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## CURRENT POSITION

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Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics, Montana State University, Bozeman, Fall 2008-present.  
Assistant Professor, Montana State University, Fall 2002-2008.

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara, June 2002  
Fields: Public finance, labor economics  
Dissertation: *Three Essays on Teachers, Markets, and Education Policies*  
Recieved 2002 Lancaster Award for Best Dissertation in the Social Sciences

M.A. Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1998

B.A. Economics, Brigham Young University, 1994

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Economics of education, public economics, labor economics

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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[“Does Salient Financial Information Affect Academic Performance and Borrowing Behavior Among College Students?”](#) (with Maximilian D. Schmeiser and Carly Urban). Federal Reserve Working Paper 2015-075. Forthcoming in *Economics of Education Review*. (Accepted Nov 2016.)

[“Student Loan Information Provision and Academic Choices”](#) (2016) *American Economic Review: Paper and Proceedings*. (with Carly Urban) (Accepted Jan 6, 2016.)

[“The Impact of Family Leave Laws on Cesarean Delivery”](#) (with Elise Hogenson and Wendy Stock) (2015) *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*. (Accepted August 25, 2015)

[“Why Has For-Profit Colleges’ Share of Higher Education Expanded so Rapidly? The Role of Labor Market Changes in Enrollment and Degree Completion at Two-](#)

- [Year Colleges](#)” (With Gregory Gilpin and Joe Saunders). (2015) *Economics of Education Review*. (Accepted October 26, 2014)
- [“The Academic Achievement of American Indians”](#) (with Stefanie Fischer) (2013) *Economics of Education Review*. (Accepted May 29, 2013)
- [“Local Demand for a School Choice Policy: Evidence from the Washington Charter School Referenda”](#) (With Sean Corcoran) (2011) *Education Finance and Policy*.
- [“Why did Education Become Publicly Funded? Evidence from the Nineteenth Century Growth of Public Primary Schooling in the United States”](#) (2009) *Journal of Economic History*.
- [“Why the Poor Get Fat: Weight Gain and Economic Insecurity.”](#) *Forum for Health Economics and Policy*. (2009) (With Trent Smith and Michael Barnes)
- [“Incentives and Effort in the Public Sector: Have U.S. Education Reforms Increased Teachers’ Work Hours?”](#) with Peter Kuhn. *Economics of Education Review* (2008). NBER Working Paper #11970. IZA Discussion Paper #1412.
- “Charter Politics” with Sean Corcoran. *Education Next*. (2008)
- [“The Political Economy of School Choice: Support for Charter Schools Across States and Districts”](#) with Sean Corcoran. *Journal of Urban Economics* (2007).
- [“No-Fault Divorce Laws and the Labor Supply of Women with and without Children”](#) (With Katie Genadek and Wendy Stock.) *Journal of Human Resources* (2007).
- [“Adjusting Teacher Salaries for the Cost of Living: The Effect on Salary Comparisons and Policy Conclusions”](#). *Economics of Education Review* (2005).
- [“The Quality of Education, Educational Institutions, Cross-Country Differences in Human Capital”](#) with Shawn Knabb. *Growth and Change* (2005).
- [“Why Has the Number of Teachers Per Student Risen While Teacher Quality Has Declined? The Role of Changes in the Labor Market for Women”](#) *Journal of Urban Economics* (2003).

## **WORKING PAPERS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

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- [“Selection of Student Loans and College Performance”](#) (with Maximilian D. Schmeiser and Carly Urban) Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Consumer Affairs*.
- “The Effects of Financial Education on Student Financial Aid Choices” (with Carly Urban). Currently in draft form, has been already presented at 2 conferences.

“Marginally distracted: Rising ADHD diagnoses and effects on academic outcomes”  
(with Wendy Stock). Submitted for presentation at American Education Finance  
Association.

“Are Prisons Today’s Asylums? Access to mental health services and the criminal justice  
system.”

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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“Teacher Labor Markets in Wyoming: Final Report to Wyoming Select Committee on  
School Finance Recalibration” (2015)

“Teacher Labor Markets in Wyoming: Final Report to Wyoming Appropriations and  
Education Committees” (2014)

“Teacher Labor Markets in Wyoming: Final Report to Wyoming Select Committee on  
School Finance Recalibration.” (2013)

“Update to Teacher Labor Markets in Wyoming: Final Report to Wyoming Select  
Committee on School Finance Recalibration.” (2012)

“Teacher Labor Markets in Wyoming: Final Report to Wyoming Select Committee on  
School Finance Recalibration.” (2010)

“Recruitment, Retention and Salaries of Teachers in Montana” *Montana Business  
Quarterly* (2005). With Douglas J. Young.

“Recruitment, Retention and Salaries of Teachers and Other School Personnel in  
Montana” Report to the Montana Legislature, (2005). With Douglas J. Young.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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“Selection of Student Loans and College Performance” (with Maximilian D. Schmeiser  
and Carly Urban) Western Economics Association, 2016.

“The Effects of Financial Education on Student Loan Amounts” (with J. Michael Collins  
and Carly Urban) Montana Consumer Financial Education Conference, OPI Data  
Use Conference, 2016.

“Does Salient Financial Information Affect Academic Performance and Borrowing  
Behavior Among College Students?” Association for Education Finance and

- Policy 2016, Utah State University, 2015.
- “Issues in Education in Developing Countries,” Al Akhawayn University, 2012.
- “Demand and Supply for Education in Mexico: Unions, Indigenous Communities, and Decentralization” Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán, 2012.
- “Voting for Free Public Schools” American Education Finance Association 2011.
- “The Academic Achievement of American Indians” (with Stefanie Fischer) American Education Finance Association 2011.
- “Trends in American Indian Educational Outcomes and the American Indian-White Test Score Gap,” Invited Presentation at the Lone Mountain Forum The Role of Property Rights and Institutions in North American Indian Economies, 2010.
- “The Impact of Family Leave Laws on Cesarean Delivery” (with Elise Hogenson and Wendy Stock), IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence Conference 2009
- “Why the Poor Get Fat: Weight Gain and Economic Insecurity.” (With Trent Smith and Michael Barnes), IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence Conference, 2009
- “Key Issues in Healthcare” Montana’s Rural Economy: The Future of Agriculture and Rural Healthcare 2009, Montana Taxpayer’s Association, 2009
- “Who Supports School Choice? An Empirical Analysis of the Washington Charter School Referenda” (With Sean Corcoran), American Education Finance Association, 2007.
- “Voting for Free Public Schools,” American Education Finance Association, 2007.
- “Heterogeneity and Collective Choice.” Invited presentation at Andron Symposium, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2007.
- “Divorce Risk and the Labor Supply of Women with and without Children.” (With Katie Genadek and Wendy Stock) Montana State University, 2006.
- “The Political Economy of School Choice: Support for Charter Schools Across States and Districts” (With Sean Corcoran) American Education Finance Association, 2005, Southern Economics Association, 2005, Montana State University, Brigham Young University, Washington State University, 2005.

“Why Have Maternal Labor Force Participation Rates Reached a Plateau?” (With Wendy Stock) Southern Economics Association. 2005.

“Why is Education Publicly Provided? Evidence from the Nineteenth Century Growth of Public Primary Schooling in the United States.” American Education Finance Association, 2005, Western Economics Association, 2004, Montana State University, 2004.

“Recruitment, Retention and Salaries of Teachers and Other School Personnel in Montana,” (With Douglas J. Young) Presentation to the Montana Legislature, 2005.

“Incentives and Effort in the Public Sector: Have U.S. Education Reforms Increased Teachers’ Work Hours?” (With Peter Kuhn). American Education Finance Association, 2004.

“Do Education Reforms and Teacher Unions Affect Teacher Effort?” with Peter Kuhn, National Tax Association, 2002.

“Trends in Teacher Hours: The Impact of State Education Reform Policies,” Montana State University, 2002.

“Correcting for the Cost of Living or Area Amenities: Implications for Teaching Salary Ranks and Regressions,” American Education Finance Association, 2002.

