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Summary

I am a senior economist at the Government Accountability Office. I use economic and statistical analysis to analyze issues related to public policy in the United States.

Education

PhD, Economics	*Michigan State University*	July 2023
MA, Economics	*Michigan State University*	2018
BS, Mathematics and Economics	*University of Florida*	2016

Experience

Senior Economist | Government Accountability Office | Washington, District of Columbia 2023 - Present

Graduate Researcher | Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 2019 - 2023

- Analyzed data on Michigan State University students to explore the effect of honors college participation on student outcomes
- Fielded Qualtrics surveys to undergraduate students with information experiments to explore how they make choice related to student loans
- Studied the effect of test score labeling on post-secondary outcomes using administrative data on Michigan students

Course Instructor and Teaching Assistant | Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 2017 - 2022

- Wrote Exams, answered students' questions related to homework and test preparation, graded homework and exams, proctored exams, and manage grades on the online leaning software Brightspace

Undergraduate Researcher | University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 2016 - 2017

- Investigated college graduation rates by college type using data from the College Scorecard

Research Assistant | North Park University, Chicago, IL 2016

- Designed research project and collected data correlating changes in economic freedom with changes in economic growth

Activities

Graduate Student Seminar Organizer | Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 2021 - 2023
- Scheduled weekly research presentations, sent emails about seminar, created sign up, booked the room, and managed streaming the seminar online

President MSU Anime Club | Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 2020 - 2023
- Lead meetings of officers to plan club activities and presented announcements before weekly club meetings

Skills

Software (Advanced): Stata | Microsoft Office | R
Software (Intermediate): MATLAB | Java | LaTeX | Gauss | C++ | Unity
Research Methods: Causal Inference | Survey Design | Regression Discontinuity | Information Experiment