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**POSITIONS HELD** 2022-present Ben H. Williams Professor, Baylor University  
2019-present Professor of Economics, Baylor University  
2020-present Visiting Professor of Economics, UT-Austin  
2013-2019 Associate Professor of Economics, Baylor University (with tenure)  
2007-2013 Assistant Professor of Economics, Baylor University

**AFFILIATIONS** 2021-present President, Mixtape Consulting  
2022-present Advisor, Geminos  
2018-present Research Affiliate, Computational Justice Lab

**EDUCATION** 2007 Ph.D. Economics, University of Georgia  
1999 B.A. Literature, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Mental health care, sex work, corrections, drug policy

**PUBLICATIONS** “Adverse Impacts of Mental Health Needs Assessment on Jail Outcomes: Evidence from Transition Age Youth and Adults” (with Jonathan Seward, Karen Clay and Vivian S. Vigliotti), 2024, *Journal of Human Resources*. Vol. 59, Supplement 282  
“Did Craigslist’s Erotic Services Reduce Female Homicide and Rape?” (with Gregory DeAngelo and John Tripp) *Journal of Human Resources* forthcoming  
“The Long-term Effects of the Rwanda Genocide on Child Work” (with Yoo-Mi Chin and Van Pham), *Economic Development and Cultural* accepted  
“Children on the Move: Progressive Redistribution of Cash Transfers among Refugees,” (with Berk Ozler, Çiğdem Çelik, P. Facuno Cuevas and Luca Parisotto) *Journal of Development Economics* vol. 153, Number 102733, November 2021.  
“Systematic review and meta-analysis of depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation among Ph.D. students,” (with Emily N. Satinsky, Tomoki Kimura, Mathew V. Kiang, Rediet Abebe, Hedwig Lee, Xiaofei Lin, Cindy H. Liu, Igor Rudan, Srijan Sen, Mark Tomlinson, Miranda Yaver, and Alexander C. Tsai). 2021. *Nature: Scientific Reports*, vol. 11, article no. 14370.  
“Fracking and Risky Sexual Behavior” (with Gregory DeAngelo and Brock Smith). 2020. *Journal of Health Economics* vol. 72.  
“How far is too far? New evidence on abortion clinic closures, access and abortions” (with Jason Lindo, Caitlin Myers, and Andrea Schlosser). *Journal of Human Resources*. vol. 55(4) 1137-1160. 2020  
“Revisiting the Effect of Warrantless Domestic Violence Arrest Laws on Intimate Partner Homicides” (with Yoo-Mi Chin). 2019. *Journal of Public Economics* vol. 179  
“Decriminalizing Prostitution: Surprising Implications for Sexual Violence and Public Health” (with Manisha Shah). 2018. *Review of Economic Studies* vol. 85(3) July, 1683-1715

- “Health Anxiety and Medical Utilization: The Moderating Effect of Age Among Patients in Primary Care” (with Thomas A. Ferguson, Jackson O. Griggs and Lance P. Kelley), *Journal of Anxiety Disorders*, 2017. vol. 51, October, 79-85.
- “Prostitution, Hours, Job Amenities and Education” (with Todd Kendall) *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2017. 15(4) 1055-1080
- “Identifying Demand Responses to Illegal Drug Supply Interdictions” (with Keith Finlay). 2016. *Health Economics*, October, 25(10), 1268-1290.
- “Violent Video Games and Violent Crime” (with Michael Ward and Benjamin Engelstatter), 2016. *Southern Economic Journal*, April, 82(4) 1247-1265
- “Willingness-to-Pay for Pharmaceutical Retail Convenience: Evidence from a Contingent Choice Experiment”, (with Keith Finlay and Charles Stoecker), 2015. *PLoS-One* 10(5): e0126790.
- “Are Prescription-only Precursor Control Laws a Prescription to Lower the Social Costs of Methamphetamine?”, (with Keith Finlay and Charles Stoecker). *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 2015. 26(11) November, 1144-1149.
- “Prostitution 3.0: A Comment”, (with Todd Kendall), 2014. *Iowa Law Review Bulletin* 98:131-141.
- “Parental Substance Use and Foster Care: Evidence from Two Methamphetamine Supply Shocks” (with Keith Finlay), 2013. *Economic Inquiry*, 51(1): 764-82.
- “The Long-run Effect of Abortion on Sexually Transmitted Infections” (with Christopher Cornwell), 2013. *American Law and Economics Review*, 15(1), Spring: 381-407.
- “Prostitution 2.0: The Changing Face of Sex Work” (with Todd Kendall), 2011. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 69(3) 273-287.
- “Men in Transit and Prostitution: Using Political Conventions as a Natural Experiment” (with Todd Kendall), 2011. *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 11(1), Topics, Article 30.
- “Risk Behaviours among Internet-facilitated Sex Workers: Evidence from Two New Datasets” (with Todd Kendall), 2010. *Sexually Transmitted Infections*, 86(iii), 100-105.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- “A Brief Introduction to Causal Inference in Healthcare” (with Jonathan Seward) Forthcoming at *Cambridge Handbook on Productivity, Efficiency, and Effectiveness in Healthcare*
- “The Economics of Sex Markets: Regulation, Online Technology and Sex Trafficking” (with Manisha Shah) *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics* edited by Dave Marcotte, New York, Springer (2021)
- “Examining the Role of Client Reviews and Reputation within Online Prostitution”, (with Todd Kendall). Handbook on the Economics of Prostitution, edited by Scott Cunningham and Manisha Shah, Oxford University Press, (2016).
- “Prostitution, Technology, and the Law: New Data and Directions,” (with Todd Kendall), Research Handbook in the Law and Economics of the Family, edited by Lloyd R. Cohen and Joshua D. Wright, Edward Elgar Publishing Limited (2011).
- “Sex for Sale: Online Commerce in the World’s Oldest Profession,” (with Todd Kendall). In Crime Online: Correlates, Causes and Controls, edited by Thomas Holt, Carolina Academic Press, Durham NC (2010).

- BOOKS** Causal Inference: The Mixtape, New Haven and London: Yale University Press (2021)  
Co-editor (with Manisha Shah) of Handbook on the Economics of Prostitution,  
Oxford University Press Publisher (2016)
- WORKING PAPERS** “From Optimism to Adaptation: The Uncertain Welfare Gains of Methamphetamine Precursor Control” *Revise and Resubmit* at the *International Journal of Drug Policy*  
“How Peer Non-Cognitive Ability Affects Noncognitive Abilities Formation” (with Ben Blemings and Matthew Pearson)
- WORKS IN PROGRESS** “Predicting and Preventing Suicides in Corrections” (with Jonathan Seward)  
“Evaluating Supply Shocks in Illicit LSD Markets on Drug Use and Future Well-Being” (with Gregory J. DeAngelo, Priyasmita Ghosh, Morgan Stockham, Rebecca Thornton)  
“Massage Parlor Fees, Expansion and Sexually Transmitted Infections” (with Amanda Ngyuen and Manisha Shah)
- RESTING PAPERS** “Imprisonment Shocks and Substance Abuse” (with Sam Kang)  
“Sex Ratios and Risky Sexual Behavior (with Chris Cornwell)  
“Understanding the Site-wise Heterogeneity of MDMA Assisted Psychotherapy Treatment on PTSD: A Bayesian Hierarchical Analysis” (with Priyasmita Ghosh and Rebecca Thornton)
- GRANTS** Robert Wood Johnson Public Health and Law (co-PI, \$116,462)  
“How does regulating pseudoephedrine access affect methamphetamine-related public health outcomes?” (with Keith Finlay).  
NBER grant on Women, Victimization, and COVID (co-PI, \$ 20,000 with Rebecca Thornton, Anual Assamidanov, Greg DeAngelo, and Yunie Le)
- PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES** **2007** Population Association of America Annual Meeting  
Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting  
Baylor University, Dept of Economics  
University of Arkansas Little Rock, Dept of Economics  
Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis, Dept of Economics  
Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis, Veterans Affairs Hospital  
University of the Pacific, Dept of Economics  
University of Texas Arlington, Dept of Economics  
The Analysis Group  
**2008** Southern Economic Association  
Texas State University San Marcos, Dept of Economics  
Baylor University, Dept of Economics  
**2009** Baylor University, Dept of Economics  
Sam Houston State University, Dept of Economics  
IZA, Economics of Risky Behaviors First Annual Conference, Atlanta  
Centers for Disease Control, STD Research Division  
Georgia State University, Dept of Economics

