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Education

2015 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2008 M.A. in Economics, University of British Columbia
2007 B.A. in Economics and Finance, Hanyang University

Academic positions

2024 - present Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Memphis
2023 - 2024 Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Texas Christian University
2018 - 2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Texas Christian University
2017 - 2018 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Louisiana State University
2015 - 2017 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, University of Missouri

Research and Teaching Interests

Labor Economics, Health Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Peer-reviewed Publications

Implications of the Social Security Opt-in: A Case Study from Public School Districts in Texas (with Eugenia Gorina and James Harrington), Forthcoming, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*

Curbing Pretextual Stops: Police Efficiency and Racial Disparities (with Louis-Philippe Beland, Jason Huh, and Kyutaro Matsuzawa), 2026, *Journal of Public Economics* 257, 105629

Rule-of-X and the Retirement Timing of Public School Teachers (with Cory Koedel, Eugenia Gorina, and James Harrington), 2025, *Economics Letters* 256, 112636

The Incidence of Social Security Taxes on Teacher Wages and Employment (with Cory Koedel, Eugenia Gorina, and James Harrington), 2025, *Journal of Pension Economics and Finance* 24(3), 351-370

The Effect of Opioid Use on Traffic Fatalities (with Louis-Philippe Beland and Jason Huh), 2024, *Health Economics* 33(6), 1123-1132

The Effect of 31st Year Pension Enhancement on Mid- and Late-Career Retirement Decisions, 2023, *Applied Economics Letters* 30(2), 229-238

COVID-19 Lockdown and Traffic Accidents: Lessons from the Pandemic (with Stephen Barnes, Louis-Philippe Beland, and Jason Huh), 2022, *Contemporary Economic Policy* 40, 349-368

The Effect of Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions on Foster Care Admissions (with Louis-Philippe Beland and Jason Huh), 2021, *Health Economics* 30(11), 2943-2951

The Trade-off Between Pension Costs and Salary Expenditures in the Public Sector (with Cory Koedel and P. Brett Xiang), 2021, *Journal of Pension Economics and Finance* 20(1), 151-168

Pensions and Late Career Teacher Retention (with Cory Koedel, Wei Kong, Shawn Ni, Michael Podgursky, and Weiwei Wu), 2021, *Education Finance and Policy* 16(1), 42-65

Worker Retirement Responses to Pension Incentives: Do They Respond to Pension Wealth?, 2020, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 173, 365-385

The Relationship between Violent Crime and Urban High School Enrollment in the US, 2020, *Applied Economics Letters* 27(12), 961-964

Labor Market Frictions and Production Efficiency in Public Schools (with Cory Koedel, Shawn Ni, and Michael Podgursky), 2017, *Economics of Education Review* 60, 54-67

The Effect of School Shootings on Schools and Student Performance (with Louis-Philippe Beland), 2016, *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* 38(1), 113-126

Other Publications

Teacher Pensions and Education Policy (with Cory Koedel), 2016, *Teachers College Record* (11.02.16). <http://www.tcrecord.org/content.asp?contentid=21713>

Working Papers/Work In Progress

Social Security Coverage and the Retirement Timing of Public Workers (with Cory Koedel, Eugenia Gorina, and James Harrington), under review

The Effect of Payday Loan Restrictions on Eviction Filings (with Eunhye Kwak), under review

The Effect of Air Pollution on Emergency Mental Health Calls (with Louis-Philippe Beland, Jason Huh, and Tahreen Zahra), in progress

The Short-Term Effects of Air Pollution on Police Activity: Evidence from Los Angeles (with Louis-Philippe Beland, Jason Huh, and Mariam Tarraf), in progress

Teaching Experience

University of Memphis

Advanced Microeconomics 1 (M.A./Ph.D.)

Economic Theory and Decisions (M.A./Ph.D.)

