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## Employment

Assistant Professor of Economics, Bowdoin College, July 2020 - Current

## Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Pittsburgh, 2020  
M.A. in Economics, University of Pittsburgh, 2015  
M.A. in Economics, Duke University, 2014  
B.S. in Economics and Mathematics, Worcester State University, 2011

## Research Interests

Primary Fields: Public Economics, Urban Economics  
Secondary Fields: Economic History, Applied Microeconomics

## Publications

“The Long-Run Implications of Slum Clearance: A Neighborhood Analysis” (*Forthcoming at the Journal of Public Economics*)  
“Racial Disparities in Debt Collection” with Domonkos Vamosy (*Forthcoming at the Journal of Banking and Finance*)  
“The HOLC Maps: How Race and Poverty Influenced Real Estate Professionals’ Evaluation of Lending Risk in the 1930s” with Price Fishback, Allison Shertzer, and Randall P. Walsh. *The Journal of Economic History* 83.4 (2023): 1019-1056.  
“Matching Pell Grants: Implications for College Debt and Parental Transfers” with Patricia Beeson, Daniele Coen-Pirani and Marla Ripoll. *American Economic Association Papers & Proceedings* 113 (2023): 524-529.  
“The Effect of “Failed” Community Mental Health Centers on Non-White Mortality” with Mallory Avery. *Health Economics* 32.6 (2023) 1362-1393.  
“Essays about Race, Discrimination, and Inequality” *The Journal of Economic History* 81.2 (2021): 577–614. (non-peer reviewed dissertation summary)

## Working Papers

“The Effect of Targeted Substance Use Treatment Programs on Infant Health” with Emma Bomfim (former Bowdoin undergraduate student)

## Works in Progress

“The Short and Long Run Effects of Black Strikebreakers on Racial Inequalities” with Ethan Schmick  
“Hedonic Housing Index during the Great Depression” with Price Fishback and Trevor M. Kollmann  
“Racial Factors in the Allocation of Interstate Highways, 1950–1980” with Jeffrey Lin

## Teaching Experience

Bowdoin College

Principles of Microeconomics

Economic Statistics

Econometrics

Urban Economics

Thesis Advisor: Emma Bomfim (2022-23)

Thesis Reader: Gavin Shilling (2020-21), John Hood (2021-22), Katherine Fosburgh (2021-22), Isabel Krogh (2021-22), Levi McAtee (2021-22), Lucas Johnson (2022-23)

University of Pittsburgh

Introduction to Public Economics

Introduction to Macroeconomics

Introduction to Microeconomics (Teaching Assistant)

Honors College Research Fellowship Mentor

## Relevant Positions Held

Research Assistant to Prof. Patricia Beeson, 2019

Research Assistant to Prof. Randall P. Walsh and Prof. Allison Shertzer, 2018

Research Assistant to Prof. Stefania Albanesi, Summer 2017

Graduate Student Assistant to AERE Summer Conference Organizing Committee, 2017

Research Assistant, National Longitudinal Survey Technical Review Committee, 2013

## Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Allan Nevins Prize Finalist, Economic History Association, 2020

Economics Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Exploratory Travel and Data Grant, Economic History Association, 2018

Outstanding Presenter Award, GradExpo, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2017

Arts and Sciences Graduate Summer Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2016

Arts and Sciences Graduate Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2014

Duke University Economics Master's Scholar, 2012-2013

Worcester State University Presidential Scholar, 2007-2011

## Conference and Seminar Presentations

**2024** Eastern Economic Association\*

**2023** Maine Economics Conference, Southern Economic Association, Economic History Association Annual Meeting\*

*Note: On maternity leave in 2023*

**2022** Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, University of Maine, University of Central Oklahoma, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference, Economic History Association Annual Meeting (Session Chair)

**2021** Resilience Through History Economic History Conference at Yale University, University of Michigan, NBER Development of the American Economy Spring Meetings, Virtual Economic History Seminar Series, Sam Houston State University, Southern Economic Association Conference, Yale University, Wharton Real Estate Mini-Workshop on Neighborhoods, Bates Racial Justice and Housing Inequity Round-table, Liberal Arts Colleges Public/Labor Conference

**2020** Southern Economic Association Conference, Economic History Association Disserta-

tion Session, Bates College, Bowdoin College, Bucknell University, Colby College, Grinnell College, Marquette University, Trinity University, University of Richmond

**2019** Neighborhoods, Externalities and Inequalities Workshop at Copenhagen Business School, North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association, George Washington University Student Research Conference in Economics, Pitt Center for Research Computing Advancing Research Poster Session

**2018** NBER Summer Institute Development of the American Economy (Poster Session), North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association, University of Michigan's H2D2 Conference (Poster Session), AERUS Midwest Graduate Student Summit, University of Pittsburgh Arts and Science GradExpo

\* Indicates I attended the conference but a coauthor presented our work

### **Professional Activities**

Membership: American Economic Association, Economic History Association

Referee: Regional Science and Urban Economics (x2), Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Human Resources, The Journal of Economic History, Real Estate Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Buildings & Cities, Journal of Urban Affairs, Social Forces, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization