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PROFILE

Experienced senior-level economist with a demonstrated history of producing important analyses in both academia and at think tanks. Skilled in Public Speaking, Data Analysis, Microeconomics, Stata, and Economic Research. Strong policy professional with a PhD in Economics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Center for American Progress

August 2018 – Present

Senior Economist, Economic Policy

Designed, coordinated, and conducted research and developed policy agenda for addressing rural issues. Produced numerous products highlighting problems including columns, issue briefs, opinion pieces, and reports. Produced numerous writings and commentaries on labor market issues, with a particular focus on the economic outcomes of African Americans.

Experience testifying in front of Congress on macroeconomic stabilization policy. Engaged with media in several print, television, and radio outlets on a variety of economic issues, including the labor market and criminal justice. Mentored junior staff on developing a research agenda and gaining expertise

Urban Institute

August 2017 – August 2018

Visiting Fellow, Justice Policy Center

Conducted research on criminal justice issues including police militarization. Consulted on research projects including campus carry laws. Provided technical expertise on a variety of projects.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Toledo

August 2003 – June 2018

Associate Professor of Economics

Developed a research agenda in public finance, peer effects, and policing and earned tenure. Published in academic journals in the fields of economics, social science, and public policy. Taught courses at the undergraduate and graduate level including but not limited to Principles of Microeconomics, Managerial Economics, Public Finance, Economics of Sports, Mathematical Economics. Served on several University-level committees.

EDUCATIONClaremont Graduate University, California
Ph.D. Economics,

January 2002

University of California, Berkeley
AB Applied Mathematics
AB Economics

August 1996

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS*Rural America Agenda*

- Redefining Rural America
- Adversity and Assets: Identifying Rural Opportunities
- A Path to Rural Resilience
- Three Ways to Improve Economic Outcomes for African Americans in the Rural South
- Economic Recovery and Business Dynamism in Rural America

Macroeconomic Policy and Labor Market Disparities

- The Importance of Automatic Stabilizers in the Next Recession
- The United States is Not Ready for a Recession, But It Can Be
- On the Persistence of the Black-White Unemployment Gap
- The Persistent Black-White Unemployment Gap is Built Into the Labor Market

SELECTED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- “The National Economics Association at 50: Getting Back to Our Roots.” (2019), *The Review of Black Political Economy*, ([journal link](#))
- “Is the Rise in Police Militarization a Response to Changing Demographics?” (2018), *Journal of the Center for Policy Analysis and Research*,
- “Do #AllLivesMatter? An Evaluation of Race and Excessive Use of Force by Police” with Shane Shirey (2017), *Atlantic Economic Journal*, Volume 45(2): 201–212 ([journal link](#))
- “Mental health, Race, and Deadly Use of Force”, (2017) *Economics Bulletin*, Volume 37(1): 423-428 ([journal link](#))
- “The Militarization of Local Law Enforcement: Is Race a Factor?”(2015) *Applied Economics Letters*, Volume 22(13): 1089–1093 ([journal link](#))
- “Did the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Cause Subsidized Worker Substitution?” (2012) *Economic Development Quarterly*, Volume 26(3): 231–237 ([journal link](#))
- “The Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Poverty: Analyzing the Dimensions by Race and Immigration” (2008), *The Review of Black Political Economy* Volume 35 (4): 117–127 ([journal link](#))

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

- Strengthening Our Fiscal Toolkit: Policy Options to Improve Economic Resiliency, Committee on the Budget, U.S. House of Representatives (October 16, 2019)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

President (2018), *National Economic Association*.

Member, *American Economic Association*, *National Economic Association*, *American Society of Criminology (Division of Policing)*, *Southern Regional Science Association*,

Editorial Board, *The Review of Black Political Economy*