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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

2017-Present	W.E. Miner Chair in Economics, University of Oregon
2025-Present	Economics Department Head, University of Oregon
2021-Present	Professor of Economics, University of Oregon
2015-Present	Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research
2014-Present	Research Affiliate, University of Chicago Crime Lab
2025-Present	Co-Editor, <i>International Review of Law and Economics</i>

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

2024-2026	Associate Editor, <i>Criminology</i>
2014-2025	Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor
2018-2022	Director of Graduate Studies (Economics), University of Oregon
2015-2021	Associate Professor of Economics, University of Oregon
2017-2019	Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Population Economics</i>
2016-2017	Visiting Research Scholar, Crime Lab New York
2014-2015	Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economics Research
2010-2014	Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Oregon
2009-2010	Research Associate, IMPAQ International

EDUCATION

2009	Ph.D. in Economics, University of California Santa Barbara Committee: Peter Kuhn (co-chair), Doug Steigerwald (co-chair), Oliver Deschenes
2005	M.A. in Economics, University of California Santa Barbara
2004	B.A. in Economics, Brigham Young University

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

2025	Shifting Tax Incidence: Evidence from the Washington State Cannabis Market (with Kendall Houghton, Keaton Miller and Caroline Weber) <i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i>
2024	Schools, Job Flexibility, and Married Women's Labor Supply (with Joseph Sabia and Jessamyn Schaller) <i>Journal of Human Resources</i>

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

- 2023 **Do State Tobacco-21 Laws Work?** (with Calvin Bryan, Drew McNichols, and Joseph Sabia) *Journal of Health Economics*
- 2023 **In-Person Schooling and Youth Suicide: Evidence from School Calendars and Pandemic School Closures** (with Joseph Sabia and Jessamyn Schaller) *Journal of Human Resources*
- 2023 **The Re-Emerging Suicide Crisis in the U.S.: Patterns, Causes and Solutions** (with Dave Marcotte) *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*
- 2023 **The Minimum Legal Drinking Age and Victimization** (with Aaron Chalfin and Rachel Ryley), *Journal of Human Resources*
- 2023 **No ground truth? No problem: Improving administrative data linking using active learning and a little bit of guile** (with Sarah Tahamont, Zubin Jelveh, Melissa McNeill, Shi Yan and Aaron Chalfin), *PLOS ONE*
- 2022 **Vertical Integration and Production Inefficiency in the Presence of a Gross Receipts Tax** (with Keaton Miller and Caroline Weber), *Journal of Public Economics*
- 2022 **Police Force Size and Civilian Race** (with Aaron Chalfin, Emily Weisburt and Morgan Williams, Jr.), *American Economic Review: Insights*
- 2021 **Association Between Statewide COVID-19 Lottery Announcements and Vaccinations** (with Daval Dave, Andrew Friedson and Joseph Sapia), *Journal of the American Medical Association: Health Forum*
- 2021 **Reducing Crime Through Environmental Design: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment of Street Lighting in New York City** (with Aaron Chalfin, Jason Lerner, and Lucie A. Parker), *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*
- 2020 **“Dude, Where’s My Treatment Effect? Errors in Administrative Data Linking and the Destruction of Statistical Power in Randomized Experiments”** (with Sarah Tahamont, Zubin Jelveh, Aaron Chalfin, and Shi Yan), *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*
- 2020 **“Federalism, Partial Prohibition, and Cross Border Sales: Evidence from Marijuana Legalization”** (with Keaton Miller and Caroline Weber), *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 187, No. 7, pp. 104–159
- 2020 **“The Unintended Consequences of ‘Ban the Box’: Statistical Discrimination and Employment Outcomes When Criminal Histories Are Hidden”** (with Jennifer L. Doleac), *Journal of Labor Economics*, Vol. 38, No. 2 pp. 321–374.
- 2020 **“Taxing the Potency of Sin Goods: Evidence from Recreational Cannabis and Liquor Markets”** (with Keaton Miller, Boyoung Seo, and Caroline Weber), *National Tax Journal*, Vol. 73, No. 2, pp. 511–544.
- 2020 **“Early Evidence on Recreational Marijuana Legalization and Traffic Fatalities”** (with Keaton Miller and Caroline Weber), *Economic Inquiry*, Vol. 58 No. 2, pages 547–568.

