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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, The University of Alabama, USA, Aug 2017- Aug 2023
M.A. in Economics, University of Missouri-Columbia, USA, Aug 2015-May 2017
M.A. in Economics, Xi'an Jiaotong University, China, Sept 2009 - Jul 2011
B.A. in Economics, Northwest University of Politics & Law, Sept 2002 – Jun 2006

Current Position

Visiting Assistant Prof., Dep. of Economics, Lafayette College, Aug2023-current

Teaching Interests

Principle and Intermediate Microeconomics and Macroeconomics; Experimental Economics; Behavioral Economics; Public Economics; Introductory Statistics, Econometrics; Industrial Organization; Mathematics, Game theory and Introductory Finance.

Research Interests

Experimental Economics; Economics of Charity; Public Economics; Industrial Organization; Behavioral Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Publication

“An Examination of the Effect of Inequality on Lotteries for Funding Public Goods.” (with Cary Deck and Christopher Oconnor), *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 2022, Vol 24(4), p.733-755.

Working Papers

1. A Structural Approach for Estimating the Value of Public Goods in a Cause-related Market (joint with Robert Hammond and Michael K. Price)
2. The Price Elasticity of Charitable Giving: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis (joint with Michael K. Price and John A. List)
3. Individual-level Price Elasticity of Charitable Giving: Insights from Large-scale Field Experiments (joint with Shachar Kariv, John A. List, Daniel J. Lee, and Michael K. Price)

Working in Progress

1. Why are People Willing to Pay More for Charity-linked Products? (joint with Michael K. Price and Mark Ottoni-Wilhem)
2. Inequality's Paradox: Unraveling the Lottery Mechanism's Charitable Giving Enigma

Teaching Experience

Instructor, the University of Alabama

Intermediate Microeconomic 2023 Spring, 2022 Fall, 2022 Spring, 2021 Fall,
2021 Summer, and 2020 Fall
Business Finance (Lab) 2019 Spring

Instructor, the University of Alabama

Principles of Economics 2023 Fall

Teaching Assistant, the University of Alabama

Sports Economics 2021 Spring
Urban Economics 2021 Spring
Intermediate Microeconomics 2018 Spring and 2021 Spring
Intermediate Macroeconomics 2018 Fall and 2020 Spring
Principles of Microeconomics 2019 Spring and Fall
Principles of Macroeconomics 2019 Spring and Fall
Real Estate Appraisal 2017 Fall
Intro Financial Inst, & Mkts 2017 Fall

Honors and Awards

Summer Research Grant (\$5000): Dept. of Economics, Finance and Legal Studies, (2021/22)
Graduate Student Assistantship 2017-2023

Conference Presentations

- Science of Philanthropy Initiative Conference, Illinois, Chicago 2023
- Science of Philanthropy Initiative Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana 2022
- Southern Economic Association 91st Annual Meeting, Fort, Florida 2022
- EFLS brown bag, the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 2022 Fall
- Public Choice Society Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee 2022
- EFLS brown bag, the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 2022 Spring
- Southern Economic Association 90th Annual Meeting. Houston, Texas 2021
- EFLS brown bag, the University of Alabama. Tuscaloosa, Alabama 2020

Working Experience

China Everbright Bank-Xi'an Branch, Xi'an, China

Manager of Personal Credit Department Jul 2011-Sept 2013

Shaanxi Rural Credit Cooperatives Union, Xi'an, China

Credit Officer Sept 2006-Apr 2009

Technical Skills

- Computer Skills: R, Stata, Latex, and z-Tree
- Language: English and Mandarin Chinese

References

Michael K. Price (Dissertation Chair)

Dwight Harrigan Endowed Faculty Fellow in Natural Resource Economics

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