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## EDUCATION

Georgia State University,  
Ph.D. Economics (GPA: 3.98/4.3)

August 2019

**Dissertation: "Essays on Higher Education Policies and Students' Behavior"**

Committee: Profs. Tom Mroz (chair), Barry Hirsch, Daniel Kriesman, and Ross Rubenstein

The University of the West Indies (UWI),  
M.Sc. Economics (Dist)  
B.Sc. Economics & Pol Sci (GPA: 4.10/4.3)

July 2014

August 2012

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Health Economics, Public Economics

## RESEARCH

### *Working Papers:*

"Need-Based Financing Policies, College Decision-Making and Labor Market Behavior" (under review)

"Perform Better, or Else: Academic Probation, Public Praise and Students Decision-Making"

"New Evidence on the Causal Impact of Traffic Safety Laws on Drunk Driving Fatalities" (with La-Troy Lee)

### *Work in Progress:*

"Teacher Quality and High School Performance: Evidence from a Math Specialist Intervention" (with Patrice Anderson)

"Can Nudging Improve Student Loan Repayment: Evidence from a Messaging Experiment in Jamaica" (with P. Arora & R. Bell)

"What Does My Degree Class Tell You? The Labor Market Return of Graduating Degree Classification"

## EMPLOYMENT

### **Teaching:**

1. Georgia State University

Instructor: Economics Dept., *Econ of Poverty and Public Policy* (Econ 4350), Spring 2017  
Instructor: Economics Dept., *Econometrics and Applications* (Econ 4950), Fall 2016

2. University of the West Indies

Instructor: Economics Dept., *Remedial Mathematics*, Summer 2014

### **Professional Experience:**

Federal Reserve Bank, Research Department, May 2016- May 2018

Graduate Research-Teaching Assistant, Georgia State University, August 2014-Present

Graduate Research-Teaching Assistant, University of the West Indies, August 2012-2014

Bank of Jamaica, Research Department, June 2013

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Fellowships National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship, 2018-2019 (\$27500)  
Tuition Waiver and Graduate Assistantship, 2014-2019  
Bank of Jamaica, G. Author Brown Memorial Scholarship, 2012-14 (\$8000)  
Ambassador Sue Cobb Scholarship, 2011 (\$3000)

Grants Conference: Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, 2017 (\$1000)  
W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace (GSU), 2016-18 (\$1500)  
Travel: Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair of Private Enterprise, 2018 (\$6250)  
W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace(GSU), 2018 (\$1000)  
Research: Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair of Private Enterprise, 2015 (\$2000)

Awards AEFP New Scholar Award, 2019 (\$500)  
Jack Blinksilver Award, 2019 (\$1000)  
Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant Award, 2018 (\$3275)  
Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant Award, 2016 (\$4000)  
Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant Award, 2015 (\$4000)  
Quantitative Economics Award, 2016 (\$1000)  
The Top Graduate Student Award (UWI), 2014  
The Economics Theory Prize (UWI), 2014  
Prime Minister Youth Award for Excellence in Academics, 2014  
Alfred A. Francis Economics Award, 2013  
Nethersole Award (Pol Science), 2013  
Rhodes Scholarship Finalist, 2012  
Top Undergraduate Student in Social Sciences, 2012

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2018      Bank of Jamaica (Nov 26): *Invited Talk*  
University of West Indies, Department of Economics (Nov 22): *Invited Talk*  
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Nov 6)  
Missouri Valley Economic Association 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (Nov 1)  
West Virginia University (Oct 15): *Invited Talk*  
WEAI Graduate Student Workshop (Jun 26-30)  
Association for Education Finance and Policy 43rd Annual Conference (Mar 15-17)  
West Indies Economic Conference (Mar 8-9)
- 2017      87th Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association (Nov 17-19)  
FRB CHCS Annual Employment Conference: Labor Supply, Sorting, and Wages (Sep 21)
- 2013-2016    86th Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association  
Southwestern Social Science Association

## SEMINARS

- 2016-2018    Summer Labor Economics Brown Bag Workshop Series (Co-organizer, GSU)  
Summer Health Economics Brown Bag Workshop Series (GSU)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: Economics of Education Review, Southern Economic Association  
Member: American Economic Society, Royal Economic Society, Southern Economic Association,  
Western Economic Association, Association for Education Finance and Policy

## REFERENCES

Tom Mroz (Main Advisor)  
Professor & Chair of Private Enterprise  
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Professor Barry Hirsch  
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