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Current Position

Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Policy 2020-Present
Department of Public Administration and Policy
University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs

Education

University of Kentucky, Ph.D. Public Policy & Administration 2018
University of Kentucky, Master of Public Administration 2014
Eastern Kentucky University, B.A. Political Science; Philosophy Minor 2009

Academic Employment

Visiting Assistant Professor 2019-2020
Department of Public Administration and Policy
University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs
Post-Doctoral Research Analyst & Instructor 2018-2019
University of Kentucky, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration

Research

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Combs, A.E., & Foster, J. (2021). The effects of homestead exemptions for seniors and disabled people on school districts. *Rural Education Finance and Policy*, special issue of *AERA Open*. DOI: [10.1177/2F2332858420988712](https://doi.org/10.1177/2F2332858420988712)

Combs, A.E., Foster, J., & Toma E.F. (2018). Local response to school finance equalization: Wealth or place? *Public Finance and Management*, 18(3).

WORKING PAPERS

The expenditure response of colleges to state postsecondary subsidy composition: Diverging instruction, student support, and amenities.

What if high schools were not punished? The effect of ESEA waivers on college enrollment.

The impact of state oversight on property assessments and school district revenue (with Erin Troland and John Foster).

Identification of an optimal state postsecondary subsidy composition.

A decomposition of the effect of distance on college degree completion and the role of policy.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| The impact of state oversight on property assessments and school district revenues. <i>Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management.</i> | 2019 |
| The effects of homestead exemptions for the disabled and the elderly on school districts. <i>Association of Education Finance and Policy.</i> | 2019 |
| High-tuition, high-aid policy and college expenditures. <i>Association of Education Finance and Policy.</i> | 2018 |
| Are state subsidies in higher education driving a divergence in institutional expenditures? <i>Association for Budgeting and Financial Management.</i> | 2018 |
| The effect of NCLB waivers on college outcomes. <i>Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management.</i> | 2017 |
| Local response to school finance equalization: The important of place. <i>Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management.</i> | 2017 |
| Local response to school finance equalization. <i>Association for Budgeting and Financial Management.</i> | 2017 |
| The effect of distance on degree completion. <i>Association of Education Finance and Policy.</i> | 2016 |
| Trends and determinants of state government privatization activity. <i>Association for Budgeting and Financial Management.</i> | 2015 |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| Visiting Research Analyst, Kentucky Center for Statistics | 2018-2019 |
| Research Assistant, University of Kentucky | 2016-2018 |
| Research Fellow, Council of State Governments | 2013-2014 |

Courses Taught

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

PADP 7120: Data Applications in Public Administration
PADP 4640: Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector
PADP 3100: Introduction to Public Policy Analysis
PADP 8430: Public Financial Management

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

ECO 391: Economic and Business Statistics
PA 622: Public Program Evaluation
PA 602: Strategic Planning & Organizational Change

University and Department Service

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

College Curriculum Committee, School of Public and International Affairs 2020-2021

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Student Regent, University Board of Regents 2008-2009

Chair, Judicial Appeals Committee 2007-2008

Chair, Parking Appeals Committee 2007-2008

Service in Public Administration and Policy

Article Reviews for: *AERA Open, State and Local Government Review*

Graduate Honors and Fellowships

Graduate School Academic Year Fellowship, University of Kentucky 2014-2016

Daniel Reedy Award for Outstanding MPA Paper, University of Kentucky 2014

Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society, University of Kentucky 2014

Non-Academic Employment

SIGMA NU FRATERNITY, INC.

Associate Director of Leadership Development 2010-2013

Leadership Consultant 2009-2010