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## 1 EDUCATION

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05/2022	<b>PhD, Economics</b> , University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah Dissertation: "Three essays related to intergenerational economic mobility."
05/2020	<b>MSc, Economics</b> , University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
05/2015	<b>BS, Statistics</b> , <i>summa cum laude</i> , Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia
05/2014	<b>BA, Economics</b> , <i>summa cum laude</i> , Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia

**Topics:** Urban economics, economic geography, labor economics, health economics, public policy

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## 2 RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### 2.1 PUBLICATIONS

- "[Life ain't fair for a miner's son: Intergenerational outcomes for sons of US miners in the early twentieth century.](#)" (2023). *Essays in Economic and Business History*, 41(1).
- "[Urban space, sprawl, and intergenerational mobility](#)" (with Yehua Dennis Wei and Ning Xiong). (2023). *Applied Geography*. 2023; 156: 102991.

### 2.2 WORKING PAPERS:

- *Urban Sprawl and Upward Mobility: How Sprawling Neighborhoods Decrease Opportunity*, with Yehua Dennis Wei

### 2.3 WORK IN PROGRESS:

- *Intergenerational and Intra-generational Occupational Mobility Among Women from the Late 1800s to the Late 1900s: Longitudinal Evidence on the Relationship between Family Health, Family Structure and Women's Labor Market Outcomes*, with Thomas Maloney and Ken Smith

## 2.4 RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS:

- *Total Worker Health Project*, Summer 2021 to Spring 2022
  - With Norm Waitzman (Economics), Ken Smith (Family and Consumer Studies), Jaewhan Kim (Physical Therapy and Athletic Training), and Matt Thiese (Family and Preventative Medicine)
  - Targeted funding through NIOSH and NIH
  - Gathered and analyzed data on delay of medical care during COVID-19 pandemic
  - Used O\*NET data to categorize “frontline” and “essential” workers
- *Utah Office for Victims of Crime Analysis*, Summer 2020 to Spring 2021
  - With Richard Fowles (Economics) and Sheena Yoon (Graduate Student)
  - Funded through Utah Office for Victims of Crime
  - Interviewed over 30 victims of crime organizations to determine best practices in responding to sexual assault and domestic violence
  - Analyzed internal data from the Office for Victims of Crime for cost-effectiveness
- *Connect 2 Collect*, Fall 2019 to Spring 2020
  - With Norm Waitzman (Economics), Lori Kowaleski-Jones (Family and Consumer Studies), and others
  - Funded through Noorda and Schmidt Futures
  - Gathered data on the uptake of the Earned Income Tax Credit in Utah by income and family size
  - Used GIS to map the data and determine low-uptake hotspots
- *Genuine Progress Indicator*, Summer 2019
  - With Günseli Berik
  - Funded through UPEC
  - Gathered data from over 20 government databases to update the genuine progress indicator (GPI) for Utah for the years 1997 to 2017
- *Sectoral Composition and Divisia Index for States*, Spring 2019
  - With Cordina Rada and Ansel Schiavone
  - Funded through INET
  - Gathered data from BEA and BLS on labor and output by sector for 50 states
- *Undergraduate Research Assistant to Dr. Salehi-Isfahani*, Fall 2014 to Spring 2015
  - With Dr. Djavad Salehi-Isfahani
  - Analyzed literacy, fertility, and economic data on Iran and Afghanistan to compare growth and development

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## 3 GRANTS AND FUNDING

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**Diversity Supplement for the NIH’s National Institute on Aging** - Fall 2022 to Spring 2024

Project Title: *Connecting Health to Concurrent Individual Socio-Economic Mobility and Community Opportunity*

**Herbert W. Gustafson Endowed Graduate Fellowship** - 2020/2021 Academic Year

## 4 TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### 4.1 FULL INSTRUCTOR:

- ECON 355 - Regression Analysis
- ECON 201 - Introduction to Microeconomics
- ECON 3190 - Introduction to Health Economics  
Level: Intermediate Undergraduate
- ECON 5190/6190 - Health Economics  
Level: Advanced Undergraduate/ Graduate
- ECON 3640 - Probability and Statistics  
Level: Intermediate Undergraduate
- ECON 4650 - Econometrics  
Level: Advanced Undergraduate

