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EDUCATION

University of California Santa Barbara	Ph.D. Student, Economics	August 2018 – Present
University of California Santa Barbara	Master of Arts, Economics	August 2019
The University of Texas at Austin	Master of Arts, Economics	May 2016
Kansas State University	Bachelor of Arts, Economics Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy Honors: <i>Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa</i>	May 2015

RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied microeconomics with a focus on labor and unionization

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of California Santa Barbara – *Teaching Assistant*; Santa Barbara, CA

- Econ 1 – Principles of Economics-Micro Fall and Winter 2018
- Econ 10A – Intermediate Microeconomic Theory Spring 2018
- Econ 107A – History of Economics Fall 2019
- Econ 140A – Introduction to Econometrics Winter 2020
- Econ 95/191D – Special Topics in Economics Spring 2020

University of California Santa Barbara – *Research Assistant*; Santa Barbara, CA

- Assistant Professor Liz Ackert (Geography Department) Summers 2020, 2021, and 2022
- Professor Kelly Bedard (Economics Department) October 2020 – December 2020
- Professor Ted Frech (Economics Department) November 2020

Working Papers

- *Job Market Paper*: “Establishment-Level Unionization at Large Firms: Evidence from the 21st Century” with Alexander Abajian
- “Posting Pay Transparency and Worker Outcomes: Evidence from Recent US State Laws” with Sebastian Brown
- “Executive Compensation in Publicly Listed U.S. Companies: The Influence of Work Experience and Educational Backgrounds”

WORKING EXPERIENCE

UCSB Economic Forecast Project – *Senior Research Associate*; Santa Barbara, CA July 2020 – Present

- Collect, process, and present data to inform citizens about the economic and social well-being of Santa Barbara County
- Maintain a website containing charts and information conveying information in a way that is easily understood
- Supervise and coordinate a team of up to six undergraduate research assistants
- Created and maintain a page on foot traffic to local establishments and industries during the pandemic
- Strategize with other Senior Research Associates and the Director to determine current and future improvements for the project

Welch Consulting – *Associate*; Bryan, TX June 2016 – July 2018

- Worked with economists to create clear, accurate statistical analysis, often under tight deadlines
- Used Stata to create tidy datasets from — typically incomplete or convoluted — company records
- Used Stata to perform statistical and economic analysis of data to calculate damages or identify employment and/or wage disparity
- Prepared easily understood graphs, tables, and other visuals highlighting pertinent information (damages, class list count, etc.)
- Communicated with colleagues and economists to determine optimal strategies/methods for achieving a given goal

U.S. Census Bureau - *Enumerator*; Manhattan, KS June 2010 - August 2010

- Served as an enumerator conducting door-to-door surveys
- Relayed completed surveys to a supervisor in an organized and punctual manner
- Maintained persistent visits and navigated difficult social interactions with reluctant respondents
- Averaged highest number of completed forms on my team per hour worked

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Mentorship: Undergraduate-Graduate Research Partnership (UGRP) [Spring 2024]; CSUCI-UCSB Summer Research program [Summer 2023]

Presentations: Western Economic Association International Meeting [Summer 2024]

Programming: Comfortable with Stata, R. Familiar with Python and SQL.