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Academic Positions Held

University of Southern California, Sol Price School of Public Policy	
Associate Professor (with tenure)	2020–present
Assistant Professor	2014–2020

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Michigan	2014
M.A. in Economics, University of Michigan	2010
B.A. in Economics, Dartmouth College	2004

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- “Inequality and Giving,” with Enda Hargaden. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 186, pp. 189–200, June 2021.
- “The Evolving Distribution of Giving in the United States,” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 50(5), pp. 1102–1116, October 2021.
- “Founders’ Fortunes and Philanthropy: A History of the US Charitable Contribution Income Tax Deduction.” *Business History Review* 93(3), pp. 553–584, Autumn 2019.
- “Do Share-of-Income Limits on Tax-Deductibility of Charitable Contributions Matter For Charitable Giving?” *Economics Letters* 174, pp. 1–4, January 2019.
- “Inequality and Philanthropy: High-Income Giving in the United States 1917–2012.” *Explorations in Economic History* 70, pp. 25–41, October 2018.
- “Corporate Charitable Foundations, Executive Entrenchment, and Shareholder Distributions,” with Eric Ohrn. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 152, pp. 235–253, August 2018.
- “Spend or Save? Nonprofits’ Use of Donations and Other Revenues.” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 46(6), pp. 1142–1165, December 2017.

“Do Tax Incentives Affect Charitable Contributions? Evidence from Public Charities’ Reported Revenues.” *Journal of Public Economics* 137, pp. 51–69, May 2016.

“How Johnson Fought the War on Poverty: The Politics and Economics of Funding at the Office of Economic Opportunity,” with Martha J. Bailey. *Journal of Economic History* 74(2) pp. 351–88, June 2014. NBER Working Paper #19860.

“Ship Crowding and Slave Mortality: Missing Observations or Incorrect Measurement?” with Peter M. Solar. *Journal of Economic History* 77(4) pp. 1177–1202, December 2017.

“Revealing the Relationship between Ship Crowding and Slave Mortality: The Role of Missing Data,” *Journal of Economic History* 74(2) pp. 536–53, June 2014.

Working Papers

“The U-Shaped Charitable-Giving Curve,” with Enda Hargaden. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, conditionally accepted.

“State Income Tax Credits for Charitable Giving: Extent and Efficacy,” with Alexandra Graddy-Reed and Mark Phillips.

“The War on Poverty 55 Years Later: A Review of Long-Run Effects,” with Martha Bailey, Jamein Cunningham, and Andrew Goodman-Bacon.

Other Writing

“Who gives and who gets? Tax policy and the long-run distribution of philanthropy in the US,” with Jennifer Mayo. *Routledge Handbook of Taxation and Philanthropy*, chapter 15, 2022.

Peer-reviewed policy memo, “A Two-Tiered Charitable Contribution Credit For All American Taxpayers,” *Nonprofit Policy Forum*, 11(4): 20190063, December 2020.

Reviewed working paper, “‘Heard’ immunity: Messages emphasizing the safety of others increase intended uptake of a COVID-19 vaccine in some groups.” *Covid Economics* 52, pp. 39–67, 15 October 2020.

Blog post, “Corporate Charitable Foundations, Executive Entrenchment, and Shareholder Distributions,” with Eric Ohrn. *Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog*, November 20, 2018.

Blog post, “Highlighting the (Elitist) History of the Charitable Contribution Income Tax Deduction,” *HistPhil*, April 23, 2019.

Blog post, “Why the War on Poverty Failed,” *Journal of Public Policy*. September 17, 2014.

Review of *Why Philanthropy Matters*, by Zoltan Acs. *Journal of Economic History*, December 2013, 73(4) pp. 1184–1186.

Awards, Fellowships and Grants

USC Price Junior Faculty Research Prize	2019
Council of Michigan Foundations: Charitable Tax Credits Research Grant (\$27,000)	2018–2019
John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation Faculty Fellowship (\$12,000)	2018
Sol Price Center for Social Innovation Research Grant (\$25,000)	2016–17
Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy Research Grant (\$23,988)	2015–16
Arthur H. Cole Prize	2014
MITRE Graduate Research Grant, University of Michigan (\$2,000)	2013
Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, Philanthropy Archives Travel and Research Grant (\$1,050)	2012
Rackham Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan	2012
Rackham Centennial Fellowship, University of Michigan	2012
Nonprofit Dissertation Research Fellowship, National Bureau of Economic Research (\$25,000)	2011–12
Exploratory Travel and Data Grant, Economic History Association (\$2,500)	2011
Regents Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan	2008–09

Teaching

University of Southern California	
PPD 716: Econometrics for Policy, Planning and Management I	2019–23
PPD 675: Nonprofit Management and Leadership	2014–23
PPD 599: Python for Public Policy and Management	2022–23
PPD 558: Multivariate Statistical Analysis	2021
PPD 478: Social Innovation	2015–23

University of Michigan (Graduate Student Instructor)	
ECON 604: First-year Doctoral Microeconomic Theory	2013
ECON 501: Applied Masters Microeconomic Theory	2012

Presentations

Claremont-McKenna College	2023
USC-SNU 2022 Joint Conference, American Economic Association Meetings	2022
Salesforce.org Nonprofit Summit	2021
Lilly School of Philanthropy-IUPUI, ARNOVA, Geneva Centre for Philanthropy / University of Geneva	2020
ARNOVA-Independent Sector Policy Symposium, United Philanthropy Forum PolicyWorks Institute, University of Memphis, University of California-Riverside, University of Utah Eccles Institute, ARNOVA Annual Conference, West Coast Tax Exempt Organizations Conference	2019
Loyola Marymount University, ARNOVA Annual Conference (×4), Western Economic Association (×2), University of Michigan War on Poverty Conference	2018
McMaster University, University of Victoria, Wilfrid Laurier University, All-UC/Caltech Conference on Spatial Inequality, National Tax Association Annual Conference (×2), Western Economic Association Conference	2017
American Economic Association Annual Conference, Michigan Tax Invitational (M-TAXI) Conference, National Tax Association Annual Conference	2016
National Tax Association Annual Conference (×2)	2015
University of Illinois at Chicago, USC Price School of Public Policy, Wellesley College, ARNOVA Annual Conference	2014
U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Tax Analysis, University of Arizona, Vanderbilt University	2013
Clometric Society Annual Meeting	2012
Economic History Association (poster session)	2011

Professional Service

Editorial Positions

Area Editor, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 2020–2022

Service To The Profession

Poverty and Income Policy Subcommittee, APPAM Conference 2022

Ad-Hoc Grant Reviewer, NSF/Trans-Atlantic Platform 2021

Ad-Hoc Grant Reviewer, National Science Foundation SES 2019

Program Committee, National Tax Association Conference 2016

Doctoral committees, by year of degree completion

Lee Jung Hyuk (economics) 2023

Monira Al Rakhis (economics) 2023

Yongjin Ahn (public policy) 2022

Other Advising

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor 2018–19

Undergraduate Directed Research Advisor (×2) 2019

Independent Study, Master's Level (×3) 2015–23

Directed reading, PhD Level 2023

Doctoral examinations (×17) 2019–present

Referee

American Journal of Public Health

The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy

Contemporary Economic Policy

Economic Inquiry

Explorations in Economic History

Health Affairs

Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics

Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization

Journal of Economic History

Journal of Empirical Legal Studies

Journal of Experimental Psychology

Journal of Human Resources

Journal of Historical Political Economy

Journal of Law and Economics

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management

Journal of Policy History

Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory

Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs
Journal of Public Economics
National Tax Journal
Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly
Nonprofit Management and Leadership
Nonprofit Policy Forum
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Review of Environmental Economics and Policy
Social Science Quarterly
Voluntas

School and Departmental Service

Faculty Council (chair)	2023–24
Faculty Council (non-chair)	2022–23
Price Leadership Council	2023–24
APT Committee	2021–23
BSPP Committee	2021–22
MNLM Task Force	2019–20
MPA Committee	2022–23
MNLM Committee	2022–23
Philanthropy Symposium Committee	2018–19
Research Committee	2018–21
Society of Fellows Committee	2018–19
Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy Seminar co-chair	2016–20
Hiring Committee	2018–19
Third-year review committee (chair)	2020–21
Grade Appeal Committee	2017–18
PhD Committee	2016–19
Nonprofit and Philanthropy Committee	2014–20
Undergraduate Degree Committee	2014–16
Information Technology Policy Task Force (chair)	2015–16
Undergraduate Degree Task Force	2015–16

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