

# Kendall J. Kennedy

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## CURRENT POSITION

2018-present Assistant Professor, Department of Finance and Economics  
Mississippi State University

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS

May 2024 Mobile Professor, School of Economics, Shandong University

## EDUCATION

MAY 2018 Ph.D., Economics, Purdue University  
Advisors: Timothy N. Bond and Kevin J. Mumford

MAY 2015 M.S., Economics, Purdue University

MAY 2013 B.S., Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*, Texas Tech University

## PUBLICATIONS

“Education, Crowding-out, and Black-White Employment Gaps in Youth Labor Markets: Evidence from No Pass, No Drive Policies,” with Danqing Shen. *forthcoming, Economic Inquiry*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ecin.13228>

“When Opportunity Knocks: China’s Open Door Policy and Declining Educational Attainment.” *Labour Economics* 81 (2023): 102312. With Xuan Jiang and Jiatong Zhong. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2022.102312>

“Hidden Schooling: Endogenous Measurement Error and Bias in Education and Labor Market Experience.” *Journal of Population Economics* (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-022-00918-w>

“The Unexpected Effects of No Pass, No Drive Policies on High School Education.” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 39.1 (2020): 191-217. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pam.22182>

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

National Science Foundation, SES-2241522; SES-2241521 for “Collaborative Research: Southern Lynchings and Children’s Educational Outcomes,” Principal Investigator (Co-PIs Mary Kate Batistich and Kalena Cortes)  
Amount Awarded: \$305,145

W.E. Upjohn Institute Early Career Research Award, 2021 – for “Causal Effects of Education on Longevity: Evidence from African Americans in Jim Crow Mississippi.”

SEC Travel Grant, 2021

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Grade Retention,” with Simon ter Meulen and Jiee Zhong. Invited for inclusion in *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*, ed. Klaus F. Zimmermann. Expected publication late Summer 2024.

“ICE Agreements and Avoidance Behavior: Evidence from Traffic Fatalities,” with Heriberto Gonzalez Lozano and Sandra Orozco Aleman. (submitting Summer 2024)

“Lead in Drinking Water and Infant Health: Evidence from Jackson, Mississippi,” with Eunsik Chang and Justine Mallatt. (submitting Summer 2024)

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Southern Lynchings and Children’s Educational Outcomes,” with Mary Kate Batistich and Kalena Cortes.

“Returns to School Inputs in the Short, Medium, and Long Run,” with Mary Kate Batistich, Maxwell Bullard, and Kalena Cortes.

“Causal Effects of Education on Longevity: Evidence from African Americans in Jim Crow Mississippi,” with Todd Jones and Joe Price.

“Task-Based Stereotyping with Employer Learning,” with Magdalena Bennett.

“Affirmative Action with Race-Neutral Preferences.”

“Effects of Lead Discovery, Abatement, and Removal on Local Property Values,” with Eunsik Chang, Yao Ma, and Justine Mallatt.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Jinan University	May 2024
Shandong University (3x)	May 2024
Southern Economics Association	November 2023
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management	November 2023
Purdue University	September 2023
University of Notre Dame	September 2023
Association for Education Finance and Policy	March 2023
Southern Economics Association	November 2022
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management	November 2022
Annenberg Institute at Brown University	May 2022
Society of Labor Economists	May 2022

Association for Education Finance and Policy	March 2022
Texas A&M Bush School of Government and Public Service	February 2022
Texas A&M Department of Economics	February 2022
Southern Economic Association	November 2021
Association for Education Finance and Policy	March 2021
Bureau of Economic Analysis	December 2020
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management	November 2020
Online Seminar on Discrimination and Disparities	October 2020
United States Air Force Academy	October 2020
IAB Conference on Labor Market Transitions	September 2020
13th Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop (SIDEW)	February 2020
Southern Economics Association	November 2019
NBER Spring Education Program Meeting	April 2019
Southern Economics Association	November 2018
European Association of Labour Economists	September 2018
NC State University	January 2018
Mississippi State University	January 2018
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management	November 2017
Southern Economics Association	November 2017
Bowling Green State University	September 2017
University of Toledo	September 2017
Midwest Economics Association	April 2017
European Association of Labour Economists	September 2016
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management International Meeting	June 2016
Society of Labor Economists	May 2016
Midwest Economics Association	April 2016

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Mississippi State University**

Principles of Microeconomics

Fall 2018-Fall 2023  
In-person (11x) and Online, asynchronous (4x)

Economics of Education

Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Microeconomics I (PhD)

Spring 2020, Spring 2022

Microeconomics II (PhD, scheduled)

Fall 2024

### **Purdue University**

Principles of Microeconomics

Summer 2015, Fall 2015

Principles of Microeconomics (online)

Summer 2015

## **ACADEMIC ADVISING**

Ph.D. Committee Member – Lili Yao (2020).

Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member – Ivanna Porter (2021).

## **REFEREEING**

*Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economics of Education Review, Empirical Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Population Economics*

## **SERVICE**

2023-24: Institutional Effectiveness Committee, Mississippi State

2019-20: Department of Finance and Economics Search Committee and Interviewer