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PRIMARY POSITIONS	University of Notre Dame, Department of Economics Associate Professor	2023-
	Brigham Young University, Department of Economics Associate Professor	2021-2023
	Assistant Professor	2015-2021
OTHER POSITIONS	Co-Editor, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management	2022-
	Co-Editor, Economics of Education Review	2022-2023
AFFILIATIONS	Program for Interdisciplinary Educational Research, Notre Dame Faculty Affiliate	2023-
	National Bureau of Economic Research, Research Associate Faculty Research Fellow 2020-2021	2021-
	CESifo, Research Affiliate	2019-
	EdWorkingPapers, Contributor	2019-
	Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), Research Affiliate	2017-
EDUCATION	Ph.D. Economics, University of Texas at Austin	2015
	M.S. Economics, University of Texas at Austin	2012
	B.A. Economics & Mathematics, Brigham Young University	2010
PUBLICATIONS	<a href="#">Taking It to the Limit: Effects of Increased Student Loan Availability on Attainment, Earnings, and Financial Well-being</a> (joint with Sandra Black, Lisa Dettling, Sarena Goodman, and Lesley Turner), <i>American Economic Review</i> , <i>Forthcoming</i>	
	<a href="#">Class Rank and Long Run Outcomes</a> <i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i> November 2023 (joint with Richard Murphy and Felix Weinhardt)	

- Winners and Losers? The Effect of Gaining and Losing Access to Selective Colleges on Education and Labor Market Outcomes *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 2023, Volume 15, Number 1 (joint with Sandra Black and Jesse Rothstein)
- The Returns to Hours Worked Within and Across Occupations: Implications for the Gender Wage Gap *ILR Review*, 2022, Volume 75, Issue 5. (joint with Brian Jacob, Lars Lefgren, and Christian vom Lehn)
- Decreasing time to baccalaureate degree in the United States, *Economics of Education Review*, 2022, Volume 90. (joint with Eric Eide, Kevin Mumford, and Daniel Sabey\*)
- Why Have College Completion Rates Increased? *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* July 2022, Volume 14, Number 3. (joint with Eric Eide, Kevin Mumford, Rich Patterson, and Merrill Warnick\*)
- Maxed Out? The Effect of Larger Student Loan Limits on Borrowing and Education Outcomes *Journal of Human Resources*, 2021, Volume 56, Number 4 (joint with Todd R. Jones)
- Nudging at Scale: Experimental Evidence from FAFSA Completion Campaigns *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2021, Volume 183. (joint with Kelli A. Bird, Benjamin L. Castleman, Joshua Goodman, Cait Lamberton, Kelly Ochs Rosinger)
- Born Under A Lucky Star: Financial Aid, College Completion, Labor Supply, and Credit Constraints *Journal of Human Resources*, 2019, Volume 54, Number 3.
- ProPelled: The Effects of Grants on Graduation, Earnings, and Welfare *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2019, Volume 11, Number 3. (joint with Benjamin M. Marx and Lesley J. Turner)
- Is Information Enough? The Effect of Information about Education Tax Benefits on Student Outcomes *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2019, Volume 38, Number 3. (joint with Peter Bergman and Dayanand Manoli)
- College on the Cheap: Consequences of Community College Tuition Reductions *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2017, Volume 9, Number 2.
- Was That SMART? Institutional Financial Incentives and Field of Study *Journal of Human Resources*, 2017, Volume 52, Number 1. Joint with

Patrick Turley)

NON PEER  
REVIEWED  
PAPERS

[The Effects of Higher Student Loan Limits on Access to High-Earnings Graduate Programs](#) *AEA: Papers and Proceedings*, 2023, Volume 113 (joint with Lesley J. Turner)

[Lower Bars, Higher College GPAs: How Grade Inflation is Boosting College Graduation Rates](#) *Education Next*, Fall 2021, (joint with Eric Eide, Kevin Mumford, Richard Patterson, and Merrill Warnick\*)

\* denotes undergraduate student coauthor

WORKING  
PAPERS

[PLUS or Minus? The Effect of Higher Student Loans on Access, Attainment, and Prices](#) (with Sandra Black  Lesley Turner, randomized author order)

[Welfare Effects of Changes in College Pricing](#) (joint with Benjamin M. Marx and Lesley J. Turner)

WORKS IN  
PROGRESS

Family Ties: The Effects of the Price of College on Parent and Student Finances (joint with Palaash Bhargava, Sandra Black, Robert Fairlie, and Oded Gurantz)

Irrationality and Student Loans (joint with Lesley Turner)

The Effects of a DUI on Education, Earnings, and Household Finance (joint with Benjamin Hansen, Lars Lefgren, Emily Leslie, and Cody Tuttle)

The Effects of Higher Education on Crime and Marriage (joint with Emily Leslie, Jack Mountjoy, and Cody Tuttle)

Teachers, Grading Leniency, and Student Success (joint with Rachel Nesbit, Nolan Pope, and Merrill Warnick)

Graduate School Graduation Rates (joint with Lesley Turner)

PRE PHD  
PUBLICATION

[Flexible Spending Accounts and the Use-It-or-Lose-It Provision](#) *Applied Economics* 2013, Volume 45, Issue 35. (Joint with James Cardon and Mark H. Showalter)

AWARDS

Young Scholar Award  
BYU College of Family, Home, and Social Science 2021

Jean Flanigan Outstanding Dissertation Award	
Association for Education Finance & Policy	2016
National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship	2014-2015
Hale Fellowship	
University of Texas at Austin	2014
Richard P. Worley Fellowship	
University of Texas at Austin	2010-2011

GRANTS

“The Impacts of Parent PLUS Access on Postsecondary Enrollment and Financial Health” Role: PI, Arnold Ventures	
Amount: \$288,501	2023-26
“The Credit Consequences of College Attendance” (PI: Oded Gurantz), Co-PI. Spencer Foundation.	
Amount: \$248,961	2022-23
“PLUS or Minus? The Effect of Graduate PLUS Student Loans on Access, Program Prices, Student Debt, and Labor Market Outcomes” (PI: Sandra Black), Co-PI. Arnold Ventures.	
Amount: \$264,396	2021-22
Early Career Research Grant, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.	
Amount: \$5,000	2017
“Large Scale Outreach to Promote Early FAFSA Submission and Informed College” Search (PI: Benjamin Castleman). Role: Consultant. Kresge Foundation	
Amount \$500,000	2016
Early Career Research Grant, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.	
Amount: \$5,000	2016
“Tax Policy Insights from Informational Interventions” with Dayanand Manoli and Peter Bergman, (PI: Dayananad Manoli), Co-PI. Jameel Poverty Action Lab North America.	
Amount: \$105,000	2013

PRESENTATIONS

2023-2024 (including planned)	
Mid-Midwest Conference, Northern Illinois University	

2022-2023

San Diego State University, Urban Institute, University of California Riverside, University of Delaware, University of Georgia, University of Notre Dame, Education Counsel, American Enterprise Institute Higher Education Working Group, NBER Education Spring Meetings (coauthor presented), BYU/Utah Applied Economics Conference

2021-2022

CESifo Economics of Education Conference, New York Federal Reserve/NYU Education Seminar Series, University of California San Diego, Washington University in St. Louis, AAFP Meetings, NBER Education Spring Meetings, CESifo Summer Institute, Workshop on the Economics of Risky Behavior

2020-2021

CESifo Economics of Education Conference, Columbia University Teacher's College, IZA Economics of Education, York University, NBER Labor Studies Fall Meetings (coauthor presented), Kansas State University, MIT Student Data-Based Policy Seminar, Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop

2019-2020

CESifo Economics of Education Conference, University of Notre Dame, NBER Education Fall Meetings, NBER Labor Studies Spring Meetings, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, AAFP Meetings, E-Con of Education Conference

2018-2019

University of Utah Finance, AEA Meetings, United States Military Academy, AAFP Meetings, Utah System of Higher Education, NBER Education Spring Meetings, SOLE Meetings

2017-2018

SOLE Meetings, IZA Junior/Senior Symposium

2016-2017

Montana State University, University of Utah Finance, AAFP Meetings, Upjohn Institute, IESR Labor Workshop–Jinan University

2015-2016

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, University of California Davis, AAFP Meetings, SOLE Meetings

2014-2015

APPAM Meetings, Arizona State School of Public Affairs, Brigham Young University, New York Federal Reserve, University of Georgia, Southern Methodist University, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, RAND, AERA Meet-

ings (poster), SOLE Meetings

2013-14

SEA Meetings, STATA Texas Empirical Micro Conference (poster), BYU Graduate Student Conference

TEACHING

Notre Dame: Economics 70601, Labor Economics (PhD)

BYU: Economics 461, Economics of Education (Undergraduate)

BYU: Economics 488/398, Applied Econometrics (Undergraduate)

BYU: Economics 380, Intermediate Price Theory 1 (Undergraduate)

MEDIA

Coverage/Mentions: [Washington Post](#), [Texas Standard](#), [Business Insider](#), [Forbes](#), [Hechinger Report](#), [Deseret News](#), [The Hechinger Report](#), [Inside Higher Ed](#), [Harvard Ed Cast](#), [Inside Higher Ed](#), [Chronicle of Higher Education](#), [Education Next](#), [Washington Post](#), [New York Times DealBook](#), [Brookings Hutchins Roundup](#), [This American Life](#), [Forbes](#), [The Weeds Podcast](#), [Inside Higher Ed](#), [Diverse Education](#), [Inside Higher Education](#), [New York Times](#), [The Atlantic](#), [KUER Utah NPR](#), [New York Times Upshot](#), [MarketWatch](#), [Higher Education Today](#), [Wall Street Journal Real Time Economics](#), [Washington Post Storyline](#), [AEA: Research Highlights](#), [Diverse Education](#), [New York Times Opinion](#), [Detroit Free Press](#)

Opinion: [Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

Notre Dame:

Recruiting Committee

2023-2024

BYU:

Internal Seminar Coordinator

2022-2023

Co-Organizer BYU/Utah Applied Economics Conference

2021, 2022

Curriculum Committee

2019-22

Visiting Scholar Coordinator

2018-19

Recruiting Committee

2016-18

Social Committee

2015-16

International Relations Committee

2018-2023

Referee:

*Economics Journals:* [American Economic Review](#), [Quarterly Journal of Economics](#), [Journal of Political Economy](#), [Econometrica](#), [American Economic Journal](#): Applied Economics, [American Economic Journal](#): Economic Policy, [Review of Economics and Statistics](#), [Journal of Human Resources](#), [Journal of Labor Economics](#), [Journal of Public Economics](#),

Economic Journal, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Labour Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Inquiry, Economics Letters, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, Journal of Human Capital, Public Finance Review *Other Journals:* American Educational Research Association (AERA) Open, American Educational Research Journal, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Policy, Educational Researcher, Social Service Review, Social Science Research

Reviewer:

National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Labor

Dissertation Committee

Travis Williams, PhD at the University of Iowa 2022

VOLUNTEER  
WORK

Utah Valley University, Pacific Islander Initiative, Mentor 2022

PERSONAL

Citizenship: USA

Date of Birth:1986

Languages: English (Native), Hawaiian (Beginning)