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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University May 2018 (Expected)  
M.A., Economics, Cornell University February 2016  
M.S., Statistics, Utah State University August 2012  
B.A., Economics, Utah State University, *Summa Cum Laude* May 2011  
• Minors: Mathematics, Chinese  
Non-Degree Seeking, Chinese Language, Shanghai JiaoTong University, China Fall 2007

## RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Applied Microeconomics

## JOB MARKET PAPER

“Do Peers Influence Occupational Preferences? Evidence from Randomly-Assigned Peer Groups at West Point” (with Michael Kofoed). [Link to paper.](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

“Information and the Beauty Premium in Political Elections” (with Joseph Price), 2017, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 35: 677-683. [Link to paper.](#)

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

## WORKING PAPER

“Producing Humanities PhDs from BAs at Doctoral Institutions” (with Ronald Ehrenberg). *NBER Working Paper 22372*.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Effects of Lead on Fetal Health” (with Nicholas Sanders, Charles Stoecker, and Yongkang Zhang).  
“First Generation Students and Peer Effects” (with Michael Kofoed).

## HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND 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  
Seely-Hinckley Scholarship, School of Business, Utah State University 2009–10  
National Advisory Board Scholarship, School of Business, Utah State University 2008–09, 2010–11  
Presidential Scholarship, Utah State University 2004–05, 2008–10  
Eagle Scout Award 2002

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Cornell University	October 2017
Southern Economic Association (by coauthor)	November 2016
Midwestern Economic Association/SOLE	April 2016
Association for Education Finance and Policy	March 2016
Southern Economic Association	November 2015
Labor Work in Progress Seminar, Cornell University	November 2015
Utah State University	June 2014
Graduate Student Conference, Brigham Young University	June 2014
Economics of Education Meeting, Cornell University	May 2014, November 2014, April 2015

## EXPERIENCE

### *Research Assistant*

- Nicholas Sanders, Cornell University Spring–Summer 2017
- Ronald Ehrenberg, Cornell University Summer 2014, Spring 2015–Summer 2016

### *Teaching Assistant*

- Economic Analysis of the University, Ronald Ehrenberg, Cornell Fall 2014, 2016, 2017
- Introductory Microeconomics, Jennifer Wissink, Cornell Fall 2013, Spring 2014

### *Professional*

- Statistics Intern, Autoliv, Ogden, UT May–August 2011
- Statistics Intern, National Agricultural Statistical Service, Salt Lake City, UT May–August 2010

## PROGRAMMING SKILLS

- R, Stata, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk, web scraping
- Developed *SigTree*, an R package (with John Stevens), available at <http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/SigTree/index.html>

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

*Referee*: Economics of Education Review (3)

## ATTENDANCE AT INVITED CONFERENCES

NBER Spring Children’s and Economics of Education Meeting	Spring 2017
NBER Fall Economics of Education Meeting	Fall 2015, 2016, 2017
NBER Summer Institute, Economics of Education	Summer 2015, 2016, 2017

## OTHER

Languages: Swedish, Chinese (Basic)  
Citizenship: USA

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### Ronald Ehrenberg (Chair)

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