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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Reed College	2023-current
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Lafayette College	2018-2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics , University of Oregon, Eugene OR,	May 2018
M.A. Political Science , Utah State University, Logan UT	June 2011
B.A. Political Science , <i>valedictorian</i> , Utah State University, Logan UT	June 2009
B.A. Economics , <i>summa cum laude</i> , Utah State University, Logan UT	June 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Public Finance, Social Security, Bounded Rationality

PUBLICATIONS

1. “Social Security Reform: Three Rawlsian Options” (with Frank Caliendo), *International Tax and Public Finance*, 27, 1582–1607 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10797-020-09607-4>. Previous title: “Rawls, Pensions, and Demographic Shocks”
2. “Adaptive Learning, Social Security Reform, and Policy Uncertainty” *Journal of Money Credit and Banking*, 07 February 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1111/jmcb.12770>.
3. “Social Security and Longevity Risk: The Case of Risky Bequest Income” (with Frank Caliendo) *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, Feb 2021, pp. 1–32., <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1365100521000018>.
4. “Social Security and Longevity Risk: An Analysis of Couples” (with Frank Caliendo), *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, Volume 24 Issue 3 (June 2022). <https://doi.org/10.1111/jpet.12564>
5. “Social Security and Risk Sharing: A Survey of Four Decades of Economic Analysis” (with Frank Caliendo), *Journal of Economic Surveys*, (Feb 2022) <https://doi.org/10.1111/joes.12492>
6. “Social Security and Risk Sharing: The Role of Economic Mobility across Generations” with Frank Caliendo, *International Tax and Public Finance*, (Sept 2022) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10797-022-09761-x>

7. “Welfare Effects of Automatic-IRAs”, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, (Nov 2022), <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/coep.12600>
8. “Social Security Safety Net with Rare Event Risk” with Frank Caliendo *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, (online first view March 2023), <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1365100523000135>
9. “To Plan or Not To Plan? Optimal Planning Horizons and Saving for Retirement” with Seth Neumuller and Yashna Shivdasani, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, (June 2024) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2024.05.006>
10. “Dynamic Optimization with Timing Risk” with Frank Caliendo, *Mathematics*, (August 2024), 12, no. 17: 2654. <https://doi.org/10.3390/math12172654>
11. “A Program of Borrowing Against Social Security Wealth” with Steve Swidler, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, (June 2025). <https://doi.org/10.1111/coep.12703>

ACCEPTED PAPERS

1. “Economics is What Economists Do: Exposing Principles of Economics Students to Economic Research and Researchers” *forthcoming, Journal of Economics Teaching*, accepted March 2024.

WORKING PAPERS

1. “Finite Horizon Life-cycle Learning”
2. “Short Planning Horizons and the Save More Tomorrow Plan” with Scott Findley
3. “The Save More Tomorrow Program and the Household Balance Sheet: A Theoretical Investigation” with Scott Findley. Previous title: “Short Planning Horizons, Time Inconsistency, and the *Save More Tomorrow Plan*” [link](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. “Social Security and Risk Sharing: The Role of Private Pensions” joint with Yington Xie (Carleton College)
2. “The Effect of Wealth Shocks on Retirement and Consumption” joint with Aspen Gorry (Clemson University), Jonathan Leganza (Clemson University), and Frank Caliendo (Utah State University)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Reed College

Econ 304 Intermediate Macroeconomics (Fall 2024, Fall 2023)
 Econ 314 Macroeconomic Theory (Spring 2025, Spring 2024)
 Econ 348 Economics of the Public Sector (Fall 2024)

Econ 416 Computational Macroeconomics (Spring 2025, Spring 2024)

Assistant Professor, Lafayette College

Econ 101 Principles of Economics (Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Spring 2019, Fall 2018)

Econ 252 Intermediate Macroeconomics (Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2019, Spring 2019)

Econ 342 Public Finance (Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2020, Spring 2020)

Instructor, University of Oregon

EC 202 Introductory Macroeconomics (Spring 2018, Fall 2017)

EC 340 Public Economics (Spring 2017, Winter 2017, Winter 2016)

Teaching Assistant, University of Oregon

EC 201 Introduction to Microeconomics (Fall 2013)

EC 202 Introduction to Macroeconomics (Winter 2014, Spring 2015)

EC 320 Introduction Econometrics (Spring 2016)

Honors Theses and Student Research

Economics Senior Thesis Advisor (AY 2024-2025), Taliah Churchill, Linnea Springfield, William Clouse

Economics Senior Thesis Advisor (AY 2023-2024), Mona Pan, Aaron Das, Eleazer Birke

Honors Thesis, outside reader, Joshua Kramer, Government and Law (Spring 2019)

Independent Study, Pooja Kuma, “Welfare gains of automatic IRAs” (Summer/Fall 2020)

EXCEL scholar, Joe Polifonte, “Welfare gains of automatic IRAs” (Summer/Fall 2020)

Honors Thesis, second reader, Aurie Greenberg “State-incentives and COVID vaccination” (AY 2021-2022)

Economics Department Honors Thesis Seminar faculty coordinator (AY2022-2023)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Inclusive Instructor’s Academy, Lafayette College	2022-2023
Information Literacy Grant, Lafayette College	2021
Diversity Initiative Grant, Lafayette College	2019
Kimble First Year Teaching Award, University of Oregon	2016
Kleinsorge Summer Research Fellowship, University of Oregon	2016
Economics Distinctive Scholar Award, University of Oregon	2013-2015
Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Oregon	2013-2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Referee Service

Cambridge University Press, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Macroeconomic Dynamics, International Tax and Public Finance, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, The Journal of the Economics of Ageing, Economic Inquiry, Public Finance Review, Eastern Economic Journal, Economic

Change and Restructuring

Professional Service

Liberal Arts Macro Applied Theory group leader	2021 - present
Swarthmore College Honors Program External Examiner	2023

College Service

Reed College Institutional Review Board Member	2023-current
Faculty elected representative on the Board of Trustees Audit Committee	2022 - 2023

Departmental Service

Reed College Economics Tenure Track Search Committee	2023 and 2024
Lafayette College Visiting Faculty Search Committee (two lines)	2022 - 2023
Lafayette College Women in Economics Faculty Advisor	2022 - 2023
Lafayette College Math-Econ Joint Degree Committee	2020 - 2023
University of Oregon Graduate Admissions Committee	2015
University of Oregon Economic Department Guild President	2015 - 2016
University of Oregon Macroeconomics Group Webmaster	2016 - 2017

Conference Activities and Service

Session Organizer, Chair, and Discussant, Western Economic Association Annual Meetings, June 2024

Chair, and Discussant, Southern Economic Association 93th Annual Meeting, November 2023

Chair and Discussant, 76th Annual International Institute of Public Finance, August 2020

Session Organizer, Chair, and Discussant, Southern Economic Association 89th Annual Meeting, November 2019

Chair and Discussant, 17th International Pension Conference, May 2019

Session Organizer, Chair, and Discussant, Eastern Economic Association 45th Annual Conference, March 2019

Discussant, conferences where I also presented

Non-academic Employment

Goldman Sachs, Credit Risk Analyst, Salt Lake City Utah	2011-2013
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LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Computer Skills: Mathematica, Python, Matlab, Stata, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office

Languages: English (native)

CITIZENSHIP/VISA

USA, citizen

MEDIA

[Social Security funds are depleting. Gen Z and Millennials are worried they may not get access to it.](#) LAist - Southern California Public Radio 89.3FM July 2024
[Here's one way Social Security could better address life expectancy for couples](#) CNBC May 2022
[2,800 unemployment claims filed by local workers](#) PBS news April 2020

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Investment Research Institute, Washington D.C. April 2024
“Social Security and Risk Sharing: The Role of Private Pensions”

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles California October 2023
“Social Security and Risk Sharing: The Role of Private Pensions”

Lehigh University, Bethlehem Pennsylvania, October 2019
“Welfare Effects of Automatic IRAs”

