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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI 2018 - present
Assistant Professor of Economics, College of Business

EDUCATION

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 2013 - 2018
Department of Economics, Finance, & Legal Studies
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics (Awarded May 2018)
Dissertation: "Three Essays on Labor Market Dynamics in Brazil"

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 2009 - 2013
Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics; Bachelor of Arts in Economics; Minor in Public Policy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor Economics, Economics of Gender, Public Policy, Applied Microeconomics

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Is There a Glass Cliff in Local Government Management? Examining the Hiring and Departure of Women" (with Lang Kate Yang and Jennifer Connolly), *Public Administration Review* (2022), 82(3), 570-584.

"The Effects of a Trade Shock on Gender-Specific Labor Market Outcomes in Brazil," *Labour Economics* (2022), Vol. 74.

"Who Creates Stable Jobs? Evidence from Brazil" (with Peter Brummund), *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* (2019), Vol. 81(3), pp. 540 – 563.

"Evaluating the Impact of the Labor Market Conditions Index on Labor Market Forecasts" (with Alice Sheehan), *Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics* (2018), Vol. 22 (1).

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FUNDING

Co-PI, "Refined Battery Materials for the United States Electric Vehicle Battery Supply Chain by Synergizing Lithium-ion Battery Recycling with Mine Waste Reclamation" (with L. Pan, T. Eisele, J. Apriesnig, and E. Oliveira). Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy; *Award Pending* 2023 - 2025

Co-PI, "Renewal of the Existing Environmental Finance Center for EPA Region 5" (with T. Colling, M. Auer, G. Campbell, R. Handler, D. Lafreniere, D. Minakata, E. Oliveira, and G. Pearson), Funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; *Award Pending*; \$3,249,995 (over 5 years). 2023 - 2027

PI, "Economic Impact of Houghton's Airport Service (CMX)" (with Jenny Apriesnig and Emanuel Oliveira), Funded by Michigan Tech's University Relations and Enrollment Office; \$23,741. 2022

Co-PI; "Regional Economic Impact of Michigan Tech's Research Expenditures" (with Jenny Apriesnig and Emanuel Oliveira), Funded by Michigan Tech's Vice President for Research Office; \$20,032. 2022

Co-PI, "Eagle Mine Economic Impact Study" (with Emanuel Oliveira, Jenny Apriesnig, Mari Buche, and Gary Campbell), Funded by Business for Social Responsibility and Lundin Mining; \$84,659. 2021

PI, "Does CEO Gender Matter? Implications for Establishment Performance and the Glass Cliff Phenomenon in the State of Michigan", Funded by Michigan Tech's Research Excellence Fund; \$6,491. 2020

TECHNICAL REPORTS

“Eagle Mine Economic Impact Report” (with Emanuel Oliveira, Jenny Apriesnig, Mari Buche, Gary Campbell, Roger McElrath, and Marianna Riquelme). Prepared for Business for Social Responsibility and Lundin Mining, 2022.

“Economic Impact of Changes in Passenger Air Service at Houghton County Memorial Airport” (with Jenny Apriesnig and Emanuel Oliveira). Prepared for MTU’s University Relations and Enrollment Office, 2022.

“Regional Economic Impact of Michigan Tech’s Externally Sponsored Research Expenditures, Fiscal Years 2007 - 2021” (with Jenny Apriesnig and Emanuel Oliveira). Prepared for MTU’s Vice President for Research Office, 2022.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

“Equal Pay for Equal Work? Understanding the Gender Wage Gap Among City Managers” (with Jennifer Connolly), *Revisions Requested*.

“Revisiting The Effect of the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansion on Migration:” (with Matt Hampton and Otto Lenhart), *Under Review*.

