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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2020- Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Policy, University of Georgia
- 2019-20 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Georgia
- 2018-19 Post-Doctoral Research Analyst and Instructor, University of Kentucky and Kentucky Center for Statistics

EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky
- 2014 M.P.A., University of Kentucky
- 2009 B.A., Political Science, Philosophy Minor, Eastern Kentucky University

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 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 effect of homestead exemptions for the elderly and disabled on school district revenue (with John Foster). *Invited revision*
- 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.

TEACHING

- 2019-20 University of Georgia: Public Financial Management; Data Applications in Public Administration; Public Policy Analysis; Nonprofit Administration
- 2017-19 University of Kentucky: Public Financial Management; Economic and Business Statistics; Public Program Evaluation; Strategic Planning & Organizational Change

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

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

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2015-18 Research Assistant, University of Kentucky
- 2014 Research Fellow, Council of State Governments

REVIEW SERVICE

Journal referee: *AERA Open*

HONORS

- 2015-16 Graduate School Academic Year Fellowship
- 2014 Daniel Reedy Award for Outstanding MPA Paper
- 2014 Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010-13 Associate Director of Education & Evaluation, Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc.
- 2009 Leadership Consultant, Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc