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## APPOINTMENTS

### College of William & Mary

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics; 2015 - Present  
Faculty Affiliate, Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy; 2015 - Present  
Faculty Affiliate, Schroeder Center for Health Policy; 2015 - Present

### National Bureau of Economic Research

Faculty Research Fellow, 2017 - Present

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Pittsburgh; 2015  
M.A. Economics, University of Pittsburgh; 2012  
B.A. Business Finance, University of Washington; 2010

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Economics, Economic History, Labor Economics

## PUBLICATIONS

[Coal smoke and mortality in an early industrial economy](#) (with Walker Hanlon) Accepted at *The Economic Journal*.

[Gridlock: Ethnic diversity in government and the provision of public goods](#) (with Daniel Jones) *American Economic Journal - Economic Policy*, 2017. 9(1):112-136.

[Business as usual: Politicians with business experience, government finances, and policy outcomes](#) (with Daniel Jones) *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2016. 131: 292-307.

[Typhoid fever, water quality, and human capital formation](#) (with Joseph Ferrie, Martin Saavedra, and Werner Troesken) *The Journal of Economic History*, 2016. 76 (1): 41-75. Awarded Arthur H. Cole prize for best article 2015-16.

[Mitigating the effects of low birth weight: Evidence from quasi-randomly assigned adoptees](#) (with Martin Saavedra) *American Journal of Health Economics*, 2015. 1 (3): 275-96.

[Time or spot? A reevaluation of Amsterdam market data prior to 1747](#) (with Stephen Norman and Douglas Wills) *Cliometrica*, 2013. 7 (1): 61-85.

## WORKING PAPERS

[Do markets reward constitutional reform? Lessons from America's state debt crisis](#)

[Estimating the recession-mortality relationship when migration matters](#) (With Vellore Arthi and Walker Hanlon)

[Disease and the municipalization of private waterworks in nineteenth century England and Wales](#) (with Werner Troesken and Nicola Tynan)

[Losing by less? Import competition, unemployment insurance generosity, and crime](#) (with John Lopresti)

## INVITED SEMINARS

College of William & Mary (2015); Dickinson College (2015); Northwestern University (2015); University of California, Davis (2015); University of Kentucky (2015); University of New Mexico (2015); University of South Carolina (2014).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2017); Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2016, 2015); Cliometrics Society Annual Conference (2014); Economic History Association Annual Meeting (2014); Pittsburgh Economics Medley (2014, 2013); NBER Summer Institute - Development of the American Economy (2013).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### ***College of William & Mary***

Introduction to Microeconomics (undergraduate)  
Public Economics (undergraduate)  
Economics of State and Local Policymaking (graduate)  
Microeconomics for Public Policy (graduate)

### ***University of Pittsburgh***

Introduction to Microeconomics (undergraduate)  
Applied Statistical Methods, teaching assistant (undergraduate)  
Introduction to Econometric Theory, teaching assistant (graduate)

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

College of William & Mary Summer Research Grant, 2017  
Arthur H. Cole Prize for best article in the Journal of Economic History, 2016  
Suzann Wilson Matthews Summer Research Grant, 2016  
Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, 2014-2015  
Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2013-2014  
Arts and Sciences Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, 2013  
Jerome C. Wells Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistance, 2012

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Referee for: The Journal of Economic History; Journal of Comparative Economics;  
Economic Inquiry; National Tax Journal; Southern Economic Journal;  
Applied Economics

Memberships: American Economic Association, Economic History Association,  
Cliometric Society.