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Current Appointment

2011 – Present Associate Professor of Economics, Texas A&M University
2011 – Present Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
2006 – 2011 Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Pittsburgh

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Florida, August 2006
Dissertation Advisor: David Figlio

B.A. Economics, Hope College (*summa cum laude*), June 2001

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, including Labor Economics and the Economics of Education

Publications

“Family Business or Social Problem? The Cost of Unreported Domestic Violence” (with Scott E. Carrell) forthcoming in the *Journal of Policy Analysis & Management*

“Is Poor Fitness Contagious? Evidence from Randomly Assigned Friends” (with Scott E. Carrell and James West) *Journal of Public Economics* 2011, 95 (7-8): 657-663.

“The Ticket to Easy Street? The Financial Consequences of Winning the Lottery” (with Scott Hankins and Paige Marta Skiba) *Review of Economics and Statistics* 2011, 93 (3): 961-969.

“Does Drinking Impair College Performance? Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Approach” (with Scott E. Carrell and James West) *Journal of Public Economics* 2011, 95 (1-2): 54-62.

“Does High School Quality Matter? Evidence from Admissions Data” (with Daniel Berkowitz) *Economics of Education Review* 2011, 30 (2): 280-288.

“Lucky in Life, Unlucky in Love? The Effect of Random Income Shocks on Marriage and Divorce” (with Scott Hankins) *Journal of Human Resources* 2011, 46 (2): 403-426.

“Externalities in the Classroom: How Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Affect Everyone’s Kids” (with Scott E. Carrell) *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 2010, 2 (1): 211-228.

“The Effect of Attending the Flagship State University on Earnings: A Discontinuity-Based Approach” *Review of Economics and Statistics* 2009, 91 (4): 717-724.

Other Publications

“Domino Effect” (with Scott E. Carrell). 2009. *Education Next*: 9 (3). Available at http://www.hoover.org/publications/ednext/Domino_Effect.html.

Papers Under Review

“Does Finance Cause Growth? Evidence from the Origins of Banking in Russia” (with Daniel Berkowitz and Koen Schoors)

Working Papers

“Are School Counselors a Cost-Effective Education Input?” (with Scott E. Carrell)

Work in Progress

“Are Human Capital Decisions Made by Informed Agents? Evidence from a Field Experiment” (with Mark Rush)

“Does Empowering Potential Victims Deter or Escalate Crime? Evidence from State Castle Doctrine Laws” (with Cheng Cheng)

Teaching Experience

Texas A&M University:

Sports Economics (Fall 2011)
Public Economics (graduate level) (Spring 2012)

University of Pittsburgh:

Labor Economics (graduate level), Sports Economics, Intermediate Public Finance, Industrial Organization, and Research Methods in Empirical Microeconomics

University of Florida:

Public Finance and Managerial Economics

Research Grants

University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research (with Scott E. Carrell), 2008-2009, \$20,000

Media Coverage

Research has been featured in *USA Today* and on the Fox Business Network, as well as *New York Times* blogs Economix and Freakonomics, Wall Street Journal Online, Yahoo! Finance, and the Huffington Post.

Invited Presentations

University of Texas-Austin, April 2012
Georgetown Public Policy Institute, April 2012
University of Missouri, October 2011
Baylor University, August 2011
Texas A&M University, November 2010
University of Houston, October 2010
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Psychiatry and Epidemiology Seminar, October 2009
NBER Summer Institute, Law and Economics Program, July 2009
University of California at Davis, April 2009
University of California at Berkeley Labor Lunch, March 2009
American Economic Association Annual Meetings, January 2009
Texas A&M University, September 2008
Carnegie Mellon University, September 2008
NBER Summer Institute, Economics of Education Program, July 2008
Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, May 2008
Vanderbilt University, April 2008
NBER Education Working Group, November 2006

Other Information

Referee: *Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Policy, Review of Economics and Statistics, Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Economic Inquiry, Education Finance and Policy, Journal of Comparative Economics, Berkeley Electronic Press, National Science Foundation, and others*

Citizenship: United States