St. Michael's College, Burlington Vermont, November 2018
“Myopia, Time Inconsistency, and the Save More Tomorrow Plan”

PRESENTATIONS

Southern Economic Association 94th Annual Meeting: Washington DC November 2024
”The Effect of Wealth Shocks on Retirement and Consumption”

Liberal Arts Macroeconomics Conference, Gambier, OH August 2024
“The Effect of Wealth Shocks on Retirement and Consumption”

Western Economic Association Meetings: Seattle, WA June 2024
“Bequest Risk and Retirement”

Southern Economic Association 93rd Annual Meeting: New Orleans, LA November 2023
“Economics is What Economists Do: Exposing Econ 101 students to Economic Research and Researchers”

National Tax Association 116th Annual Conference on Taxation: Denver, CO November 2023
“Social Security and Risk Sharing: The Role of Private Pensions”

79th annual International Tax and Public Finance Conference: Logan, UT August 2023
“To Plan or Not To Plan? Optimal Planning Horizons and Saving for Retirement”

Midwest Macroeconomics Conference: Clemson University, SC May 2023
“To Plan or Not To Plan? Optimal Planning Horizons and Saving for Retirement”

Liberal Arts Macroeconomics Conference: Middlebury College, VT "To Plan or Not To Plan? Optimal Planning Horizons and Saving for Retirement"	August 2022
Workshop on Economic Dynamics: Middlebury College, VT "Social Security Safety Net with Rare Event Risk"	August 2022
Midwest Macroeconomics Spring Meeting: Utah State University, UT "To Plan or Not To Plan? Optimal Planning Horizons and Saving for Retirement"	March 2022
Workshop on Economic Dynamics: virtual seminar series "To Plan or Not To Plan? Optimal Planning Horizons and Saving for Retirement"	April 2021
Western Economics Association International: 96th annual conference (virtual) "Finite Horizon Life-cycle Learning"	March 2021
Southern Economic Association 90th Annual Meeting: virtual conference "The Save More Tomorrow Program and the Household Balance Sheet: A Theoretical Investigation"	November 2020
76th Annual International Institute of Public Finance: virtual conference "Short Planning Horizons and the Save More Tomorrow Plan"	Aug 2020
Liberal Arts Macro 16th Annual Conference: Pomona College, virtual conference "Social Security and Risk Sharing: The Role of Economic Mobility across Generations"	Aug 2020
Workshop on Economic Dynamics: Colby College, Waterville, Maine "Welfare Effects of Automatic-IRAs"	Jan 2020
Southern Economic Association 89th Annual Meeting: Fort Lauderdale, Florida "Finite Horizon Life-cycle Learning"	November 2019
Quantitative Society of Pensions and Savings: Utah State University, Logan Utah "Finite Horizon Life-cycle Learning"	Sept 2019
75th Annual International Institute of Public Finance: University of Glasgow, UK "Finite Horizon Life-cycle Learning"	Aug 2019
Liberal Arts Macro 15th Annual Conference: Macalaster College, St. Paul, Minnesota "Life-cycle Horizon Learning and Social Security Policy Uncertainty"	July 2019
17th Annual International Pension Conference: Université Paris-Dauphine, France "Macroeconomic Consequences of Uncertain Social Security in an Analytically Tractable Model"	May 2019
Eastern Economic Association 45th Annual Conference: New York City "Macroeconomic Consequences of Uncertain Social Security in an Analytically Tractable Model"	March 2019

NETSPAR 2019 International Pension Conference: Lieden, the Netherlands “Life-cycle Horizon Learning and Social Security Policy Uncertainty”	January 2019
Southern Economic Association 88th Annual Meeting: Washington D.C. “Myopia, Time Inconsistency, and the Save More Tomorrow Plan”	November 2018
Liberal Arts Macro 14th Annual Conference: Wake Forest University, NC “Myopia, Time Inconsistency, and the Save More Tomorrow Plan”	August 2018
Central European Program in Economic Theory: Universite d’Udine, Italy “Rawls, Pensions, and Demographic Shocks”	June 2011