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Employment

Associate Professor, Montana State University, 2016-present

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

“Geography, Geology, and Regional Economic Development,” with Kevin Berry, Alexander James and Brett Watson, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 2022

“Terror Attacks and Election Outcomes in Europe, 1970-2017,” with Daniel Rees. *Economics Letters*, 2022

“Seasonal Agricultural Activity and Crime,” with Diane Charlton and Alexander James. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 2021.

“Fracking and Risky Sexual Activity,” with Scott Cunningham and Gregory DeAngelo, *Journal of Health Economics*, Vol. 72, 2020.

“Geographic Dispersion of Economic Shocks: Evidence from the Fracking Revolution: Comment,” with Alexander James, *American Economic Review*, Vol. 110(6), pp. 1905-13, 2020.

“Measuring Inequality,” with with Thomas McGregor and Samuel Wills, *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, Vol. 35(3), pp. 368-395, 2019.

“Dutch Disease and the Oil Boom and Bust,” *Canadian Journal of Economics*, Vol. 52(2), pp. 584-623, 2019. 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, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, Vol. 5(4), pp. 865-904, 2018. 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, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, Vol. 84, pp. 125-152, 2017.

“The Resource Curse Exorcised: Evidence from a Panel of Countries,” *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 116, pp. 57-73, 2015.

“Malthus, Wages, and Preindustrial Growth,” with Gregory Clark and Joseph Cummins, *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 72(2), pp. 364-392, 2012.

Work in progress

“Geography, Geology and Regional Economic Development,” with Kevin Berry, Alexander James and Brett Jordan. Revisions requested at Journal of Environmental Economics and Management.

“The Effect of Terror Attacks on Political Attitudes: Evidence from European Social Surveys,” with Giovanni Peri and Daniel Rees, NBER working paper no. 28662.

“Matching on Noise: Bias in the Synthetic Controls Estimator,” with Joseph Cummins, Douglas Miller and David Simon.

“Resource Booms and Civil Conflict: the Role of Deposit Locations in Ethnic Homelands”

“Droughts and Intergenerational Mobility in Developing Countries”

Grants

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

Recent Presentations

2020: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

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, 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.