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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 21 st 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 <i>with Honors</i>

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. *CESifo Working Paper No. 12780* (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	USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Program 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); Purdue University*
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 Urban Economics; 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	2026: Garret Shost (University of Texas - Arlington, Assistant Professor) 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

INSIDE UW "How Google Maps boosts public transit" by Silke Schmidt, 10/13/2026

Environmental Finance Center "Clean Water Act: Costs, Compliance, and Long-Term Benefits" with Danish Kumar, 7/7/2026

Land Lines Magazine "And Then There Were Numbers: Infrastructure, Economics, and Agatha Christie"
by Jon Gorey, 10/21/2025
Philadelphia Magazine "Why Your Burger and Fries Cost \$24 at Southwark" by Maddy Sweitzer-
Lammé, 9/26/2022
MARKETPLACE "Climate Change is going to make buying a home even more expensive", by Andy
Uhler, 9/29/21;
The Digest "Hurricanes' Long-Term Impact on Municipal Revenue and Services, NBER, 3/1/2021
Inequalitalks "Hurricanes and the City" with Clémentine van Effenterre, 2/17/2021
MarginalRevolution.com "We should do more to privatize bus systems" by Tyler Cowen, 8/25/2017
Forbes "Privatizing Public Transit Lowers Costs and Saves Cities Money" by Adam Millsap, 4/20/2016

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