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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Colorado Boulder, May 2019

M.A. Economics, University of Colorado Boulder, May 2014

B.A. Mathematics with Distinction, University of Colorado Boulder, May 2012

B.A. Economics with Distinction and honors: *Summa Cum Laude*, University of Colorado Boulder, May 2012

Fields of Interests

Labor & Personnel Economics • Applied Econometrics • Public Policy • Environmental Sciences

Professional Experience

Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Boulder

(Note: Instructor overall rating in parenthesis)

ECON 3545 – Environmental Economics (for non-majors)

Fall 2023 (5.7/6)

Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Political Science, & Sociology,
Missouri Western State University

(Note: Instructor overall rating in parenthesis)

ECON 607 – Managerial Economics

Spring 2020 (N/A – regular evaluations were suspended due to COVID-19)

ECON 361 – Intermediate Microeconomics

Fall 2019 (5/5)

ECON 360 – Intermediate Macroeconomics

Spring 2020 (N/A)

ECON 261 – Principles of Microeconomics

Fall 2019 (4.8/5)

ECON 101 – Current Issues in the Economy

Spring 2020 (N/A), Spring 2020 (N/A), Fall 2019 (4.7/5), Fall 2019 (4.7/5)

Graduate Instructor, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Boulder

(Note: Instructor overall rating in parenthesis)

ECON 3080 – Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory

Fall 2017 (5.7/6), Summer 2016 (5.9/6), Spring 2016 (6/6), Fall 2015 (5.6/6),

Summer 2015 (5.6/6), Spring 2015 (5.7/6), Fall 2014 (5.7/6)

ECON 2020 – Principles of Macroeconomics (Continuing Education)

Spring 2019 (5.7/6), Fall 2018 (5.8/6)

ECON 2010 – Principles of Microeconomics

Summer 2017 (5.8/6)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Boulder

(Note: Instructor overall rating in parenthesis averaged across all sections taught)

ECON 3838 – Intro to Statistics with Computer Applications

Summer 2014 (5.8/6)

ECON 3070 – Intermediate Microeconomics Theory

Spring 2018 (5.6/6)

ECON 2020 – Principles of Macroeconomics

Spring 2013 (5.6/6), Fall 2012 (5.7/6)

ECON 2010 – Principles of Microeconomics

Fall 2016 (5.5/6), Spring 2014 (5.6/6), Fall 2013 (5.1/6)

Graduate Instructor Mentor, Department of Economics, UCB (Spring 2017)

Provided pedagogical assistance to graduate instructors and teaching assistants whose teaching evaluations were below department standards. Hosted training sessions for first-time graduate instructors and organized regular departmental teaching workshops.

Lead Graduate Teacher, Graduate Teacher Program, UCB (2015-2016)

Provided training and classroom consultation to graduate instructors and first-year graduate students, conducted regular teaching workshops in the department, and served as a liaison between the department and the university's Graduate Teacher Program.

Research Assistant for Professor Tania Barham, UCB (Summer 2014)

Conducted data analysis focusing on development programs in Nicaragua.

Working Papers

Alphabetism: The Effects of Surname Initial and the Cost of Being Otherwise Undistinguished
(with Professor Jeffrey Zax)

The Early Bird Gets the Worm: Analysis of Dynamic Effort Allocations from The New York City Police Department

One Man's Treasure is Another Man's Salvage: The Criminal Response to a Change in Missouri's Salvage Law

Mr. Gorbachev, Unbundle this All: A Risk Analysis of Bundling Uncertainties

Research Presentations

“The Effect of Surname Initial on the Otherwise Undistinguished,” *AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting* in Chicago, Jan. 2017 (poster session)

“Alphabetism: The Effects of Surname Initial and the Risk of Being Otherwise Undistinguished,” *APPAM Regional Student Conference* in Riverside, California, Apr. 2017

“The Effect of Surname Initial on the Otherwise Undistinguished,” *Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting* in Washington, D.C., Nov. 2016

Teaching Presentations

“Faculty Perceptions of Determinants for Graduate Student Success,” *University of Colorado Boulder’s Graduate Teacher Program Lead Capstone Poster Event* in Boulder, Apr. 2016

“Teaching Abroad,” *University of Colorado Boulder Department of Economics Teaching Workshop* in Boulder, Dec. 2015 (with Akhil Rao & Zhang Tianxiao)

Honors, Fellowships, and Awards

Honored with student-led recognition at the Boards of Governors Meeting, MWSU, 2020

Stanford Calderwood Student Teaching Award, University of Colorado, 2016 (\$7,500)

GPTI Teaching Excellence Award, University of Colorado, 2016 (nominated)

Stanford Calderwood Student Teaching Award, University of Colorado, 2015 (\$7,500)

The Best Should Teach Silver Award, University of Colorado, 2013 (two chocolate bars)

University of Colorado Graduate School Merit Fellowship, 2012

Service and Professional Activities

Journal Article Referee, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2020

Inflation Consultant for Faculty Senate Salary Committee, MWSU, 2020

Undergraduate Advising, Missouri Western State University, 2019-2020

Economics Club Advising, Missouri Western State University, 2019-2020

Hiring Search Committee for Faculty Positions in Economics, MWSU, 2019

Interdisciplinary Publications

Alexander Cauley (forthcoming). “Honey Mushroom (*Armillaria solidipes*).” In *Foraging Mushrooms of the Rocky Mountains* (ISBN 978-1-4930-7382-5). Globe Pequot / Falcon Press

Media Coverage of Research

Alphabetism: The Effects of Surname Initial and the Risk of Being Otherwise Undistinguished
(with Professor Jeffrey Zax):

Press coverage (select): [Bloomberg](#), [Coloradan Alumni Magazine](#), [CU Boulder Today](#),
[FOX31 Denver](#), [MSN Money](#), [National Post](#), [9NEWS Denver](#)

Professional References

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