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## Appointments

2009- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Wake Forest University

## Education

2004-2009 Cornell University, Ph.D. in Economics  
Thesis: *Essays in Higher Education Economics*  
2004-2008 Cornell University, M.A. in Economics  
2000-2004 Colgate University, B.A. in Economics, Biology

## Research and Teaching Fields

Primary Fields: Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Public Economics  
Secondary Fields: Applied Econometrics, Natural Resource and Environmental Economics

## Teaching

Economics of Higher Education ( Econ 236) – Fall 2011  
Labor Economics (Econ 235) – Spring 2010, Spring 2011  
Principles of Economics (Econ 150) – Spring 2010, Spring 2011  
Applied Econometrics (Econ 201) – Fall 2009, 2010, 2011  
Labor Economics – Guest lecturer Spring 2008  
Economics of Education – Guest lecturer Spring 2007  
Applied Econometrics – Grader/TA Spring 2004

## Honors, Fellowships & Grants

2008 NBER Summer Institute: Labor Studies, Fall Education Workshop  
2007-2008 Sage Fellowship for Graduate Studies, Cornell University  
2007 -2009 Cornell University Conference Travel Grant  
2007, 2009 Roe L. Johns Travel Grant, American Education Finance Association  
2004-2007 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship  
2004 High Honors in Economics, Honors in Biology, Colgate University

## Published and Forthcoming Papers

“Keeping up with the Joneses: Institutional Changes Following the Adoption of a Merit Aid Policy.” (2011) *Economics of Education Review*. 30(5).

Featured in *Inside Higher Ed*

“The Karyopherin Kap95 and the C-Termini of Rfa1, Rfa2, and Rfa3 Are Necessary for Efficient Nuclear Import of Functional RPA Complex Proteins in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.” (With Kenneth D. Belanger, Heather L. Baker, Jeanne N. Hansen, Laura A. Simmons Kovacs, Justin S. Seconi, & Andrew C. Strine) (2011) *DNA & Cell Biology*. 30(9). Pp. 641-651.

“Persistence of women and minorities in STEM field majors: Is it the school that matters?” (2010) *Economics of Education Review*. 29(6). pp. 911-922.

“Can’t Get There From Here: The Decision To Apply to a Selective Institution.” (2009) (with Donna S. Rothstein). *Economics of Education Review*. 28(5). pp. 620-628.

“The Influence of the US News and World Report Rankings on the Matriculation Decision of High-Ability Students: 1995-2004.” (2007) (with Kevin N. Rask). *Economics of Education Review*. 26(2). pp. 244-255.

## Working Papers

“Institutional fit and College Success of Low-Income and Minority Students” *Under Review Fall 2011*.

“Peer Effects in Higher Education: A Look at Heterogeneous Impacts.” *Under Review Fall 2011*

“The importance of relative tuition levels in the formation of the college application choice set.” March 2011.

“Female Mentors in College” (with Kevin N. Rask). September 2011.

## Work in Progress

“A roommate like me: peer effects in college” (with Kevin N. Rask) July 2011

“Factors Affecting the Decision to Apply to or Attend a Selective College or University.”

## **Professional Service**

Referee: *Economics of Education Review*. *Journal of Higher Education*. *Education Economics*. *Eastern Economic Journal*.

## **Popular Press Contributions**

Authored submission: "What if you're bad at math?" *NYTimes* 'Room for Debate.'  
Published online March 28, 2011.

Quoted in: "College merit aid produces bidding wars." *The Washington Post*. Author: Daniel De Vise. Published May 30, 2011.

Quoted in: "Ivy league diplomas still worth the price of admission?" *CNBC.com*. Author: Mark Koba. Published March 1, 2011.

Also carried by: *USA Today*

Quoted on: "UC expected to raise tuition." *Marketplace on American Public Radio*. Piece by David Gura. Aired July 14, 2011.

## **Presentations**

- 2011: American Education & Finance Policy, UNC-Greensboro, Elon University, Society of Labor Economists.
- 2010: American Education Finance Association, Cornell Higher Education Research Institute, Houston Higher Education Finance Roundtable, Southern Economic Association.
- 2009 : American Education Finance Association, Society of Labor Economists.
- 2008 : American Education Finance Association, Society of Labor Economists, Binghamton University, Cornell University.
- 2007 : American Education Finance Association, Society of Labor Economists.

## **Affiliations**

American Economic Association, American Education Finance Association, Society of Labor Economists, Southern Economic Association, Western Economic Association.

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