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EMPLOYMENT

Lecturer (Assistant Professor) , The University of Sydney, School of Economics	2022-present
Postdoctoral Fellow , Harvard University Dept. of Economics and Policy Impacts	2021 - 2022

AFFILIATIONS

MIT Dept. of Economics and Policy Impacts	2023-present
Tax & Transfer Policy Institute, Australian National University	2022-present
Life Course Centre, The University of Sydney	2022-present
Harvard University Dept. of Economics and Policy Impacts	2022-2023

EDUCATION

University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, MI, USA	
Ph.D. in Economics	2021
Committee: Joel Slemrod (chair), James R. Hines, Jr., Charlie Brown, Toni Whited, Ashley Craig	
Dissertation: <i>Essays in Public Finance and Taxation</i>	
M.A. in Economics	2017
Williams College , Williamstown, MA, USA	
B.A. with Honors in Economics (advisor: Sarah Jacobson), <i>magna cum laude</i>	2011

RESEARCH

Publications

The Impact of Withdrawal Penalties on Retirement Savings (with Victoria L. Bryant). *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 232, 105083, April 2024. [\[link\]](#)

Working papers

A Welfare Analysis of Tax Audits Across the Income Distribution (with William C. Boning, Nathaniel Hendren, and Ben Sprung-Keyser). Revise and resubmit at *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. [\[link\]](#)

Does Giving Tax Debtors a Break Improve Compliance and Income? Evidence from Quasi-Random Assignment of IRS Revenue Officers (with William C. Boning, Joel Slemrod, and Alex Turk). Revise and resubmit at *Economic Inquiry*.

Select work in progress

The Effects of Increasing the Full Retirement Age on Retirement Savings: Evidence from U.S. Tax Data (with Victoria L. Bryant, Jonathan M. Leganza, and Dhiren Patki)

TEACHING

Instructor , The University of Sydney School of Economics	
ECON 6010 (Public Economics, masters)	S2 2022-2024
ECOS 3997 (Interdisciplinary Impact in Economics, undergraduate)	S2 2023, 2024

Graduate Student Instructor , University of Michigan Department of Economics	
ECON 490 (Advanced Public Economics, undergraduate)	Winter 2020
ECON 695 (Introduction to Economic Research, doctoral)	Fall 2018
ECON 452 (Intermediate Statistics & Econometrics II, undergraduate)	Winter 2018
ECON 503 (Probability & Mathematical Statistics I, masters)	Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant , Williams College Department of Economics	
ECON 251 (Intermediate Microeconomics, undergraduate)	Fall 2010

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation in Government Finance (finalist)	2021
NBER Pre-doctoral Fellowship in Retirement and Disability Research	2020 - 2021
University of Michigan Economics Department Graduate Research Award	2020
Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant	2020
Wladimir S. and Emma S. Woytinsky Fellowship	2019
William Haber Predoctoral Fellowship	2015
Dr. Herbert Stein '35 Scholarship	2010
Carl Van Duyne Prize	2010
Class of 1960 Scholar in Economics	2010 - 2011
New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) All-Academic	2010

PRESENTATIONS

2023: WEAI International, Australian Workshop on Public Finance, National Tax Association Annual Conference, The Melbourne Institute

2022: ASSA Annual Meeting, NBER Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar

2021: National Tax Association Annual Conference, Western Economic Association International Virtual International Conference, IRS-Census Income Measurement Workshop, IRS Behavioral Insights Community of Practice,

2020 and earlier: Williams College, National Tax Association Annual Conference, International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress, University of Michigan Public Finance Seminar

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Econometrics, National Tax Journal, International Tax and Public Finance

Discussant and/or session chair National Tax Association Annual Conference, Australian Workshop on Public Finance, Western Economic Association International Conference

Graduate Economics Society Co-president (2018-19), Co-coordinator, first-year seminar (2016-17)

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, University of Michigan

Joel Slemrod 2018 - 2019

Michael Mueller-Smith 2016 - 2018

Analysis Group, Menlo Park, CA (Economic Consulting)

Senior Analyst 2014 - 2015

Analyst 2012 - 2014

Research Fellow, Stanford Law School

2011 - 2012

Class of 1957 Summer Research Fellow, Williams College (RA for Lucie Schmidt)

2010

PERSONAL

Citizenship: USA (Australian permanent resident)

Marital status: Married ([Jonathan Kummerfeld](#), Citizenship: Australia), two children