“Labor Mobility and the Affordable Care Act: Heterogeneous Impacts of the Preexisting Conditions Provision” (with Matt Hampton and Otto Lenhart), *Conditionally Accepted*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS & WORKING PAPERS

“Labor Market Dynamics and Trade with China: The Case of Brazil” (with Peter Brummund)

“Does CEO Gender Matter? Implications for Establishment Performance and the Glass Cliff Phenomenon in the State of Michigan”

“What’s in a Job Ad? An Experimental Design to Explore Gender Differences in Preferred Job Attributes” (with Cali Curley and Jennifer Connolly)

“Cohort Differences in the Added Worker Effect in Response to Spousal Job Loss” (with Nicholas Jolly)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting, SOLE Session, Cleveland, OH	March 2023
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	November 2022
Liberal Arts College Labor and Public Economics Conference, Virtual	June 2022
Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting, SOLE Session, Minneapolis, MN	March 2022
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Houston, TX	November 2021
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (virtual)	November 2020
Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA	March 2020
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	November 2019
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Intl. Conference, Barcelona, Spain	July 2019
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC	November 2018
Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, Atlanta, GA	March 2018
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL	November 2017
Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY	February 2017
American Economic Association Annual Meeting Poster Session, Chicago, IL	January 2017
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC	November 2016
United States International Trade Commission, Office of Economics, Washington, DC	July 2016
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA	November 2015

AWARDS & GRANTS

Top 10% Student Teaching Evaluation, Michigan Technological University	Fall 2020, '21 & Spring 2019, '21, '22
Dean’s Teaching Showcase, College of Business, Michigan Technological University	Spring 2020
Outstanding Dissertation Award, Culverhouse College of Business, University of Alabama	April 2019
Summer Excellence in Research Grant, University of Alabama	Summer 2017, 2015

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (Selected)

Faculty Advisor, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity	Spring 2021 - Present
Member, Dissertation Committee (Jennifer Rachels)	Spring 2020 – Present
Mentor, Economics Graduate Teaching Assistant	Fall 2018 - Present
Committee Member, Economics Assistant Teaching Professor Hiring Committee	Spring 2023
Committee Member, University Teaching Space Renovations Committee	November 2022 – April 2023
Committee Member, Faculty Scholarship Committee	Fall 2022 – Spring 2023
Presenter (Invited), Center for Teaching and Learning iClicker Showcase	October 2022
Auditor, Enterprise Program WERC Environmental Design Contest	Spring 2022
Committee Member, Economics Committee	Fall 2020 – Spring 2022
Reviewer, Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Proposals	Spring 2021 & 2022
Judge, Blue Key Honor Society’s Winter Carnival Queen	Fall 2018 & Spring 2022
Mentor, Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship	Summer 2021
Judge, Pavlis Honors College Undergraduate Research Symposium	Spring 2019, 2020, & 2021
Committee Member, Strategic Planning Committee	Fall 2019 – Spring 2020
Reviewer, Research Excellence Fund Proposals	Spring 2019, 2020 & Fall 2020
Committee Member, Undergraduate Program Committee	Fall 2018 – Spring 2019
Volunteer, Semi-annual Free Business Clothing Sale	Fall 2018, Spring 2019

AD HOC REVIEWING

International Review of Applied Economics; Resources Policy; Applied Economics; Economics and Human Biology; Review of Regional Studies; Southern Economic Journal; Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy; Contemporary Economic Policy; Public Administration Review; and SN Business & Economics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Economic Decision Analysis (14 sections; average of 122 students per section)
Intermediate Microeconomics (5 sections; average of 35 students per section)
Labor/Human Resource Economics (2 sections; average of 14 students per section)

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Student Economist Trainee, US International Trade Commission, Office of Economics Summer 2016
AEA Summer Economics Fellow

Research Assistant, University of Southern California, Price School Spring 2013 – Spring 2014
“The Risk and Rewards of City Management: Theory and Evidence from California Cities”

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS & COVERAGE

“Women city managers face a glass cliff as local governments are more likely to hire them when budgets are collapsing” (with Lang Kate Yang and Jennifer M. Connolly). *London School of Economics United States Politics and Policy Blog*.

Panelist, “COVID-19 Impact on Economics.” MTU’s COVID-19 Town Hall Series hosted by the Health Research Institute. Fall 2020.

Interviewee, “Local businesses see impact from shutdown.” *The Daily Mining Gazette*. April 21, 2020.

REFERENCES

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