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EMPLOYMENT

Economist II, [Demand Science Optimization](#), Devices & Services, Amazon: 2025-Present

Economist II, [Prime Science](#), WW Prime, Amazon: 2022-2025

Associate Professor with Tenure, [Department of Economics](#), Illinois State University: 2022

Assistant Professor, [Department of Economics](#), Illinois State University: 2016- 2022

Affiliated Faculty, [Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development](#), Illinois State University: 2016-2022

Short Term Consultant, The International Finance Corporation, World Bank, Washington D.C: 2022

Intern, Research Department, International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C: 2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Tulane University: 2016

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

RESEARCH

Publications

1. “[Adaptive Experimentation When You Can’t Experiment.](#)” (with Yao Zhao, Kwang-Sung Jun, Tanner Fiez, and Lalit Jain), 2023, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology (CODE@MIT)*.
2. “[A Guide to Using the Synthetic Control Method to Quantify the Effects of Shocks, Policies, and Shocking Policies.](#)” 2022, *The American Economist*, 67(1): 46-63.
3. “[Using a Natural Experiment in the Taxicab Industry to Analyze the Effects of Third-Party Income Reporting.](#)” (with James Alm, Brett Collins, Michael Sebastiani, and Eleanor Wilking), 2022, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 193: 312-333.
4. “[Small Business Tax Compliance under Third-Party Reporting.](#)” (with James Alm and Timothy F. Harris), 2021, *Journal of Public Economics*, 203:104514.
5. “[Decentralization and Regional Convergence: Evidence from Night-time Lights Data.](#)” (with Saroj Dhital), 2021, *Economic Inquiry*, 59(3):1066-1088.
6. “[Information Reporting and Tax Compliance.](#)” (with James Alm and Timothy F. Harris), 2020, *AEA Papers & Proceedings*, 110:1-6.
7. “[Does a Value-Added Tax Increase Economic Efficiency?.](#)” 2020, *Economic Inquiry*, 58(1): 496-517.
8. “[Can Reform Waves Turn the Tide? Some Case Studies Using the Synthetic Control Method.](#)” (with Romain Duval, Bingjie Hu, and Prakash Loungani), 2018, *Open Economies Review*, 29(4):879-910.
9. “[The Role of Tax Exemptions, Deductions, and Credits.](#)” (with James Alm), 2018, in *Exploring Long-term Solutions for Louisiana’s Tax System*, Editors: James Richardson, Steven Sheffrin, and James Alm, Louisiana State University Press.
10. “[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, in *IRS Research Bulletin*, Editor: Alan Plumley, Washington, D.C.

11. "Internal Revenue Services and the American Middle Class." (with James Alm), 2017, in *The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty*, Editor: Robert Rycroft, ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press.
12. "Evaluating the Economic Effects of Flat Tax Reforms Using Synthetic Control Methods." (with James Alm), 2016, *Southern Economic Journal*, 83(2):437-463.
13. "Did Latvia's Flat Tax Reform Improve Growth?" (with James Alm), 2013, *Proceedings of the Annual Conference on Taxation*, National Tax Association, 106:1-9.

Working Papers

1. "Corporate Taxpayer Responses to Size-Based Enforcement and Disclosure Thresholds" (with Jason DeBacker and Erin Towery), revision requested at Journal of Public Economics.
2. "The Largest Sin Taxes Have Smaller than Average Pass-Through".

GRANTS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS

2021, \$5,000	Summer Faculty Research Grant, Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise (ISFE), University of Kentucky
2020, \$15,000	United Nations University, Southern Africa - Towards Inclusive Economic Development Grant
2018, \$3,500	Undergraduate Women in Economics Award, National Bureau of Economic Research
2017, \$1,000	The Irving Fisher Article Award, Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honors Society for Economics
2015, \$13,455	Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation
2015, \$7,500	Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

2022:	American Economic Association, University of Tennessee, University of Hawaii, Purdue University, University of Texas, University of Exeter, OECD
2021:	National Tax Association, U.S Treasury, Western Economic Association
2020:	American Economic Association, National Tax Association, Southern Economic Association
2019:	University of Illinois, U.S. Treasury, Southern Economic Association
2018:	American Economic Association, Internal Revenue Services, Southern Economic Association
2017:	Illinois Wesleyan University, Coe College, Indiana University
2016:	U.S Treasury, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, Southern Economic Association

COURSES TAUGHT

ECO 438:	Microeometrics (M.A.) - 2x
ECO 406:	Local Economic Development (M.A.)- 5x
ECO 350:	Public Economics- 4x
ECO 105:	Principles of Economics: 16x