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

- 2019 “Marijuana Laws and Teen Marijuana Use: New Evidence From the Youth Risk Behavior Surveys” (with Mark Anderson, Daniel Rees, and Joseph Sabia), *Journal of the American Medical Association: Pediatrics*, Vol. 73 No. 9, pages 879–881.
- 2018 “Caution! Men Not at Work: Gender-Specific Labor Market Conditions and Child Maltreatment” (with Jason M. Lindo and Jessamyn Schaller) *Journal of Public Economics*, Volume 163, No. 7, Pages 77–98
- 2018 “Legal Access to Alcohol and Criminality” (with Glen R. Waddell), *Journal of Health Economics*, Vol. 57, No.1, pages 277–289.
- 2017 “Moving to Job Opportunities: The Effect of ‘Ban the Box’ on the Composition of Cities” (with Jennifer Doleac), *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, Vol. 107, No. 5, pages 556–559.
- 2016 “Have Cigarette Taxes Lost Their Bite? New Estimates of the Relationship between Cigarette Taxes and Youth Smoking” (with Joseph J. Sabia, Daniel I. Rees), *American Journal of Health Economics*, Vol. 3, No. 1, pages 60–75.
- 2016 “When Good Measurement Goes Wrong: New Evidence That New York State’s Minimum Wage Reduced Employment” (with Joseph J. Sabia, Richard V. Burkhauser), *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, Vol. 69, No. 2, pages 312–319 .
- 2016 “California’s 2004 Workers’ Compensation Reform: Claims, Costs, and Contingent Workers” *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, Vol. 69, No. 1, pages 173–198.
- 2015 “Medical Marijuana Laws and Teen Marijuana Use” (with D. Mark Anderson and Daniel I. Rees) *American Law and Economics Review*, Vol. 17, No. 2, pages 495–528.
- 2015 “Punishment and Deterrence: Evidence from Drunk Driving” *American Economic Review*, Vol. 105, No. 4, pages 1581–1617.
- 2014 “Life and Death in the Fast Lane: Police Enforcement and Traffic Fatalities” (with G. DeAngelo), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, Vol. 56, No. 2, pages 333–369.
- 2013 “Medical Marijuana Laws, Traffic Fatalities, and Alcohol Consumption” (with D. Mark Anderson Daniel I. Rees) *Journal of Law and Economics*, Vol. 56, No. 2, pages 1581–1617.
- 2013 “Cigarette Taxes and How Youth Obtain Cigarette Taxes” *National Tax Journal* (with Daniel I. Rees and Joseph J. Sabia), Vol. 66, No. 2, pages 371–394
- 2013 “The Minimum Drop Out Age and Student Victimization” *Economics of Education Review*, Vol. 35, No. 8, pages 66–74.
- 2013 “Deterability by Age” (with Shawn Bushway and Greg DeAngelo) *International Review of Law and Economics*, Vol. 36, No. 10, pages 70–81.
- 2012 “Are the Effects of Minimum Wage Increases Always Small? New Evidence from a Case Study in New York” (with Joseph J. Sabia and Richard V. Burkhauser) *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, Vol. 65, No. 2, pages 350–376 .

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

- 2011 “Back to School Blues: Seasonality of Youth Suicide and the Academic Calendar” (with Matthew Lang) *Economics of Education Review*, Vol. 30, No. 5, pages 850–861.
- 2010 “Time for School?” (with Dave E. Marcotte) *Education Next*, Vol. 10, No. 1, pages 53–59.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2021 “Up in Smoke? The Market for Cannabis” (with Keaton Miller and Caroline Weber, edited by Klaus Zimmermann, and Dave Marcotte) *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*
- 2014 “Quasi-Experimental Methods” (Edited by Dominic J. Brewer and Lawrence O. Picus), *Encyclopedia of Education Economics and Finance*

WORKING PAPERS

- 2025 **Same Crime, Different Time: Disparities in Judicial Outcomes for DWI Offenders**
(with Jeff Denning, Lars Lefgren, Emily Leslie and Cody Tuttle)
- 2025 **Gun Policy and the Steel Paradox: Evidence from Oregonians**
(with Katie Bollman, Edward Rubin, and Garrett Stanford, revise and resubmit at *Journal of Public Economics*)
- 2023 **Importing the Opioid Crisis? Trade, Smuggling, and Fentanyl Overdoses**
(with Timothy Moore and William Olney, revise and resubmit at *AEJ: Economic Policy*)
- 2023 **In Person Schooling and Juvenile Violence**
(with Kyu Matsuzawa and Joseph Sabia)
- 2023 **The Long Term Effects of Harsher Sanctions: Evidence from Driving Under the Influence**
(with Jeff Denning, Lars Lefgren, Emily Leslie, and Cody Tuttle)
- 2021 **Labor Reallocation and Remote Work During COVID-19: Real-time Evidence from GitHub** (with Grant McDermott)
- 2020 **Information and the Persistence of the Gender Wage Gap: Early Evidence from California's Salary History Ban**
(with Drew McNichols), *NBER WP No. 27054*
- 2019 **Are Marijuana and Alcohol Substitutes? Evidence from Neighboring Jurisdictions**
CGO Working Paper 2019.016
- 2017 **Benefit Generosity and Moral Hazard: Evidence from Workers' Compensation**
(with Tuan Nguyen and Glen Waddell), *IZA WP No. 10621*

