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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Lafayette College 2018-current

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Oregon, Eugene OR, May 2018
Dissertation: *Macroeconomic Consequences of Social Security Policy Uncertainty*
Committee: George Evans (chair), Bruce McGough, Shankha Chakraborty,
and Brandon Julio (Finance)

M.A. Political Science, Utah State University, Logan UT June 2011
B.A. Political Science, *valedictorian*, Utah State University, Logan UT June 2009
B.A. Economics, *summa cum laude*, Utah State University, Logan UT June 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Public Economics, Social Security, Bounded Rationality

PUBLICATIONS

1. “Social Security Reform: Three Rawlsian Options” (with Frank Caliendo), *International Tax and Public Finance*, 27, 1582–1607 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10797-020-09607-4>.
Previous title: “Rawls, Pensions, and Demographic Shocks”
2. “Adaptive Learning, Social Security Reform, and Policy Uncertainty” *Journal of Money Credit and Banking*, 07 February 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1111/jmcb.12770>.
3. “Social Security and Longevity Risk: The Case of Risky Bequest Income” (with Frank Caliendo) *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, Feb 2021, pp. 1–32.,
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1365100521000018>.
4. “Social Security and Longevity Risk: An Analysis of Couples” (with Frank Caliendo), *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, Volume 24 Issue 3 (June 2022). <https://doi.org/10.1111/jpet.12564>
5. “Social Security and Risk Sharing: A Survey of Four Decades of Economic Analysis” (with Frank Caliendo), *Journal of Economic Surveys*, (Feb 2022) <https://doi.org/10.1111/joes.12492>

6. “Social Security and Risk Sharing: The Role of Economic Mobility across Generations” with Frank Caliendo, *International Tax and Public Finance*, (Sept 2022) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10797-022-09761-x>
7. “Welfare Effects of Automatic-IRAs”, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, (Nov 2022), <https://doi.org/10.1111/coep.12600>

WORKING PAPERS

1. “Social Security Safety Net with Rare Event Risk” with Frank Caliendo [link](#)
2. “A Program of Borrowing Against Social Security Wealth” with Steve Swidler [link](#)
3. “To Plan or Not To Plan? Optimal Planning Horizons and Saving for Retirement” with Seth Neumuller [link](#)
4. “Finite Horizon Life-cycle Learning” [link](#)
5. “Timing Risk: A User Guide” with Frank Caliendo [link](#)
6. “Short Planning Horizons and the Save More Tomorrow Plan” with Scott Findley [link](#)
7. “The Save More Tomorrow Program and the Household Balance Sheet: A Theoretical Investigation” with Scott Findley. Previous title: “Short Planning Horizons, Time Inconsistency, and the *Save More Tomorrow Plan*” [link](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. “Economics is What Economists Do: Exposing Econ 101 Students to Economic Research and Researchers”

PRESENTATIONS

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| Liberal Arts Macroeconomics Conference: Middlebury College, VT | August 2022 |
| “To Plan or Not To Plan? Optimal Planning Horizons and Saving for Retirement” | |
| Workshop on Economic Dynamics: Middlebury College, VT | August 2022 |
| “Social Security Safety Net with Rare Event Risk” | |
| Midwest Macroeconomics Spring Meeting: Utah State University, UT | March 2022 |
| “To Plan or Not To Plan? Optimal Planning Horizons and Saving for Retirement” | |
| Workshop on Economic Dynamics: virtual seminar series | April 2021 |
| “To Plan or Not To Plan? Optimal Planning Horizons and Saving for Retirement” | |
| Western Economics Association International: 96th annual conference (virtual) | March 2021 |
| “Finite Horizon Life-cycle Learning” | |

Southern Economic Association 90th Annual Meeting: virtual conference November 2020
 “The Save More Tomorrow Program and the Household Balance Sheet: A Theoretical Investigation”

76th Annual International Institute of Public Finance: virtual conference Aug 2020
 “Short Planning Horizons and the Save More Tomorrow Plan”

Liberal Arts Macro 16th Annual Conference: Pomona College, virtual conference Aug 2020
 “Social Security and Risk Sharing: The Role of Economic Mobility across Generations”

Workshop on Economic Dynamics: Colby College, Waterville, Maine Jan 2020
 “Welfare Effects of Automatic-IRAs”

Southern Economic Association 89th Annual Meeting: Fort Lauderdale, Florida November 2019
 “Finite Horizon Life-cycle Learning”

Quantitative Society of Pensions and Savings: Utah State University, Logan Utah Sept 2019
 “Finite Horizon Life-cycle Learning”

75th Annual International Institute of Public Finance: University of Glasgow, UK Aug 2019
 “Finite Horizon Life-cycle Learning”