**2010** Tulane University, Dept of Economics  
Association of Private Enterprise Annual Meeting  
American Society of Health Economists Annual Meeting  
“Rural Law Enforcement Methamphetamine Initiative (RLEMI)” Summit  
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston  
“Place of Sex Work in Program Science of HIV” Conference, Prague

**2011** “Rural Law Enforcement Methamphetamine Initiative (RLEMI)” Webinar  
“Economics of the Family and Public Policy” Conference, Mount Holyoke

**2012** Baylor College of Medicine, Houston  
Cornell University, Dept of Human Ecology  
University of Colorado – Denver, Dept of Economics  
University of Georgia, Dept of Economics  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting  
George Mason University, “Philosophy, Politics and Economics” series  
Texas A&M (College Station)  
University of Texas (Austin)  
IZA, Economics of Risky Behaviors Fourth Annual Conference  
(Istanbul Turkey)  
Sciences Po LIEPP University of Chicago Crime Lab Joint Conference on  
Crime Control Policies (Paris, France)  
American Psychological Association annual conference (Orlando, FL)  
2012 Stata Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference (Austin, TX)

**2013** Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis, Dept of Economics  
Butler University (Indianapolis, IN)  
Texas A&M (Department of Economics)  
Yale University (College of Public Health)  
Yale University (Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS)  
NBER Summer Institute (co-author presented)  
University of Otago

**2014** Emory University  
University of Texas Dallas  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

**2015** George Mason University  
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston  
Vienna, Austria conference on prostitution policy  
San Jose State University  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

**2016** Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting  
American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association Meeting  
Southern Economic Association

**2017** George Mason University  
PROSPOL, Copenhagen Denmark (keynote speaker)  
Montana State University  
2017 Stata Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference (Austin, TX)  
Southern Economic Association  
AEA/ASSA

**2018** Texas Tech  
SMU “The Dark Side of Capitalism”  
ASHE  
California State University, Fullerton  
SITE Academic Conference on Economics of Gender (Sweden)

**2019** AEA/ASSA  
UNLV (planned)  
University of Memphis  
University of Wyoming  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Testimony before the Rhode Island House Judiciary Committee  
St. Lawrence University  
University of Southern California  
Claremont Graduate University  
American University  
Catholic University Montevideo  
San Diego State University  
University of Illinois  
Kennesaw State University  
University of Manchester  
University College London  
Cornell University  
Stanford  
Erasmus University at Rotterdam

**2020** Facebook  
Loyola (Zoom)  
Pitt (Zoom)  
Bogota (Zoom)  
Uruguay (Zoom)

**2021** NBER HE (Zoom)  
Howard (Zoom)  
School of Social Sciences at Tec de Monterrey (Zoom)  
Manifold (Zoom)  
HP (Zoom)  
St. Andrews (Zoom)  
Virginia Tech (Zoom)  
San Jose State University (Zoom)  
LSE (Zoom)  
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (Zoom)  
University of Oxford – Politics (Zoom)  
University of Oxford – Social Policy and Intervention (Zoom)  
Orebro University School of Business (Zoom)  
McGill University (Zoom)  
Remote Student Exchange (low and middle income platform)  
University of Colorado at Denver (Zoom)  
Kenyatta University (Zoom)  
Middlebury College (Zoom)  
University of Texas at Austin (Zoom)  
Difference-in-differences seminar (Zoom)  
Codechella 2021  
Brazil causal inference workshop  
Jongkoping University (Zoom)  
Uruguay (Zoom)  
Liberal Arts College Labor and Econ (Keynote, Zoom)  
Etsy (Zoom)  
Asian Conference on Business and Economic Studies (Keynote, Zoom)  
Michigan State University (Zoom)

