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Employment

Associate Director, Research Department, Milken Institute, 2024-present
Associate Professor, Montana State University, 2022-2024
Assistant Professor, Montana State University, 2016-2022
Postdoctoral Fellow, Oxford University, Oxford Centre for Analysis of Resource Rich Economies (OxCarre), 2013-2016

Education

University of California, Davis, Ph.D., Economics, 2013
University of Bradford (UK), M.A., Finance, 2006
University of Colorado Boulder, B.S., Electrical Engineering, 2004

Publications

- “Matching on Noise: Bias in the Synthetic Controls Estimator,” with Joseph Cummins, Douglas Miller and David Simon, 2023, *Journal of Econometric Methods*, forthcoming.
- “The Effect of Terror Attacks on Political Attitudes: Evidence from European Social Surveys,” with Giovanni Peri and Daniel Rees, 2023, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, Vol. 99.
- “Geography, Geology, and Regional Economic Development,” with Kevin Berry, Alexander James and Brett Watson, 2022, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, Vol. 115.
- “Terror Attacks and Election Outcomes in Europe, 1970-2017,” with Daniel Rees, 2022, *Economics Letters*, Vol. 219.
- “Seasonal Agricultural Activity and Crime,” with Diane Charlton and Alexander James, 2022, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 104(2).
- “Fracking and Risky Sexual Activity,” with Scott Cunningham and Gregory DeAngelo, 2020, *Journal of Health Economics*, Vol. 72.
- “Geographic Dispersion of Economic Shocks: Evidence from the Fracking Revolution: Comment,” with Alexander James, 2020, *American Economic Review*, Vol. 110(6).
- “Measuring Inequality,” with with Thomas McGregor and Samuel Wills, 2019, *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, Vol. 35(3).
- “Dutch Disease and the Oil Boom and Bust,” 2019, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, Vol. 52(2). Winner of the Robert Mundell Prize for best paper published in the CJE authored by a young economist in the previous two years.

“Left in the dark? Oil and Rural Poverty,” with Samuel Wills, 2018, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, Vol. 5(4). Winner of the 2018 Ralph C. d’Arge and Allen V. Kneese Award for Outstanding Publication in the Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists.

“There Will Be Blood: Crime Rates in Shale-Rich U.S. Counties,” with Alexander James, 2017, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, Vol. 84.

“The Resource Curse Exorcised: Evidence from a Panel of Countries,” 2015, *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 116.

“Malthus, Wages, and Preindustrial Growth,” with Gregory Clark and Joseph Cummins, 2012, *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 72(2).

Working Papers

“Cash Transfers and Voter Turnout”, with Alexander James and Nathaly Rivera

Grants

Social and Economic Spillovers of Agricultural Booms., National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Hatch Project MONB00101, 2020.

Understanding Development in Resource-Rich Areas, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Hatch Project 1015930, 2018.

Recent Presentations

2022: University of Miami, Herbert Business School (invited seminar).

2022: ASSA Annual Meeting (Boston)

2020: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (online)

2019: AERE Summer Conference (Incline Village, Nevada)

2018: World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (Gothenburg)

2017: University of Alaska Anchorage, Annual Conference of the EAERE (Athens, Greece), AERE Summer Conference (Pittsburgh)

2016: Annual Conference of the EAERE (Zurich), Conference on Sustainable Resource Use and Economic Dynamics (Banyuls-sur-Mer, France), Hebrew University

2015: Annual Conference of the EAERE (Helsinki), AERE Summer Conference (San Diego), University of Oslo

Referee Experience

American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Energy Journal, Resource and Energy Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Labour Economics, Economics of Education Review, World Development, Economic Inquiry, Southern Economic Journal, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Annals of Regional Science, Empirical Economics, CESifo Economic Studies, Journal of Economic Surveys, Economic Systems, Resources Policy, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics.