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Curriculum Vitae
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Employment

University of Georgia, Professor and Head of Economics, 2023-
University of Georgia, Associate Professor of Economics, 2017-
University of Georgia, Assistant Professor of Economics, 2015-2017
University of Rochester, Assistant Professor of Economics, 2007-2015

Education

Duke University, Ph.D., Economics, 2007
University of Virginia, B.S., Systems Engineering, 1999

Fields

Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Econometrics

Affiliations

European Economic Review, Associate Editor (2019-2024)

Published and Forthcoming Articles

“Skill Formation and the Trouble with Child Non-Cognitive Skill Measures”,
with Emilia Del Bono and Ronni Pavan, *accepted at Quantitative Economics*

“College Majors and Earnings Growth” with Woosuk Choi, Alexis Orellana, and
Ronni Pavan *accepted at Journal of Labor Economics*

“What the Students for Fair Admissions Cases Reveal About Racial Preferences”,
with Peter Arcidiacono and Tyler Ransom, *Journal of Political Economy*
Microeconomics, 1(4), 615-668

“A Note on the Importance of Normalizations in Dynamic Latent Factor Models
of Skill Formation”, with Emilia Del Bono and Ronni Pavan, *Journal of Applied*
Econometrics, 37(6), 1256-1265

“Recruit to Reject? Harvard and African American Applicants”, with Peter
Arcidiacono and Tyler Ransom, *Economics of Education Review*, 88

“Asian American Discrimination in Harvard Admissions”, with Peter Arcidiacono
and Tyler Ransom, *European Economic Review*, 144

“Divergent: The Time Path of Legacy and Athlete Admissions at Harvard” with Peter Arcidiacono and Tyler Ransom, *Journal of Human Resources*, 59(3), 653-683

“Legacy and Athlete Preferences at Harvard” with Peter Arcidiacono and Tyler Ransom, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 40(1), 133-155

“Affirmative Action, Transparency, and the SFFA v. Harvard Case” with Peter Arcidiacono and Tyler Ransom, *University of Chicago Law Review Online*

“Local Distortions in Parental Beliefs over Child Skill”, with Ronni Pavan, *Journal of Political Economy*, 129(1), 81-100

“Towards Causal Estimates of Child’s Time Allocation on Skill”, with Gregorio Caetano and Hao Teng, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 34(4), 588-605

“Productivity Spillovers in Team Production: Evidence from Professional Basketball”, with Peter Arcidiacono and Joe Price, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 35(1), 191-225

“Teacher Complementarities in Test Score Production: Evidence from Primary School”, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 34(1), 29-61

“Specificity of General Human Capital: Evidence from College Major Choice”, with Ronni Pavan, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 33(4), 933-972

“School Discipline: A Source or Salve for the Racial Achievement Gap,” *International Economic Review*, 54(1), 355-383

“Estimating Spillovers in the Classroom with Panel Data”, with Peter Arcidiacono, Gigi Foster, and Natalie Goodpaster, *Quantitative Economics*, 3(3), 421-470

“Beyond Levels and Growth: Estimating Teacher Value-Added and its Persistence,” *Journal of Human Resources*, 47 (3), 722-753

“Assessing Rothstein's Critique of Teacher Value-Added Models”, *Quantitative Economics*, 3(2), 333-362

“Family Income and Higher Education Choices: The Importance of Accounting for College Quality,” with Ronni Pavan *Journal of Human Capital*, 5 (4), 453-477

“Understanding the Black-White School Discipline Gap,” *Economics of Education Review*, 30 (6), 1370-1383

Ongoing Projects

“College Major, Spatial Sorting, and Agglomeration”

“Dynamic Effects of Peers and Firms in the Workplace”

Awards

National Academy of Education/Spencer Post-Doc Fellowship (2011)
National Science Foundation, “Estimating the Technology of Skill Formation and Maternal Well-Being” (\$92,000)

Invited Seminars

Clemson University (2007), University of Rochester (2007), Carnegie Mellon (2007), University of Wisconsin (2008), New York University (2008), University of Western Ontario (2008), Washington University (Olin, 2008), University of California, Berkeley (2009), Duke University (2011), University of Virginia (2012), Syracuse University (2012), Queens University (2013), McGill University (2013), Boston College (2013), McMaster University (2014), University of Georgia (2014), University College London (2014), London School of Economics (2014), SUNY-Buffalo (2014), University of North Carolina (2015), Clemson University (2015), Auburn University (2016), University of South Carolina (2016), Georgia State University (2016), Arizona State University (2019), University of Houston (2021), University of Rochester (2022), University of Oklahoma (2022)

Conference Presentations

NBER Higher Education Conference (2005), Duke University Transdisciplinary Prevention Research Center Retreat (2006), Society for Prevention Research (2007), American Economic Association Winter Meetings (2009), American Education Finance Association (2009), ERID Young Empirical Microeconomist Conference (2009), NBER Labor Meetings (2010), American Education Finance Association (2011), National Academy of Education (2012), Society of Labor Economics (2013), Southern Economic Association (2013), Society of Labor Economics (2014), Society of Labor Economics (2015), NBER Education Conference (2015), HCEO Workshop on Human Capital Formation and Family Economics (2016), Southern Economic Association (2019), E-con of Education Seminar (2020)

Referee Service

Journal of Political Economy, American Economic Review, Journal of Labor Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Human Resources, International Economic Review, Quantitative Economics, Journal of Public Economics, AEJ Applied, AEJ Policy, JPE Micro, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Economic Inquiry, Southern Economic Journal, Labour Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Education Economics, ILRReview, Educational Researcher, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of European Economic Association, B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, Contemporary Economic Policy

Teaching

Topics in Labor Economics (G), Econometrics (U), Economics of Education (U)

Advising

Advisor: Umair Khalil (Univ. of West Virginia), Sulagna Mookerjee (Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in Qatar), Bob Arons (Dept. of Justice), Thor Watson (US Census Bureau), Keshob Sharma (CDC), Robert Dominy (US Census Bureau)

Dissertation Committee Member: Rachana Bhatt (Georgia State), Maria Canon (St. Louis Fed), Sukanya Basu (Vassar), Mike Insler (Naval Institute), Yusuke Jinnai (Intl. Univ. of Japan), Cheuk Yin Ho (City Univ. of Hong Kong), Dan Ringo (Board of Governors), David Slichter (Binghamton University), Yeongmi Jeong (post-doc Purdue), Joe Spearing (York Centre for Health Economics), Noman Ahmad (expected 2026), Abbi Cormier (expected 2026), Morgan Kearns (expected 2027)