Erasmus University  
 Auburn  
 University of Copenhagen (workshop)  
 ARIA (workshop)  
 Southern Economics Association (Zoom)  
 HSE (Zoom)  
**2022** AEA/ASSA  
 Syracuse  
 Azim Premji Uni (Zoom)  
 St Olaf lecture  
 Ireland Masterclass  
 World Bank, McNamara Fellowship Lecture  
 George Mason University  
 Papa Johns  
 Elon University  
 University of Georgia  
 Oxford University  
 ADB Management  
 Organizer of Northwestern Causal Inference Conference  
 Twitch  
 eBay  
 Deiken University, Natural Experiment Conference (keynote)  
 University of Turin, Empirical Micro conference (keynote)  
 Uppsala Center for Peace and Defense  
 Federal Energy Commission  
**2023** INSEAD  
 San Jose State  
 Microsoft  
 Johns Hopkins  
 NYU Med School  
 UC3M  
 CUNEF  
 University of Edinburgh  
 Royal Holloway

**TEACHING** Principles of Macroeconomics 2007-2008; 2014  
 Principles of Microeconomics 2008-2018, 2020-2021  
 Causal Inference and Research Design 2012-2024  
 Advanced Causal Inference 2021-2022  
 Modern Market Mechanisms 2014  
 Labor Economics 2012  
 Economics of Networks 2014  
 Engineering Economy 2015  
 Economics of Crime 2018  
 Microeconomic Theory 2007-2018, 2020  
 Issues in Economics 2019, 2021-2023  
 History of Economic Thought, 2022-2023

**HONORS AND AWARDS** 2021 Robert and Robin Nitsche Outstanding Research Award (Baylor)  
 2003-2007 H.B. Earhart Fellowship (UGA)  
 2005-2007 Phelps Stokes Fellowship (UTK)  
 1999 Knickerbacker Poetry Prize (UTK)

**SERVICE: WORKSHOPS**

I also help organize as well as personally lead workshops on causal inference around the world. I do this through two outlets: Mixtape Sessions, an online platform that helps connect people all over the world to causal inference and other econometrics methodologies at low cost using price discrimination, as well as specialized workshops on causal inference “on demand”. The former are all over zoom, the latter are a mixture of online and in person. I do this because of a belief that causal inference and other forms of econometrics have historically been distributed forms of knowledge and training that suffered from extreme inequality in training and access due to the role of selection in social networks and labor markets. Design based causal inference has by and large spread through the applied microeconomics community as well as the econometrics community but for a long time not through econometrics textbooks. As such, not everyone was able to get focused training in it. For this reason, I teach causal inference workshops all over the world in order to serve as a bridge so that anyone needing this training can get it no matter who they are, where they are or what their background is. The Mixtape Sessions platform had 18 workshops in 2022 and 22 workshops 2023 with a total of approximately 5,000 guests. Speakers have included myself, Peter Hull, Brant Callaway, Rocio Titiunik, Alberto Abadie, Mark Anderson, Dan Rees, Jon Roth, and Brigham Frandsen.

**SERVICE: PODCAST**

50 years using podcasting. I have interviewed approximately 80 economists ranging from Nobel Laureates, John Bates Clark Award Winners, theorists, economists in tech, and various historical groups (e.g., students of Gary Becker). The goal is to listen to the personal stories of living economists and over time create a selected oral history of the profession