Texas Christian University

Econometrics

Labor Economics

Health Economics

Louisiana State University

Advanced Microeconomics 2 (Ph.D.)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Economic Statistics 1

Personal Financial Management

Introduction to Microeconomics

Intermediate Microeconomics

Introduction to Microeconomics

Principles of Microeconomics (Honors)

Grants and Fellowships

Communities of Research Scholars Program (with Minhae Cho and Jennifer Brobst), University of Memphis, 2026-27, \$2,500

R2 Strong Proposal Development Program, Texas Christian University, 2023-24

AddRan Faculty Summer Research Grant, Texas Christian University, Summer 2022, \$3,000

Social Sciences Grant (with Cory Koedel, Evgenia Gorina, and James Harrington), University of Texas at Dallas, June 2021 - May 2022, \$8,000

Junior Faculty Summer Research Program, Texas Christian University, Summer 2021, \$6,000

AddRan Grant Submission Incentive Program, Texas Christian University, Summer 2020, \$5,000

Research and Creative Activities Fund, Texas Christian University, June 2019 - May 2020, \$10,200

Robert Willis Harbeson Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Summer 2013, \$4,000

Summer Research Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Summer 2012, \$4,000

Awards and Honors

Emerging Education Policy Scholar, American Enterprise Institute/Thomas B. Fordham Institute, 2016

List of Teachers Rated as Excellent, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Summer 2012, Spring 2012, Fall 2011, Summer 2011, Spring 2011, Fall 2010

Conference and Invited Presentations

2026

Boise State University (Department of Economics; Boise, ID; scheduled), Southern Illinois University (School of Analytics, Finance, and Economics; Carbondale, IL; scheduled)

2025

Workshop on Household Decisions and Policies (North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC), Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop (University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL), Lafayette College (Department of Economics; Easton, PA), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (Seattle, WA), Southern Economic Association (Tampa, FL)

2024

Association for Education Finance and Policy (poster) (Baltimore, MD), Hanyang University (Department of Applied Economics; Ansan, Korea), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (poster) (Washington DC), Southern Economic Association (Washington DC)

2023

Association for Education Finance and Policy (poster) (Denver, CO), Western Economic Association International (San Diego, CA), Texas State University (Department of Finance and Economics; San Marcos, TX), University of North Texas (Department of Economics; Denton, TX)

2022

North Carolina State University (Department of Economics; Raleigh, NC), University of Memphis (Department of Economics; Memphis, TN)

2021

Western Economic Association International (virtual)

2019

Association for Education Finance and Policy (poster) (Kansas City, MO), Hanyang University (Hanyang Peace Institute; Seoul, Korea), Southern Economic Association (Fort Lauderdale, FL)

2018

Hanyang University (Department of Applied Economics; Ansan, Korea)

2017

Association for Education Finance and Policy (Washington DC), Society of Labor Economists (Raleigh, NC)

2016

University of Missouri at Columbia (Truman School of Public Affairs; Columbia, MO), Association for Education Finance and Policy (Denver, CO)

2015

Association for Education Finance and Policy (Washington DC), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (The Regional Economics Applications Laboratory; Urbana, IL), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Department of Education Policy, Organization & Leadership; Urbana, IL), National Tax Association (Boston, MA)

2014

Midwest Economics Association (Evanston, IL), Midwest Graduate Student Summit (Champaign, IL), Western Economic Association International (Denver, CO), Illinois Economics Association (Chicago, IL), Missouri Valley Economic Association (St. Louis, MO), Southern Economic Association (Atlanta, GA)

2013

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Department of Education Policy, Organization & Leadership; Urbana, IL), Midwest Economics Association (Columbus, OH), University of Illinois at Chicago (Department of Economics; Chicago, IL), Missouri Valley Economic Association (Kansas City, MO)

2012

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Department of Economics; Urbana, IL), Missouri Valley Economic Association (Memphis, TN)

Referee Activity

American Educational Research Association Open, American Educational Research Journal, American Journal of Public Health, Applied Economics, Applied Economics Letters, Economics of Education Review, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Researcher, Financial Services Review, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Labor Research, Journal of Pension Economics and Finance, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, National Tax Journal, Public Finance Review, Review of Education Research

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Advising Experience

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee member: Student 6, Department of Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate, Fogelman College of Business and Economics, University of Memphis, 2026

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee member: Student 5, Department of Economics, Fogelman College of Business and Economics, University of Memphis, 2025-present

Scholarly Pursuit and Thesis Mentor: Student 4, Burnett School of Medicine, Texas Christian University, 2023-present

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee member: Student 3, Department of Economics, Poole College of Management, North Carolina State University, 2022-2023

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervisor: Student 2, Department of Economics, AddRan College of Liberal Arts, Texas Christian University, 2022-2023

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee member: Student 1, Department of Economics, AddRan College of Liberal Arts, Texas Christian University, 2022-2023