### 4.2 TEACHING ASSISTANT (UNIVERSITY OF UTAH):

- ECON 2010 - Principle of Microeconomics
- ECON 2010 - Principle of Macroeconomics
- ECON 5960/6960 - Game Theory
- ECON 3190 - Introduction to Health Economics
- ECON 4650 - Principles of Econometrics
- Biological Statistics (Virginia Tech)

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## 5 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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01/2018-08/2018	<b>GIS Intern</b> , Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, <i>Salt Lake City, Utah</i>
02/2016-05/2017	<b>Assistant Economist</b> , Placeworks, Inc., <i>Santa Ana, California</i>
06/2015-01/2016	<b>Market Analyst</b> , Allianz Global Assistance, <i>Richmond, Virginia</i>

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## 6 ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

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<b>Membership:</b>	Social Science History Association (SSHA) Network for Data-Intensive Research on Aging (NDIRA) Population Association of America (PAA) Phi Beta Kappa
<b>Awards:</b>	Cobb Award for Academic Achievement - Virginia Tech Department of Statistics - <i>Awarded Spring 2015</i> Outstanding Student in Economics - Virginia Tech Department of Economics - <i>Awarded Spring 2014</i>
<b>Service:</b>	Graduate Student Advisory Chair - <i>2018/2019 Academic Year</i>

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## 7 RECENT CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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3/2024	<b>Eastern Economic Association</b> , Boston, MA "Mobility and Mortality: Exploring Level-Dependent Effects of Intergenerational Mobility on Life Expectancy"
8/2023	<b>NDIRA &amp; IPUMS Data-Intensive Research Conference</b> , Minneapolis, MN "Mobility and Mortality: Exploring Level-Dependent Effects of Intergenerational Mobility on Life Expectancy"
5/2023	<b>Economic and Business History Society</b> , Porto, Portugal Oral presentation: "County-Level Measures of Intergenerational Mobility for the Early 20th Century: Tools for Studying the Geography of Mobility Using Linked Census Data"
4/2023	<b>Population Association of America</b> , New Orleans, LA Oral presentation: "County-Level Measures of Intergenerational Mobility for the Early 20th Century: Tools for Studying the Geography of Mobility Using Linked Census Data" Poster presentation: "Mobility and Mortality: Exploring Level-Dependent Effects of Intergenerational Mobility on Life Expectancy"
03/2023	<b>Research Seminar at WSU</b> , Pullman, WA "County-Level Measures of Intergenerational Mobility for the Early 20th Century: Tools for Studying the Geography of Mobility Using Linked Census Data"
05/2022	<b>Economic and Business History Society</b> , Salt Lake City, UT "Mining and Mobility: How Growing Up with Mining Fathers or In Mining Towns Affected Economic Outcomes of Children in the Early 1900s"
04/2022	<b>Western Social Science Association</b> , Denver, CO "Voting for Opportunity: County-Level Economic Mobility and Voting Behavior in US Presidential Elections" - Won "Best Graduate Research" Award
11/2021	<b>STEAM Punk Academy Adult Science Fair</b> , Salt Lake City, Utah "Does Tombstone Size Predict Life Expectancy In Mormon Utah?"
11/2021	<b>Social Science History Association</b> , Philadelphia, Pennsylvania "Occupational Mobility among Women from the Late 1800s to the Late 1900s: The Impact of Family Structure and Parental and Spousal Mortality on Women's Status"
11/2021	<b>Utah Demography Summit</b> , virtual "Urban Sprawl and Upward Mobility: How Sprawling Neighborhood Decrease Opportunity"

- 09/2021 **Western States Graduate Workshop**, virtual  
"Economic Mobility and Voter Choice."
- 03/2020 **Environment & Sustainability Research Symposium**, Salt Lake City, Utah  
"Sprawl and Mobility: How Compact Neighborhoods Increase Opportunity"
- 09/2019 **Western States Graduate Workshop**, Fort Collins, Colorado  
"Sprawl and Mobility: How Compact Neighborhoods Increase Opportunity"
- 09/2018 **Western States Graduate Workshop**, Salt Lake City, Utah  
"Revisiting the effects of housing prices, wages, and commuting time on joint residential and job location choices."

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## 8 REFEREE

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Structural Change and Economic Dynamics