“Why Has the Number of Teachers Per Student Risen While Teacher Quality Has Declined? The Role of Changes in the Labor Market for Women,” Western Economics Association, 2001, University of California at San Diego, Vanderbilt University, University of Kentucky, Illinois State University, Brigham Young University, University of California, Santa Barbara, U.S. General Accounting Office, Montana State University, 2001.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Montana State University,

Courses: Introduction to econometrics, Econometrics II (MA course), Introduction to microeconomics, Intermediate microeconomics, Public finance, Economics of education, Honors Economics of life, Honors Women in the Economy, Individual Problems (Microfinance, Education on Montana Indian Reservations).

American Economics Association (AEA) Summer Training Program. (hosted by UC Santa Barbara) Course: Mathematical Economics.

University of California, Santa Barbara, Economics Department, Teaching Assistant, Fall 1996-Spring 2002.

Courses: Ph.D. and Intermediate Microeconomics, Ph.D. and undergraduate Econometrics, Statistics

University of California, Santa Barbara, Education Department, Fall 1998-Fall 2000.

Invited lectures on state education finance policies for Social Foundations of Education.

Brigham Young University, Economics Department, Teaching Assistant, Fall 1992-Spring 1994.

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

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Consultant: Wyoming Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration. 2010-2016.  
Conducted labor market studies of Wyoming teacher labor markets.

Consultant: *Models for Montana's Child Support Formula* for Montana Child Support Guidelines Office, 2009.

Consultant: *Economics Impact Study of Montana INBRE Program*, 2008-09.

Consultant: California Legislature--Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education, 2001. Analyzed the relationship between resources, student demographics, and test scores in California public schools.

Research Assistant: Department of Economics, UCSB, 1997-1999

Performed empirical analysis for Jon Sonstelie, *For Better or For Worse? School Finance Reform in California*, Public Policy Institute of California, 2000;

Performed empirical analysis for Jeff Grogger and Jon Sonstelie, "The Demand and Supply of Public School Spending: Estimates Using the Hedonic Price Method"

## **SERVICE**

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Association of Education Finance and Policy, Conference Program Committee, 2015-16.

Referee: (2016) *Demography, Economic Inquiry, Contemporary Economic Policy, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Urban Economics, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Human Resources, Social Science History Review, Education Finance and Policy, The Social Science Journal*

University Service: (2016) MSU Benefits Committee; DAEE Graduate Committee;  
DAEE Advisory Committee, DAEE Scholarship Committee

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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### **Grants:**

Spencer Foundation (2016) \$45,491. “Student Loans: the Great ZEqualizer or Another Hurdle for Low Income Students?”

US Department of Education (2015) \$269,346. “How does Access to Financial Institutions and Financial Education Affect Student Loan Choices and Labor Market Transitions?” Co-PI with Carly Urban. Subcontract through Montana Office of Public Instruction. (Full grant award \$3,483,163)

Spencer Foundation (2015) \$35,804. “Student Loans, Financial Counseling, and Economic Opportunity.” Co-PI with Carly Urban.

Stoddard and Stock sub-award through Harmsen, *Education and Health Disparities among American Indians*, National Institute of Health, 1 year (09/10) \$20,000

Instructional Innovation Grant, Montana State University, 2007-08, \$1,637.

Grant for “Qualified Teacher and Staff Compensation Market Analysis,” (with Douglas J. Young), Montana Legislature, July-September, 2005, \$24,660.

College of Letters and Sciences Research Enhancement Award, Montana State University, 2005, \$1,251.

CORE 2.0 grant for developing Introductory Microeconomics as an Inquiry Course, 2004, \$3,000.

Roe L. Jones Travel Grant, American Education Finance Association, 2002, \$500.

### **Awards:**

Cox Faculty Award for Creative Scholarship and Teaching, 2011.

Betty Coffey Award, Montana State University, 2007.

College of Letters and Sciences BEST Award, Montana State University, Spring 2006.

Lancaster Award (Best Dissertation in the Social Sciences), University of California, Santa Barbara, 2002.

Andron Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1996-2001.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2001.

Faculty Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1999-2000.