

# Todd R. Jones

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PRIMARY POSITION      Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University      2020–

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS & APPOINTMENTS      CESifo Research Network Affiliate      2023–  
IZA Research Affiliate      2021–  
EdWorkingPapers Invited Contributor      2020–  
Guest Researcher, CESifo, Center for the Econ. of Education      1/2023  
Postdoc, Georgia Policy Labs, Georgia State University      2018–2020

EDUCATION      Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University      2018  
M.A., Economics, Cornell University      2016  
M.S., Statistics, Utah State University      2012  
B.A., Economics, Utah State University, *Summa Cum Laude*      2011  
    Minors: Mathematics, Chinese  
Chinese Language, Shanghai JiaoTong University, China      2007

FIELDS      Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Education, Labor Economics

PUBLICATIONS      [Changes in Parental Gender Preference in the United States: Evidence from 1850-2019](#) (with Matthew Millington and Joseph Price). *Conditionally accepted, Journal of Population Economics*

[The Graduate School Origins of Finance Faculty](#). *Journal of Empirical Finance* (2023), 71:88-103. (Joint with Haoyang Xiong)

[The Effects of Financial Aid Loss on Student Persistence and Graduation: A Multi-Dimensional Regression Discontinuity Approach](#). *Education Finance and Policy* (2022), 17(2): 206-231. (Joint with Daniel Kreisman, Ross Rubenstein, Cynthia Searcy, and Rachana Bhatt.)

[Maxed Out: The Human Capital Effects of Larger Student Loan Limits](#). *Journal of Human Resources* (2021), 56 (4): 1113-1140. (Joint with Jeffrey

Denning.)

College Credit on the Table? Advanced Placement Course and Exam Taking. *Economics of Education Review* (2021), 84: 102-155. (Joint with Ishtiaque Fazlul and Jonathan Smith.)

Do Peers Influence Occupational Preferences? Evidence from Randomly-Assigned Peer Groups at West Point. *Journal of Public Economics* (2020), 184: 104-154. (Joint with Michael Kofoed.)

Are High-Quality PhD Programs at Universities Associated with More Undergraduate Students Pursuing PhD Study? *Education Economics* (2019), 27(5):451-471. (Joint with Ronald Ehrenberg.)

Information and the Beauty Premium in Political Elections. *Contemporary Economic Policy* (2017), 35: 677-683. (Joint with Joseph Price.)

SigTree: A Microbial Community Analysis Tool to Identify and Visualize Significantly Responsive Branches in a Phylogenetic Tree. *Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal* (2017), 15:372-378. (Joint with John Stevens, Michael Lefevre, Balasubramanian Ganesan, and Bart Weimer.)

WORKING PAPERS

School and Crime (with Ezra Karger).

The Academic Origins of Economics Faculty (with Arielle Sloan.) Prior version available as IZA Working Paper 14965. *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Economic Education*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Parental and Student Time Use Around the Academic Year (with Benjamin Cowan and Jeffrey Swigert).

Teenage Traffic Accidents and Fatalities Around the Academic Year (with Kendall Kennedy).

First Generation College Students and Peer Effects (with Michael Kofoed).

OTHER WRITING

Taking Advanced Placement Courses but Not the Exam. *Metro Atlanta Policy Lab for Education, Georgia Policy Labs*, 2020. (Joint with Ishtiaque Fazlul and Jonathan Smith).

Post-Secondary Financial Aid Foundational Report: 2013-14 to 2018-19. *Child & Family Policy Lab, Georgia Policy Labs*, 2020.

PRESENTATIONS

2023 (including planned): ifo Center for the Economics of Education, AEFPP Meetings

2022: AEFM Meetings, Atlanta Fed Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop, Mississippi State University, NBER Spring Education Meeting, NBER Spring Children's Meeting, University of Connecticut, University of South Carolina, APPAM (by coauthor), Southern Meetings, University of Mississippi (canceled-illness)

2021: Mississippi State University Ag Econ, AEFM Meetings, Southern Meetings

2020: Mississippi State University, Southern Utah University, Ryerson University, San Diego State University, AEFM Meetings (two presentations by coauthors), Western Meetings (by coauthor), Georgia Policy Labs CFPL Equitable Access Webinar (panelist), APPAM Meetings (poster; and presentation by coauthor), Southern Meetings

