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Highlights

- Passion for teaching, with broad experience and exemplary evaluations
 - Innovative, collaborative, and applicable research in the regional and labor economics with emphasis on distribution and resilience
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Education

- Colorado State University: MA; PhD candidate in economics (ABD), expected graduation May 2019
 - Preliminary defense passed May 2018
- Wheaton College, Massachusetts: B.A. in Economics, Departmental Honors, Summa Cum Laude – May 2011

Teaching Experience

- Principles of Macroeconomics: Fall 2018
- Principles of Microeconomics: Spring 2018, Fall 2017
- Economics of Social Issues: Spring 2018
- Recent Economic Thought: Fall 2017
- History of Economic Thought: Spring 2017, on-campus and online
- Intermediate Macroeconomics: Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant Experience

- Principles of Microeconomics: Fall 2014, Spring 2016; Fall 2010 (Wheaton College)
- History of Economic Institutions and Thought: Fall 2015
- Principles of Macroeconomics: Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015
- Grader: Graduate Microeconomics II – Game Theory: Fall 2015

Awards and Commendations

- ODE Outstanding Graduate Teacher, Spring 2018
- ODE Best Graduate Paper, Spring 2014
- Jean Mulcahy Keefe '44 Prize in Economics, Wheaton College, Spring 2011

Research and Applied Policy Experience

- Primary graduate research assistant, Regional Economic Development Institute at CSU (REDI@CSU), Summer 2016 – present
- National Western Center redevelopment advisory team, summer 2018 – present
- Primary graduate research assistant, “Rural-Urban Economic Linkages and the Impact of Water Transfers out of Agriculture,” Summer 2015 – Summer 2016

Conference Presentations

- “Entrepreneurship and Poverty Reduction in Rural America,” at the Research Workshop on Expanding Opportunities Through Economic Development and Workforce Development Initiatives, hosted by the Center for Workforce and Economic Opportunity at the Atlanta Regional Federal Reserve Bank and the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, May 2018
- “Entrepreneurship, Information Spillovers, and Poverty Reduction,” at the Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, March 2018
- “Information Spillovers, Employment Growth, and the Great Recession,” at the RSAI North American Regional Sciences Council, Nov. 2017
- “Exploring the Sectoral Specificity of Information Spillovers from Entrepreneurship,” at the RSAI North American Regional Sciences Council, Nov. 2017

Non-Peer-Reviewed Papers, Reports, and Policy Briefs

- “The Great Recession and the Startup Slowdown,” June 2017, on redi.colostate.edu
- “Inside the Rise of the Gig Economy,” April 2017, on redi.colostate.edu
- “Innovation in Colorado and the West Midlands,” September 2016, on redi.colostate.edu

Working Papers

- “The More Dynamic the Better? Effects of Entrepreneurship on Local Growth, Distribution, and Resilience”
- “Entrepreneurship and Resilience in the US and UK: Implications for Regional Development”
- “Urban-Rural Bridges: An Analysis of Potential Employment Dispersion from the National Western Center Redevelopment”
- “Escaping the Prisoner’s Dilemma of Overwork: Self Employment as an Alternative to Unsatisfactory Work Hours”

Selected Work Experience

- Intern – Schumacher Center for a New Economics, Great Barrington, MA, June 2011-June 2012
- Special Education Paraprofessional and After-School Math Coach, Plympton Elementary School, Waltham MA, August 2012-July 2013

Non-Academic Commendations

- Scouts BSA Eagle Scout
- NEWMAC Cross Country and Track Academic All-Conference, 2008-2011