting, Portland OR; AREUEA National Meeting, DC

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer	<i>Quarterly Journal of Economics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics; Journal of Environmental Economics & Management; Journal of the Association of Environmental & Resource Economists; Economic Inquiry; Journal of Housing Economics; Real Estate Economics; National Tax Journal; Land Economics; Resource & Energy Economics; PLOS One; Water Resources & Economics; Agricultural & Resource Economics Review; The Pew Charitable Trusts</i>
Advising Placements	2025: Sam Fraley (Barcelona School of Economics, MS) 2022: John Bryon Meyer (London School of Economics, MA) 2020: Brandon Lauer (Duke University, MPP)
Memberships	American Real Estate & Urban Economic Association; American Economic Association; Association of Environmental & Resource Economists; Urban Economics Association; National Tax Association

MEDIA MENTIONS

Forbes "Privatizing Public Transit Lowers Costs and Saves Cities Money" by Adam Millsap, 4/20/2016
MarginalRevolution.com "We should do more to privatize bus systems" by Tyler Cowen, 8/25/2017
Inequalitalks "Hurricanes and the City" with Clémentine van Effenterre, 2/17/2021

The Digest "Hurricanes' Long-Term Impact on Municipal Revenue and Services, NBER, 3/1/2021
MARKETPLACE "Climate Change is going to make buying a home even more expensive", by Andy
Uhler, 9/29/21;

Philadelphia Magazine "Why Your Burger and Fries Cost \$24 at Southwark" by Maddy Sweitzer-
Lammé, 9/26/2022

Land Lines Magazine "And Then There Were Numbers: Infrastructure, Economics, and Agatha Christie"
by Jon Gorey, 10/21/2025

RESEARCH & OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Spring 2014	RA to Rick Mansfield, Economics Department, Cornell University
Summer 2012	Microeconomics Group Intern, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
2009–2011	Associate Consultant, Ceteris Inc., Chicago IL
Summer 2007	Advisory Services Intern, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Cairo, Egypt
Spring 2008	RA to Klaus Desmet, Economics Department, UIUC