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## Education

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<b>University of Chicago</b> , Ph.D. Economics	<i>2019–2024</i>
<b>Johns Hopkins University</b> , B.A. Economics	<i>2013–2017</i>

## References

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## Research and Teaching Fields

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Primary:	Labor Economics and Economics of Education
Secondary:	Public Economics

## Job Market Paper

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### Peer Gender Composition and Undergraduate Achievement and Major Choice

*Abstract: Large gender differences exist in the take-up and completion of college majors across academic fields. The degree of gender concentration within fields tends to increase over time spent in college. In this paper, I investigate how the gender composition of peers in first-semester classes impacts women's and men's academic outcomes and major choices. I find that a larger proportion of male peers hurts female academic achievement and decreases female persistence in majors, relative to men in the same classes. The effect of male peers on female non-persistence in major is consistent with the mechanism of poor grades causing negative updates in beliefs about major-specific ability. An ability-based mechanism does not fit for the positive effect of male peers on male persistence in majors. This points to men having some form of taste-based preference for majors associated to classes with more male peers, with increased likelihood of same-major friendship formation being one plausible explanation.*

## Work in Progress

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### Collusion and Financial Aid Determination in Higher Education

## Awards, Scholarships, and Grants

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Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award *2022*

## Teaching Experience

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Econometrics (undergraduate) Instructor *Fall 2022*

Elements of Economic Analysis II (undergraduate) Instructor *Winter 2022*

Elements of Economic Analysis II (undergraduate) TA for German Bauer *Winter 2021*

## Research Experience and Other Employment

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Research Assistant for Prof. John Donohue, Stanford Law School *2017-2019*

Summer Intern for Profs. Edward Pinto and Stephen Oliner, American Enterprise Institute *2016*

Research Assistant for Prof. Steve Hanke, Johns Hopkins University *2015-2016*

## Additional Information

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**Citizenship** United States

**Programming Skills** R, STATA,  $\LaTeX$