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Current Appointment

2006 – Present Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Pittsburgh

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Florida, August 2006

Advisor: David Figlio

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

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics including Labor Economics, Public Economics, and the Economics of Education

Publications

“The Effect of Attending the State Flagship University on Earnings: A Discontinuity-Based Approach”
(*Forthcoming in the Review of Economics and Statistics*)

“Externalities in the Classroom: How Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Affect Everyone’s Kids”
(with Scott E. Carrell) Featured in [The New York Times: Freakonomics](#) (July 31, 2008)
(*Forthcoming in the American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*)

“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

“Combating Negative Peer Effects: Evidence from Judicial and School Resource Interventions” (with Scott E. Carrell)

“The Effects of Near and Actual Parental Divorce on Student Achievement and Misbehavior”

“Lucky in Life, Unlucky in Love? The Effect of Random Income Shocks on Marriage and Divorce” (with Scott Hankins)

“The Ticket to Easy Street? The Financial Consequences of Winning the Lottery” (with Scott Hankins and Paige Marta Skiba) Featured in [The New York Times: Economix](#) (January 7, 2009) and [The Wall Street Journal Online](#) (July 8, 2009)

Working Papers

“Do Elite Private High Schools Improve College Placement? Evidence from Admission Data” (with Dan Berkowitz)

Work in Progress

“The Differential Effects of Parental Divorce by Race, Gender, Sex, Family Income, and the Presence of Domestic Violence”

“Does Drinking Impair College Performance? Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Approach” (with Scott E. Carrell and James West)

Teaching Experience

University of Pittsburgh:

Methods in Labor Economics (graduate level, Spring 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009)
The Economics of Sports (Fall 2008)
Research Methods in Empirical Microeconomics (Fall 2008)
Industrial Organization (Spring 2008)
Intermediate Public Finance (Fall 2006 – Spring 2008)

University of Florida:

Public Finance (Spring 2006 & Fall 2005)
Managerial Economics (Summer 2004)

Research Grants

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

Invited Presentations

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: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *Berkeley Electronic Press*, *Economic Journal*, *Education Finance and Policy*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Public Economics*

Citizenship: United States