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Research Interests

Economics of Crime, Public Finance, Public Policy

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of South Carolina	May 2019	(Expected)
Committee Chair: Jason DeBacker		
M.A. Economics, University of South Carolina		May 2015
B.S. Economics, Clemson University, Summa cum laude		May 2014
B.S. Double: Finance and Management (Emph: Entrepreneurship), Univ. of Sout	h Carolina	May 2005
B.S. Music (Minor), with Emphasis on Entrepreneurship, Univ. of South Carolina	à	May 2005

Research and Analyst Experience

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Research Assistant, Dept. of Economics, University of South Carolina	2014-2018
Alexander Matros, Chun-Hui Miao	
Research Assistant, Dept. of Education, University of South Carolina	2018-2019
Henry Tran	
Energy Analyst, Pace Global Energy Services (Now Siemens)	2009-2011

Working Papers

- "Mile High: How Does Marijuana Legalization Affect Airline Travel?" (Job Market Paper)
- "How Does Access to Mental Healthcare Affect Crime?"
- "Equality Laws and Tolerance" with Zehra Valencia and Breyon J. Williams

Teaching

Instructor, University of South Carolina	2016-Present
Principles of Microeconomics	Spring 2017, 2018
Spring 2018 Evaluation: 3.97/5.0	
Spring 2017 Evaluation: $4.11/5.0$	
Introduction to Economics	Fall 2016, 2017, 2018
Fall 2017 Evaluation: 3.76/5.0	
Fall 2016 Evaluation: 3.71/5.0	
Teaching Assistant, University of South Carolina	2014-Present
Industrial Organization	Fall 2018
Game Theory	Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2018
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017
Applied Microeconomics	Fall 2016
Principles of Macroeconomics	Fall 2016
Principles of Microeconomics	Fall 2014, Fall 2015

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

Darla Moore School of Business Graduate Scholarship	2014-Present
American Housing Federation Scholarship	2015-2017
Master of Arts in Economics Scholarship	2013-2014
Legislative Incentive for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarship	2000-2001

Professional Development Activities and Memberships

Preparing Future Faculty Certificate 2018 American Economics Association Member 2017-Present

Departmental Activities and Service

University of South Carolina Economics Phd Student Seminar/Workshop Director

August 2017-Present

Computer Skills

Math/Stat: Stata, R, Maple Typography: LATEX

Programming: Python, Visual Basic Raster Graphics Editors: paint.net

GIS: ArcMap