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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Chicago, 2014

Committee: Nancy L. Stokey (chair), Juhani Linnainmaa, Robert E. Lucas, Jr.
American Economic Association Summer Training Program, Duke University, 2007

M.Sc. Economics, University of Texas at El Paso, 2004

Licenciatura, Economics, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Mexico, 2002

Professional Experience

Associate Professor of Economics (tenured), University of Memphis, 2022-present

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Memphis, 2014-2022

Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, 2013

Economic Analyst, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, 2005-2008

Published and Forthcoming Papers

1. “Civil Rights Enforcement and the Racial Wage Gap,” with Jamein Cunningham, *AEA Papers & Proceedings*, vol. 111, 196–200, May 2021.
2. “Size-Dependent Policies, Talent Misallocation, and the Return to Skill,” with Jessica Torres, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, vol. 38, 59–93, October 2020.
3. “Advertising for Consideration,” with Carmen Astorne-Figari and Aleksander Yankelevich, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, vol. 157, 653–669, January 2019.
4. “Financial Frictions and Aggregate Productivity: Evidence from Mexico,” *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, vol. 66, 294–301, November 2017.
5. “A Quantitative Theory of Tax Evasion,” *Journal of Macroeconomics*, vol. 53, 107–126, September 2017.
6. “An Evaluation of Real-time Forecasting Performance across 10 Western U.S. States,” with Keith R. Phillips, *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*, vol. 34, No. 2-3, 2009.
7. “Error Correction Exchange Rate Modeling for Mexico: 1980-2001,” with Thomas M. Fullerton, *International Journal of Applied Econometrics and Quantitative Studies*, Vol.2-3, 2005.

Working Papers

- “Surgeons’ Response to Reimbursement Changes for Alternative Procedures: Evidence from Spine Fusion in the U.S.,” with Nicholas Benson. Conditionally accepted at *Contemporary Economic Policy*.
- “A Jury of One’s Peers: The Effect of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 on Jury Trials”.
- “Modeling Progressive Taxation”.
- “Entrepreneurship and Rent Seeking under Credit Constraints”.

Work in Progress

- “Civil Rights Enforcement and Intergenerational Mobility among Minorities,” with Jamein Cunningham.
- “Racial Divisions and Police Violence,” with Jamein Cunningham.
- “Lynchings and the Enforcement of Civil Rights”, with Carl Magnus Bjuggren, Jamein Cunningham, and Jhacova Williams.
- “Court Partisanship and Civil Rights Case Outcomes,” with Jamein Cunningham.

Federal Reserve Publications

- “Cyclical differences emerge in border city economies,” with J. Cañas and R. Coronado, Crossroads, 2005.
- “Dynamic growth in the Rio Grande valley,” Southwest Economy, 2006.
- “Mexico’s financial vulnerability: Then and now,” with Erwan Quintin, Economic Letter, 2006.
- “Full steam ahead for Texas ports,” with Keith R. Phillips, Southwest Economy, 2006.
- “Banking industry evolution along the Texas-Mexico border,” with Keith Phillips, Southwest Economy, 2007.
- “Revising the Texas index of leading indicators,” with Keith Phillips, Southwest Economy, 2007.

Presentations

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| University of Delaware, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, APPAM | 2022 |
| AEA Meetings, University of Nebraska, SEA Meetings, National Tax Association | 2021 |
| University of Alberta | 2019 |
| Midwest Macro Meetings – UW Madison | 2018 |
| Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas | 2017 |
| MEA Meetings (Evanston, IL), WEAI Conference (Portland, OR), SEA Meetings (D.C.) | 2016 |
| University of Nebraska-Lincoln, SEA Meetings (New Orleans, LA) | 2015 |
| Banco de Mexico, Chicago Fed, UMemphis, Montclair State U | 2014 |

Student Advising (Degree and graduation year in parenthesis)

Jennifer St. Clair (Ph.D., current), Steve Yu Li (Ph.D., 2021), Nicholas Benson (Ph.D., 2018), Kayhan Koleyni (Ph.D., 2016).

Teaching

University of Memphis

- Applied Macroeconomics (Undergraduate and Master’s)
- Advanced Macroeconomics I & II (PhD)
- Economics Research Seminar (PhD)
- Economic Growth and Inequality (Undergraduate)
- Introduction to Microeconomics (Undergraduate—honors, online and regular sections)

University of Chicago

- Elements of Economic Analysis IV (undergraduate intermediate macro, with calculus)
- Investments (T.A. for Juhani Linnainmaa)
- Money and Banking (T.A. for Randy Kroszner)

Service

Chair of Economics Faculty Search Committee, 2022-2023

Member of Masters Sub-council, 2022

Member of Diversity Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee, 2023

Member of Economics Graduate Committee

International Studies Faculty Affiliate

Faculty Senate, University of Memphis—Faculty Policies Committee, Salary Analysis Subcommittee, Academic Policies Committee

Grants

1. Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant: \$16,950, 2023.
2. Fogelman College of Business Competitive Faculty Grant: \$7,000, 2022.
3. Washington Center for Equitable Growth Research Grant for “Evolution of Civil Rights Enforcement and Economic Prosperity of Minorities”: \$78,000. Co-PI joint with Jamein Cunningham, 2020.
4. Methodist LeBonheur Center for Healthcare Economics Grant for “Surgeons’ Response to Reimbursement Changes for Alternative Procedures: Evidence from Spine Fusion in the U.S.”: \$10,000, 2020.
5. Fogelman Enterprise Research Grant for “Legal Institutions and Inequality”: \$25,000. Co-PI with Carl Bjuggren and Jamein Cunningham, 2020.
6. FedEx Institute of Technology Data Science Research Cluster Grant for “Evolution of Civil Rights Enforcement and Economic Prosperity of Minorities”: \$15,000. Co-PI joint with Jamein Cunningham, 2019.
7. Fogelman College of Business Competitive Faculty Grant: \$8,000, 2019.
8. Fogelman College of Business Competitive Faculty Grant: \$8,000, 2017.
9. Fogelman College of Business Competitive Faculty Grant: \$8,000, 2016.
10. National Science Foundation SBE Grant: \$12,000, 2012.

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

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| FCBE Best Paper Award (Theoretical/Conceptual) | 2021 |
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| Theodore W. and Esther Schultz Fellowship, The University of Chicago | 2013-2014 |
| Arnold Harberger Fellowship, The University of Chicago | 2013-2014 |
| Social Sciences Fellowship, The University of Chicago | 2008-2013 |
| AEA Summer Training Program and Minority Scholarship, Duke University | 2007 |
| James Foundation Scholarship, UT El Paso | 2003-2004 |

Refereeing

The Journal of Political Economy, Economic Theory, Journal of Macroeconomics, International Review of Economics and Finance, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Eastern Economic Journal, Economic Systems, European Journal of Comparative Economics, Ensayos Revista de Economía, PLOS ONE

Personal

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent)
Citizen of the U.S. and Mexico