Liberal Arts Macro 15th Annual Conference: Macalaster College, St. Paul, Minnesota July 2019
 “Life-cycle Horizon Learning and Social Security Policy Uncertainty”

17th Annual International Pension Conference: Université Paris-Dauphine, France May 2019
 “Macroeconomic Consequences of Uncertain Social Security in an Analytically Tractable Model”

Eastern Economic Association 45th Annual Conference: New York City March 2019
 “Macroeconomic Consequences of Uncertain Social Security in an Analytically Tractable Model”

NETSPAR 2019 International Pension Conference: Lieden, the Netherlands January 2019
 “Life-cycle Horizon Learning and Social Security Policy Uncertainty”

Southern Economic Association 88th Annual Meeting: Washington D.C. November 2018
 “Myopia, Time Inconsistency, and the Save More Tomorrow Plan”

Liberal Arts Macro 14th Annual Conference: Wake Forest University, NC August 2018
 “Myopia, Time Inconsistency, and the Save More Tomorrow Plan”

Central European Program in Economic Theory: Universite d’Udine, Italy June 2011
 “Rawls, Pensions, and Demographic Shocks”

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Lehigh University, Bethlehem Pennsylvania, October 2019
“Welfare Effects of Automatic IRAs”
- St. Michael’s College, Burlington Vermont, November 2018
“Myopia, Time Inconsistency, and the Save More Tomorrow Plan”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Lafayette College

- Econ 101 Principles of Economics (Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Spring 2019, Fall 2018)
Econ 252 Intermediate Macroeconomics (Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2019, Spring 2019)
Econ 342 Public Finance (Spring 2022, Fall 2020, Spring 2020)

Instructor, University of Oregon

- EC 202 Introductory Macroeconomics (Spring 2018, Fall 2017)
EC 340 Public Economics (Spring 2017, Winter 2017, Winter 2016)

Teaching Assistant, University of Oregon

- EC 201 Introduction to Microeconomics (Fall 2013)
EC 202 Introduction to Macroeconomics (Winter 2014, Spring 2015)
EC 320 Introduction Econometrics (Spring 2016)

Honors Theses and Student Research

- Honors Thesis, outside reader, Joshua Kramer, Government and Law (Spring 2019)
Independent Study, Pooja Kuma, “Welfare gains of automatic IRAs” (Summer/Fall 2020)
EXCEL scholar, Joe Polifonte, “Welfare gains of automatic IRAs” (Summer/Fall 2020)
Honors Thesis, second reader, Aurie Greenberg “State-incentives and COVID vaccination” (AY 2021-2022)
Economics Department Honors Thesis Seminar faculty coordinator (AY2022-2023)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- Inclusive Instructor’s Academy, Lafayette College Fall 2022
Information Literacy Grant, Lafayette College 2021
Diversity Initiative Grant, Lafayette College 2019
Kimble First Year Teaching Award, University of Oregon 2016
Kleinsorge Summer Research Fellowship, University of Oregon 2016
Economics Distinctive Scholar Award, University of Oregon 2013-2015
Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Oregon 2013-2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Employment

Goldman Sachs, Credit Risk Analyst, Salt Lake City Utah 2011-2013

Referee Service

Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Macroeconomic Dynamics, International Tax and Public Finance, Economic Inquiry, Public Finance Review, Eastern Economic Journal, Economic Change and Restructuring

Professional Service

Liberal Arts Macro Applied Theory group leader 2021 - present

College Service

Faculty elected representative on the Board of Trustees Audit Committee 2022 - present

Departmental Service

Lafayette College Women in Economics Faculty Advisor 2022 - present

Lafayette College Math-Econ Joint Degree Committee 2020 - present

University of Oregon Graduate Admissions Committee 2015

University of Oregon Economic Department Guild President 2015 - 2016

University of Oregon Macroeconomics Group Webmaster 2016 - 2017

Conference Activities and Service

Chair and Discussant, 76th Annual International Institute of Public Finance, August 2020

Session Organizer, Chair, and Discussant, Southern Economic Association 89th Annual Meeting, November 2019

Chair and Discussant, 17th International Pension Conference, May 2019

Session Organizer, Chair, and Discussant, Eastern Economic Association 45th Annual Conference, March 2019

Discussant, conferences where I also presented

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Computer Skills: Mathematica, Python, Matlab, Stata, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office

Languages: English (native)

CITIZENSHIP/VISA

USA, citizen

MEDIA

[Here's one way Social Security could better address life expectancy for couples; CNBC](#) May 2022

[2,800 unemployment claims filed by local workers; PBS news](#) April 2020