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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, expected December 2025
M.A. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 2022
B.S. Economics, The Ohio State University, 2016

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Primary: Labor Economics, Economics of Education
Secondary: Public Economics

WORKING PAPERS

“The Effect of State Merit Aid on College Selectivity and Labor Market Outcomes”, 2024, working paper.

“Coding for the Future: The Impact of High School Computer Science Courses on College Majors and Labor Market Outcomes” with Jing Liu and David Blazar, 2025, working paper.

“Skills that Pay: Unpacking Subject-Specific Competencies to Predict Economic Wellbeing” with Nolan Pope and George Zuo, 2025, work in progress.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Nudging towards Excellence: Quantifying the Achievement Impacts of Automatic Enrollment in Middle School Advanced Math” with Thomas Dee, Elisabeth Huffaker, Maranna Yoder, and George Zuo, 2025, work in progress.

“Teachers as Role Models: Impacts on College and Career Outcomes”, 2025, work in progress.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Labor Economics (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Summer 2024

RESEARCH AND RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Prof. Jing Liu, University of Maryland, July 2022-May 2024

Data Analyst, Prof. Brian Jacob, Youth Policy Lab, University of Michigan, June 2018-May 2020

Math Teacher, New Orleans, LA, July 2016-May 2018

Undergraduate Research Fellow, The Ohio State University, June 2015-April 2016

Research Assistant, Prof. Bruce Weinberg, The Ohio State University, April 2014-August 2015

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Student Upward Mobility Initiative, Urban Institute, 2024
BSOS Dean's Research Initiative, University of Maryland, 2023-2024
Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant, The Graduate School, University of Maryland, 2023
Best Third Year Paper Award, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 2022-2023
Best Second Year Paper Award, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 2022-2023
Graduate Research Fellowship Program, National Science Foundation, 2020-2025
Flagship Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Maryland, 2020-2024
First-Year Fellowship, University of Maryland, 2020-2021
Gledhill Prize in Applied Economics, Department of Economics, The Ohio State University, 2016
Outstanding Senior Award, The Ohio State University, 2016
Undergraduate Research Scholarship, The Ohio State University, 2015-2016
Economics Fellowship, The Ohio State University, 2015
Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Grant, The Ohio State University, 2015
Student Research Award, Department of Economics, The Ohio State University, 2015
Eminence Fellows Program, The Ohio State University, 2012-2016

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2025: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference (scheduled, coauthor presenting), MidSouth Education Policy Workshop, UMD AI + Learning Symposium (coauthor presented), Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) Annual Conference, Student Upward Mobility Initiative Mini Conference (coauthor presented)
2024: Southern Economics Association (SEA) Annual Meeting (coauthor presented), AEFP Annual Conference (coauthor presented)
2023: SEA Annual Meeting, APPAM Fall Research Conference
2016: Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting

LANGUAGES

English (native)

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

Stata, R

REFERENCES

Prof. Melissa Kearney	University of Maryland	kearney@umd.edu	(301) 405-6202
Prof. Nolan Pope	University of Maryland	npope@umd.edu	(801) 995-9184
Prof. Sergio Urzúa	University of Maryland	surzua@umd.edu	(301) 405-3532
Prof. Jing Liu	University of Maryland	jliu28@umd.edu	(301) 405-3324