2019: AEFM Meetings, Georgia State University Brownbag, European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference (by coauthor), Georgia State University Ph.D. Seminar

2018: Ohio State University Georgia State University MAPLE

2017: Cornell University

2016: AEFM Meetings, Midwestern Economic Association/SOLE, Southern Meetings (by coauthor)

2015: Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting, Cornell University Labor Work in Progress Seminar, Southern Meetings

2014: Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting, Brigham Young University Graduate Student Conference, Utah State University, Cornell University Economics of Education Meeting

#### TEACHING

Instructor (including planned):

Principles of Microeconomics, Miss. St. Spring 2021, Fall 2021 (x2),  
Spring 2022, Fall 2022 (x2), Spring 2023, Fall 2023 (x2)

Intermediate Microeconomics, Miss. St. Fall 2020 (x2), Spring 2021,  
Spring 2022, Spring 2023

Data Analytics Internship in Athletics, Miss. St. Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant:

Econ. Analysis of the University, Cornell, Ehrenberg Fall 2014, F16, F17  
Introductory Microeconomics, Cornell, Wissink Fall 2013, Spring 2014

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Advising:

Ph.D. Committee Member, Haoyang Xiong, Miss. St. Graduated 2022  
Initial Placement: Assistant Prof of Finance, Montana St. Univ.

Department:

Seminar Series Co-Organizer, Miss. St.	2022-
Journal Ranking Committee, Miss. St.	2022-
Hiring Committee, Miss. St.	2020-21, 2022
Interview Committee, Miss. St.	2020-21
Applied Economics Research Group, Founder and Organizer, Miss. St.	2021-

Referee:

Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, Economics of Education Review (8), Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Education Finance and Policy (5), ILR Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Southern Economic Journal, Contemporary Economic Policy

Conference Session Chair:

AEEP	2021, 2022
Southerns Meetings	2021

Conference Discussant:

Southerns Meetings	2015, 2018 (x2), 2021 (x2), 2022
Midwestern Meetings	2016

Helping Candidates Prepare for Job Market:

Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics (AMIE) 2021, 2022

ATTENDANCE AT INVITED CONFERENCES	NBER Summer Institute, Education	2015–2017, 2019–2022
	NBER Spring Childrens Meeting	2022
	NBER Spring Education Meeting	2019, 2021–2022
	NBER Fall Education Meeting	2015–2021, 2022
	NBER Spring Childrens and Education Meeting	2017–2018

MEDIA

TV Interviews: WTVA Mississippi (February 11, 2022; February 25, 2022; April 29, 2022); Mississippi State University College of Business Dividends Show (March 2021)

Newspaper Interviews: KHN (March 22, 2021)

Other: Featured in Stata News 37-3.

AWARDS

Price Theory Summer Camp	
The Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago	2016
The Ernest Liu Family Outstanding Teaching Award	
Field of Economics, Cornell University	2014
Sage Fellowship	
Field of Economics, Cornell University	2012-13

Vice President For Research Fellowship  
 School of Graduate Studies, Utah State University 2011-12

National Advisory Board Scholarship  
 School of Business, Utah State University 2008-09, 2010-11

Seely-Hinckley Scholarship  
 School of Business, Utah State University 2009-10

Presidential Scholarship  
 Utah State University 2004-05, 2008-10

Eagle Scout Award 2002

OTHER  
 EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant:  
 Cornell: Ron Ehrenberg Summer 14, Spring 15-Summer 16, Summer 18  
 Cornell: Nick Sanders Spring-Summer 2017

Professional:  
 Statistics Intern, Autoliv, Ogden, UT Summer 2011  
 Statistics Intern, National Ag. Statistical Service, SLC, UT Summer '10

PROGRAMMING

R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk, web scraping

Developed *SigTree*, an R package (with John Stevens), available at [CRAN](#)

Data visualization: see <http://www.toddrjones.com/dataviz>

Quick Stata tips: see <https://twitter.com/toddrjones/status/1560330744089546752>

OTHER

Citizenship: USA  
 Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)  
 LDSSA Advisor, Mississippi State University, 2022–

REFERENCES

Michael Lovenheim, Ronald Ehrenberg, Daniel Kreisman