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EDUCATION

PhD, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2011
MA, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2008
BA, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, 2005
Honors in Economics, Cum Laude

ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

2017- Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Washington and Lee University
2016- Core Faculty Member, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Washington and Lee University
2016- Core Faculty Member, Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability, Washington and Lee University
2013-2016 Affiliate Faculty Member, Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability, Washington and Lee University
2011-2017 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Washington and Lee University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Economic History, Demography, Labor Economics, Urban Economics

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Washington and Lee University, Nominee for H. Harris III Rising Star Award, 2016
Washington and Lee University, Lenfest Summer Fellowship, 2012-2020
Economic History Association, *Allan Nevins Prize* for the outstanding dissertation in U.S. or Canadian economic history, 2011
Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics, *Rendigs Fels Award for Excellence in Teaching*, 2009
Wake Forest University, *Presidential Scholarship*, 2001-2005
Wake Forest University, *National Merit Scholarship*, 2001-2005

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Principles of Economics, American Economic History, Urban Economics, Women in the Economy

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

“Residential Segregation and Infant Health, 1970-2010” (with Gregory T. Niemesh) *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, Vol. 83 (July 2020).

“Concrete Measures: The Rise of Public Housing and Changes in the Fertility and Marriage Decisions of Young Women in the U.S.” (with Samuel K. Allen and Christopher Handy) *Journal of Population Economics*, Vol. 32, No. 2 (April 2019): 369-418.

“The Local Economic Effects of Public Housing in the United States, 1940-1970.” *The Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 73, No. 4 (December 2013): 978-1016.

“Slum Clearance and Urban Renewal in the United States,” (with William J. Collins). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, Vol. 5, No. 1 (January 2013): 239-73. Revised version of NBER Working Paper 17458.

“American Public Housing’s Origins and Effects.” *The Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 72, No. 02 (June 2012): 490-493.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Baby Boom and Educational Attainment” (with Christopher Handy), 2020. Under review.

“Accounting for Changes in Intergenerational Mobility” (with Christopher Handy), 2020. Under review.

“The Economic Effects of the Urban Development Action Grant Program” (with A. Joseph Guse), 2018.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Vietnam Draft and Women’s Educational Attainment” (with Christopher Handy)

“Elections, Stress, and Birth Outcomes” (with Christopher Handy)

BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Review of *Debtor Nation: The History of America in Red Ink*, by Louis Hyman. Distributed by www.eh.net, November 2011.

Review of *Well Worth Saving: How the New Deal Safeguarded Home Ownership*, by Price Fishback, Jonathan Rose, and Kenneth Snowden. *Journal of American History* (2014) 101 (3): 974-975.

Review of *Building the Skyline: The Birth and Growth of Manhattan’s Skyscrapers*, by Jason M. Barr. Distributed by www.eh.net, February 2018.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for:

National Science Foundation, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, The Independent Review, Social Science History, The Review of Black Political Economy, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management

Discussant of others’ research:

Economic History Association Meetings, 2015, 2017
Southern Economic Association Meetings, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2018
American Economic Association Meetings, 2012

Standing Committee on Education in Economic History, Economic History Association:

Member, 2014-2016

Chair, 2016-2017

PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH

2020

Population Association of America Meetings

“The Baby Boom and Educational Attainment” (with Chris Handy)

EALE/SOLE/AASLE World Conference

“The Baby Boom and Educational Attainment” (with Chris Handy)

2019

Economic History Association Meetings (Atlanta, GA)

“The Baby Boom and Educational Attainment” (with Chris Handy)

2018

Southern Economic Association Meetings (Washington, DC)

“Accounting for Changes in Intergenerational Mobility” (with Chris Handy)

2016

Population Association of America Meetings (Washington, DC)

“Residential Segregation and Infant Health, 1970-2010.” (with Greg Niemesh)

2015

AALAC Economic History Conference (Middlebury, VT)

“Residential Segregation and Infant Health, 1970-2010.” (with Greg Niemesh)

Southern Economic Association Meetings (New Orleans)

“Residential Segregation and Infant Health, 1970-2010.” (with Greg Niemesh)

Davidson College (Davidson, NC)

“Concrete Measures: The Rise of Public Housing and Changes in the Fertility and Marriage Decisions of Young Women in the U.S.” (with Sam Allen and Chris Handy)

2014

Southern Economic Association Meetings (Atlanta, GA)

“Concrete Measures: The Rise of Public Housing and Changes in the Fertility and Marriage Decisions of Young Women in the U.S.” (with Sam Allen and Chris Handy)

2012

Washington, DC Economic History Seminar

“The Local Economic Effects of Public Housing in the United States, 1940-1970”

Wake Forest University (Winston Salem, NC)

“The Local Economic Effects of Public Housing in the United States, 1940-1970”

Yale Economic History Seminar (New Haven, CT)

“The Local Economic Effects of Public Housing in the United States, 1940-1970”
Cliometrics Society Conference (Tucson, AZ)

“The Local Economic Effects of Public Housing in the United States, 1940-1970”
Appalachian Spring World History Conference (Boone, NC)

“The Local Economic Effects of Public Housing in the United States, 1940-1970”
Davidson College (Davidson, NC)

“The Local Economic Effects of Public Housing in the United States, 1940-1970”
2011

Economic History Association Meetings (Boston, MA)

“American Public Housing’s Origins and Effects”
Southern Economic Association Meetings (Washington, DC)

“The Local Economic Effects of Public Housing in the United States, 1940-1970”
2009

Allied Social Science Association Meetings (San Francisco, CA)

“Slum Clearance and Urban Renewal in the United States” (with William J. Collins)
Economic History Association Meetings (Tucson, AZ)

“Slum Clearance and Urban Renewal in the United States” (with William J. Collins)
Southern Economic Association Meetings (San Antonio, TX)

“Slum Clearance and Urban Renewal in the United States” (with William J. Collins)

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