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Academic Appointments

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Fall 2023 to Present
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics	
Affiliate, Center for Future Workplaces and Practices	
Affiliate, Kellogg Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	
University of Notre Dame	Fall 2023 to Present
Affiliate, Center for Research on Educational Opportunity	
W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research	Summer 2025
Summer Economics Fellow	

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Notre Dame	May 2023
Dissertation Title – “Essays on the Economics of Education”	
Committee – Daniel Hungerman, Chloe Gibbs, Kasey Buckles, and William Evans	
M.A. Economics, University of Notre Dame,	June 2019
B.A. Economics, University of Florida,	May 2018
Minor - Actuarial Science	
Honors - Summa Cum Laude	

Publications

1. Felegi, Brianna. 2025. "Examining Key Impacts of the Test-Optional Movement for Early Adopters." *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 115: 682–88. DOI: [10.1257/pandp.20251057](https://doi.org/10.1257/pandp.20251057)
2. Barrera, Sergio, Brianna Felegi, and Sarina Heron. 2025. "Labor Market Shocks and Immigration Enforcement." *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 115: 466–70. DOI: [10.1257/pandp.20251120](https://doi.org/10.1257/pandp.20251120)

Working Papers (sorted alphabetically)

1. “Can Light-Touch Interventions in High School Impact Education Outcomes?”
2. “Supply-Side Responses in School Choice” with Chandon Adger (revise and resubmit at *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*)
3. “The Impacts of Removing College Entrance Exams: Evidence from the Test-Optional Movement” (revise and resubmit at *Southern Economic Journal*)

Research in Progress (sorted alphabetically)

1. “Eliminating the Competition? Evidence from the Great Recession and 287(g) Agreements” with Sergio Barrera and Joaquin Rubalcaba
2. “Evaluating the Impact of Voucher Programs on Students in Participating Private Schools: A Mixed Methodology Approach” with Joseph Waddington
3. “From the Ground Up: Labor Demand and Intergenerational Mobility in the US” with Paul Shaloka
4. “The Free Tuition Laws and Their Impact on Educational Attainment in the 20th Century” with Christopher Monjares
5. “The Non-Labor Impacts of GED Receipt” with Antionette Strotter
6. “The War on Poverty and Higher Education Access: Educational Attainment and Intergenerational Effects of Upward Bound” with Chloe Gibbs and Esra Kose
7. “Understanding the Impacts of First Semester Math Placement on Post Secondary Outcomes” with Sergio Barrera and Susan Sajadi

Research Experience

Research Assistant, University of Notre Dame, Department of Economics

Chloe Gibbs, Fall 2021 through Summer 2022

Kasey Buckles, Spring 2020 through Summer 2021

Conferences and Presentations

- 2025 Allied Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Association of Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Program on Education Policy and Governance, CeMENT Mentoring Workshop for Junior Faculty (scheduled), Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (scheduled)
- 2024 Association of Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, 2024 Society of Government Economists Annual Conference, APPAM Fall Research Conference, Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting
- 2023 Texas Christian University, Xavier University, Bates College, Montana State University Applied Economics Summer Conference, APPAM Fall Research Conference (presenter x 2, discussant), Commonwealth Finance Workshop (discussant)
- 2022 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Department of Economics

Labor Economics, Fall 2024

Analysis of Economic Data, Fall 2023

Instructor, University of Notre Dame, Department of Economics

Statistics for Economics Tutorial, Fall 2022

Principles of Microeconomics, Summer 2022

Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame, Department of Economics

Graduate Microtheory I, Michèle Müller-Itten, Fall 2019

Principles of Microeconomics, Daniel Hungerman, Spring 2019

Principles of Microeconomics, Ethan Lieber, Fall 2018

Academic Student Services, University of Notre Dame, Tutor

Principles of Microeconomics, Fall 2018 through Fall 2021

Awards and Fellowships

Outstanding Faculty in Undergraduate Courses, Virginia Tech, Spring 2024

New Faculty Mentoring Grant, Virginia Tech, Spring 2024

Burns Fellow, Program for Interdisciplinary Educational Research, Spring 2020 to Spring 2023

Dean's Fellow, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2018 to Spring 2023

Service

Referee: *Journal of Human Capital*, *Research in Higher Education*, *China Economic Review*, *Economics of Education Review*

Professional Memberships:

American Economic Association

Association for Education Finance and Policy

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

Southern Economic Association

Service Committees, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Department of Economics

Diversity Committee, Fall 2024

Seminar Coordinator, Fall 2024

Visibility Committee, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Enrollment Committee, Fall 2023

Faculty Advisor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Women in Economics Club, Spring 2024 to Present
Econ Games Team, Spring 2025 to Present

Graduate Student Committee, University of Notre Dame
Co-Chair, Fall 2021 to Spring 2022