POLICY BRIEFS AND EDITORIALS

- 2021 “When Cities Add Cops, Black Residents Could Have The Most To Gain and The Most to Lose’ The Niskanen Center
- 2019 “A More Thorough Analysis of Marijuana Use and Homicide in Colorado and Washington” The Incidental Economist
- 2018 “Early Evidence on Recreational Marijuana Legalization and Traffic Fatalities” (with Keaton Miller and Caroline Weber), Cato Research Briefs in Economic Policy No. 125
- 2017 “Taxing Marijuana” (with Keaton Miller and Caroline Weber), VOX CEPR’s Policy Portal
- 2016 “How Hiding Criminal Records Hurts Black and Hispanic Men ” (with Jennifer L. Doleac), Time
- 2016 “Does Ban the Box Help or Hurt Low-Skilled Workers? Statistical Discrimination and Employment Outcomes When Criminal Histories Are Hidden” (with Jennifer L. Doleac), Cato Research Briefs in Economic Policy No. 62
- 2012 “Medical Marijuana Laws and Teen Marijuana Use” (with D. Mark Anderson and Daniel I. Rees), Cato Research Briefs in Economic Policy No. 11

INVITED SEMINARS

2025	Georgia State, University of Pittsburgh, UNLV
2024	VICE, Clemson, University of Texas El Paso, Ft Lewis College
2022	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Southern Utah University
2021	Dartmouth
2019	Southern Utah University, University of Hawaii, University of Tennessee Knoxville
2018	American University, Brigham Young University, Georgia State University, San Diego State University, University of Maryland
2017	NYU, Columbia, UC Santa Cruz, University of Essex, UPenn, University of Odense
2016	Cornell, Rutgers, Case Western, CUNY Grad Center, West Point, University of Economics in Prague
2015	University of Wisconsin Madison, Purdue
2014	UPenn, University of Virginia, Montana State University
2013	Cornell, University of Washington, University of Hawaii, RAND, BYU
2012	Washington State University
2010	University of Oregon, UC Davis, UC Boulder
2009	UC Denver

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

LSU Applied Microeconomics Workshop 2026	
Society of Labor Economics	(2008, 2009, 2011, 2026)
2025 IESR Labor Conference	
Workshop on the Economics of Risky Behaviors	(2012, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2023, 2025)
Workshop on Economics of Education 2024	
NBER Health Working Group	(2012, 2021, 2023)
Montana State Applied Economics Summer Conference	(2023)
NBER Summer Institute	(2011, 2013, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023)
WEAI	(2010, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2018)
Causes and Consequences of Child Mental Health (Princeton)	(2022)
Southern Economics Association	(2009, 2011, 2014-2016, 2021, 2022)
APPAM	(2008, 2017, 2019, 2022)
American Law and Economics Association	(2019)
Applied Econometrics Workshop, Victoria Wellington	(2018, <i>Keynote</i>)
American Economics Association	(2009, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2018)
Western Economics Association	(2008, 2010, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2018)
American Society of Health Economists	(2010, 2017)
American Society of Criminology	(2014, 2017)
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies	(2012, 2013)
Violence and Schools IHDSC	(2013)
ONeill Institute Empirical Health Law	(2013)
Trans-Atlantic Economics of Crime	(2012)
Society of Labor Economics	(2008, 2009, 2011)
American Education Finance Association	(2008)
UC Merced Causes and Consequences of Inequality	(2008)

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIP

2023	Excellence in Referreeing <i>American Economic Review: Insights</i>
2022	H. Gregg Lewis Prize for the best paper in the Journal of Labor Economics 2020-2021 (<i>The Unintended Consequences of Ban the Box: Statistical Discrimination and Employment Outcomes When Criminal Histories are Hidden</i> with J. Doleac)
2020	Excellence in Referreeing <i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i>
2011, 2012	Junior Faculty Development Award
2010	Junior Faculty Fellowship, UO
2010	Smith Chair Research Fellow BYU
2008	Roe L. Johns Travel Fellow, AEFA
2008	Central Competitive Graduate Fellowship, UCSB
2005	Myerson Fellow, UCSB
2000-2004	University Scholarship, BYU

GRANTS EXTERNAL FUNDING

\$299,828	“Marijuana and the Minimum Legal Purchase Age”, Arnold Ventures
\$524,541	“The Effects of Drug Decriminalization (and Recriminalization) on Criminal Justice and Public Health Outcomes”, Arnold Ventures
\$330,228	“The Long-Term Consequences of Driving Under the Influence”, Arnold Ventures
\$41,500	“USDA Food Assistance Programs (SNAP, the National School Lunch Program, and the School Breakfast Program) and Healthy Food Choices: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Geographic Variation in Food Prices.” Economics of Food Security, Nutrition, and Health: Insights from FoodAPS grant, NBER.
\$40,000	“Influence of SNAP Participation and Food Environment on Nutritional Quality of Food at Home Purchases,” UKCPR FoodAPS Research Initiative, Economic Research Service.
\$32,000	“How Race Affects Perceptions of Criminality and Thereby Employment.” Russell Sage Foundation.

PH.D. STUDENTS SUPERVISED

2026	Anthony Castro (chair, in progress)
2026	David Hall (chair, in progress)
2026	Eric Wilken (committee member, in progress)
2025	Emily Arnesen (committee member, Washington State University)
2025	Kyu Matsuzawa (chair, San Diego State University)
2024	Yuwen Yuan (institutional outside member, Oregon State University)
2024	Tanner Bivins (committee member, University of Minnesota Morris)
2023	Harrison Huang (China Telecom Corporation)
2022	November (Melissa) Wilson (FHFA, chair)
2021	Mary Kopriva (University of Alaska, co-chair)
2021	Kendall Houghton (Census, co-chair)
2019	Drew McNichols (chair, Amazon)
2019	Simeon Minard (committee member, Amazon)
2019	Nathan Biemiller (committee member, FDA)
2019	Ryan Walch (committee member, Amazon)
2018	Amani Rashid (committee member, Washington Institute of Public Policy)
2017	Tuan Nguyen (chair, Central College)
2017	Bekah Selby (chair, Emporia State University)
2017	Erica Birk (committee member, Facebook)
2016	Logan Lee (committee member, Grinnell College)
2015	Gulcan Cil (committee member, EPA)
2015	Jon Thompson (committee member, Williamette University)
2014	Kris Holden (committee member, American Institutes for Research)
2013	Isaac Swensen (committee member, Montana State University)
2013	Harold Cuffe (committee member, Victoria University of Wellington)
2012	Lance Kaufman (committee member, Alaska Department of Law)
2012	Toni Sipic (committee member, C. Washington University)
2011	Brian Vander Naald (committee member, Drake University)
2011	Sandy Tang (committee member, National Taipei University)

MASTERS STUDENTS SUPERVISED

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UNDERGRADUATE HONORS STUDENTS SUPERVISED

Jacob Holcombe, Kevin Frazier, Matthew Dodier, Mitchel Vanvuren, Caryn Peters, Kaitlin Alhart, Jelena Hoffart, Analese Helm, Asher Savin, Sam Willman

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Econometrics, Health, Crime
Undergraduate Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Micro Theory, Health, Crime

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Referee: *American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Economic Journal, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources, American Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Human Capital, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Economics of Education Review, Review of Economics of the Household, American Law and Economics Review, Economic Inquiry, Empirical Economics, Health Economics, Southern Economic Journal, Education Finance and Policy, Journal Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Risk and Insurance, Contemporary Economic Policy, Journal of Labor Research, Economics and Human Biology, Industrial Relations, Journal of Adolescent Health, Preventing Chronic Disease, and more*
- Grant Re-viewer: *National Institute of Health, Russell Sage Foundation, National Science Foundation, Poverty Action Lab*

DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2024 University IT Search Committee
- 2024 Promotion Committee
- 2022-2023 Graduate Teaching Advisor
- 2022 School of Computer and Data Science Strategic Planning Committee
- 2022, 2024 APPAM Conference Organizing Committee
- 2021-2022 Undergraduate Research Awards Committee
- 2018-2022 Director of Graduate Studies
- 2016, 2017, 2018-2022 Graduate Awards Committee
- 2016, 2017, 2018-2022 Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2014-2018, 2022 University Research Awards Committee
- 2012, 2013, 2015, 2021 Search Committee
- 2018 Big Data Search Committee Chair
- 2015-2018, 23-24 Undergraduate Committee
- 2015-2016 Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
- 2010-2014 Departmental Seminar Committee

REFERENCES

Available upon request