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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor Department of Economics, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, August 2016 - Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics Tulane University, May 2016

Dissertation: The Economic Effects of Broad-Based and Flat-Rate Tax Systems

Advisors: James Alm (chair), Alan Barreca, Steven Sheffrin

B.A. Economics and Mathematics. Coe College, May 2011

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- “[Evaluating the Economic Effects of Flat Tax Reforms Using Synthetic Control Methods.](#)” (with James Alm), 2016, *Southern Economic Journal*, 83(2):437-463.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- “[Taxpayer Responses to Third-Party Income Reporting: Preliminary Evidence from a Natural Experiment in the Taxicab Industry.](#)” (with James Alm, Brett Collins, Michael Sebastiani, and Eleanor Wilking), 2017, *IRS Research Bulletin*, Washington, D.C.
- “[Internal Revenue Services and the American Middle Class.](#)” (with James Alm), 2017, *The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty*, Editor Robert Rycroft, ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press.
- “[Did Latvia’s Flat Tax Reform Improve Growth?](#)” (with James Alm), 2016, *National Tax Association Proceedings from the 106th Annual Conference in Taxation.*
- “[Sales and Personal Income Tax Exemptions in Louisiana.](#)” (with James Alm), 2017, *Tax Reform in Louisiana*, Editors James Alm, James Richardson, Steven Sheffrin, Louisiana State University Press. *Accepted for publication.*

WORKING PAPERS

- “[Can Reform Waves Turn the Tide? Some Case Studies Using the Synthetic Control Method.](#)” (with Romain Duval, Bingjie Hu, and Prakash Loungani), 2016, IMF Working Paper No. 16/171. *R&R, Open Economies Review*
- “[When Does Introducing a Value-Added Tax Increase Economic Efficiency? Evidence from the Synthetic Control Method.](#)” 2015, Tulane University Working Paper No. 1524. *Under Review*
- “[The Economic and Behavioral Effects of a Value-Added Tax: Firm-level Evidence from France.](#)” *Supported by doctoral dissertation grants from National Science Foundation and Horowitz Foundation*

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- “[Taxpayer Responses to Third-Party Income Reporting: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in the Taxicab Industry.](#)” (with James Alm, Brett Collins, Michael Sebastiani, and Eleanor Wilking). *Selected through 2015 IRS Joint Statistical Research Program*
- “[Taxpayer Responses to Third-Party Income Reporting: Evidence from Spatial Variation across the U.S.](#)” (with James Alm, and Timothy Harris). *Selected through 2017 IRS Joint Statistical Research Program*

RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| 2017, \$3,500 | New Faculty Initiative Grant, Illinois State University |
| 2017, \$1,000 | The Irving Fisher Article Award, Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honors Society for Economics |
| 2016, \$3,500 | New Faculty Startup Support Program, Illinois State University |
| 2015, \$13,455 | Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation |
| 2015, \$7,500 | Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy |
| 2015, \$5,000 | Summer Merit Fellowship, School of Liberal Arts, Tulane University |
| 2014, \$700 | Murphy Research Fund Mini-Grant, The Murphy Institute, Tulane University |
| 2011 - 2016 | Murphy Doctoral Fellowship, The Murphy Institute, Tulane University |
| 2011, \$2,000 | Dr. Ramakrishna and Janaki Vaitheswaran Award for Academic and All-Round Accomplishment, Economics and Business Administration, Coe College |
| 2011, \$500 | LaVerne Marie Tucker Best Thesis Award, Economics and Business Administration, Coe College |
| 2011, \$350 | Spellman Optimum Optimorum Ph.D. Economics Science Award, Economics and Business Administration, Coe College |
| Spring of 2008 & 2011 | Dean's List (top 1% of class), Coe College |
| Summer of 2009 & 2010, \$7,000 | Spellman Summer Research Fellowship, Coe College |
| Inducted in 2010 | Member of Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honors Society for Economics |
| 2007 - 2011 | Coe College Endowed Scholarship, Coe College |

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

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| 2018 | American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA (Scheduled) |
| 2017 | National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Philadelphia, PA (Scheduled) |
| 2017 | Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL (Scheduled) |
| 2017 | Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA (Scheduled) |
| 2017 | Applied Research in Public Finance, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN |
| 2016 | Internal Revenue Services-Tax Policy Center Joint Research Conference on Tax Administration, Washington, D.C. |
| 2015 | Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA |
| 2015 | Economics Seminar, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA |
| 2015 | Fiscal Affairs Department Seminar, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C |
| 2015 | Jobs, Growth, and Structural Reforms Seminar, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C |
| 2014 | Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA |
| 2014 | National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Santa Fe, NM |
| 2014 | American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA |
| 2013 | National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Tampa, FL |
| 2013 | Graduate Student Studies Association Research Colloquium, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA |

COURSES TAUGHT

Illinois State University

- Current Economic Issues: Public Finance and Policy, Spring 2017, Spring 2018 (Scheduled)
- Principles of Economics, Fall 2016, Summer 2017, Fall 2017
- Seminar in Local Economic Development (M.A.), Fall 2016, Fall 2017

Tulane University

- Principles of Macroeconomics, Spring 2015, Fall 2015

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Intern Research Department, International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C, June-September 2015

Short Term Consultant The World Bank, Washington D.C, May-June 2012

Intern Project Governance Office, Aegon Asset Management, Cedar Rapids, IA, 2010-2011

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Committee Member Undergraduate Women in Economics

Committee Member Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Adviser Economics Student Association

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee Public Finance Review, Economic Systems

Member American Economic Association, National Tax Association