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EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire, Ph.D., Economics *September 2015*
Dissertation: *“Education Production: Teacher Evaluation Models and Weekend Feeding Programs”*
Major Field: *Health Economics*
Minor Field: *International Economics*
Certificate in *College Teaching*

University of New Hampshire, M.A., Economics *May 2010*

Quinnipiac University, B.S., Economics *May 2008*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Education; poverty; food insecurity; labor; wealth distribution; charitable giving; behavioral; health

TEACHING INTERESTS

Applied microeconomics, with experience teaching a wide range of courses:

(1) Principles of Microeconomics (2) Principles of Macroeconomics (3) Econometrics, (4) Health Economics, (5) Public Finance, (6) Game Theory, (7) International Trade, (8) Environmental and Resource Economics, (9) Readings in Applied Microeconomics, (10) Economics of Public Lands, (11) Contemporary Topics in Education Economics Seminar, (12) Freakonomics Seminar, (13) Understanding Irrationality Seminar in behavioral economics, (14) First Year Seminar, and (15) Fundamentals of Excel

EXPERIENCE

Lycoming College Williamsport, PA
Associate Professor *2021 - present*
Assistant Professor *2015 - 2021*

University of New Hampshire Durham, NH
Lecturer *2011 - 2015*
Teaching and Research Assistant *2009 - 2014*

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“The Distribution of Wealth: An agent-based approach to examine the effect of estate taxation, skill inheritance, and the Carnegie Effect,” (with Chris Kulp, Matthew Velardi, and Charlie Hunt), Forthcoming in the *Journal of Economic Interaction and Coordination*, 2022.

“The Effects of Feeding Programs at School and at Home on Child Academic Outcomes,” (with Karen Conway and Robert Mohr), invited contribution to the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance* edited by Jonathan Hamilton, Avinash Dixit, Sebastian Edwards, and Kenneth Judd. Forthcoming 2022.

“A Field Study on the Role of Incidental Emotions on Charitable Giving,” (with Steve Furnagiev, and Rebecca Forbes). *Theory and Decision*, 2022, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11238-022-09884-x>.

“Weekend Feeding (“BackPack”) Programs and Student Outcomes,” (with Karen Conway, and Robert Mohr). *Economics of Education Review*, 79, 102040, 2020.

Received Economics of Education Review 2020 Best Paper Award.

“The Effect of Various Tax and Redistribution Models on the Gini Coefficient of Simple Exchange Games,” (with Chris Kulp, Nathaniel Wilston, and Luke Quigley). *Chaos: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Nonlinear Science*, 29(8), 2019.

“Value-Added and Student Growth Percentile Models: What Drives Differences in Estimated Classroom Effects?”. *Statistics and Public Policy*, 5(1), 1-8, 2018.

OTHER SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

“BackPack Food Programs Linked to Higher Test Scores for School Children” *Carsey Institute of Public Policy* National Issue Brief No. 155, Summer 2021 (with Karen Conway and Robert Mohr).

“Students from struggling economic backgrounds sent home with food for the weekend have improved test scores, study finds,” *The Conversation*, Research Brief, Aug. 2021

WORKING PAPERS

“Waiting for the Weekend: The Adoption and Proliferation of Weekend Feeding (BackPack) Programs in Schools,” (with Karen Conway, Robert Mohr, and Stephanie Brockmann) prepared for presentation at the *Southern Economic Conference*, Nov. 2021

“In the long run we’re all dead: Short run transitional effects of tax and redistribution policies on the distribution of wealth; an agent-based approach” (with Chris Kulp).

“Confirmation Bias: Helping Students See the Need for Exploration Before Conclusion.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Of Course That’s True: Obvious Lessons about Teaching that only a Canoe Trip in the Adirondacks Could Teach Me,” presented at:

- Lycoming College Teaching Effectiveness Workshop, March 2019

“Gratitude as a Determinant of Charitable Giving: A Natural Field Experiment,” presented at:

- The Southern Economic Conference, Nov. 2018

“Education Production: The Scholastic Effects of Weekend Feeding Programs,” presented at:

- The Southern Economic Conference, Nov. 2016

- The Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Meetings, Nov. 2014.

- Economics Seminar Series, University of New Hampshire, Dec. 2014

“Classroom Evaluation Models Using Student Test Scores: A Comparison of Value Added and Student Growth Percentile Models,” presented at:

- Eastern Economic Conference, Feb. 2016

- Faculty Research Forum, Lycoming College, Oct. 2015

- Graduate Research Conference, University of New Hampshire, April 2014.

- Economics Seminar Series, University of New Hampshire, May 2014

“Confirmation Bias: Helping Students See the Need for Exploration before Conclusion,” presented at:

- Lycoming College Teaching Effectiveness Workshop, Oct. 2017

- Wrightsville Beach Economics Teaching Conference, Oct. 2016

TEACHING AWARDS

Junior Faculty Teaching Award, Lycoming College, 2018
UNH Graduate Student Teaching Award Honorable Mention, University of New Hampshire, 2015
Outstanding Graduate Teacher Award, Economics Department, University of New Hampshire, 2013

OTHER AWARDS AND GRANTS

Best Paper of 2020, Economics of Education Review
Lycoming Innovations in Teaching with Technology (LITT) Grant, Lycoming College, 2019-2020
Economics Dissertation Fellowship, University of New Hampshire, 2013-2014
Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award, University of New Hampshire, 2010
Graduate Assistantship, University of New Hampshire, 2009-2013
Millennium Endowed Scholarship, Quinnipiac University, 2004-2008

SERVICE

Member, Academic Assessment Committee, Lycoming College, 2022-present
Member, Enrollment Management Committee, Board of Trustees, Lycoming College, 2020-present
Member, Institutional Review Board, Lycoming College, 2020-present
Member, Institute for Management Studies Steering Committee, Lycoming College, 2020-present
Member, Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee, Lycoming College, 2019-2021
Advisor, Student research for the Haberberger Fellowship, Lycoming College, 2018-2019
Advisor, Habitat for Humanity Student Group, Lycoming College, 2018-2019
Member, Working Group on Enrollment Management and Marketing, Lycoming College, 2017-2019
Member, Faculty Library Advisory Committee, Lycoming College, 2017-2019
Member, Academic Standards Committee, Lycoming College, 2016-2018
Advisor, Economics Club, Lycoming College, 2016-Present
Mentor, Partnership Students, Lycoming College, 2016-2018
Mentor, Clear Focus Affinity Living Community, Lycoming College, 2016-2017
Vice President, Graduate Student Senate, University of New Hampshire, 2014-2015
Member, New Hampshire Commissioner of Education's Taskforce on Effective Teaching, 2011-2012

REFEREE

Economics of Education Review, Children and Youth Services Review, Research in Comparative and International Education

SKILLS

Stata, R, SAS, Microsoft Excel, L^AT_EX