

# LOIS MILLER

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**University of South Carolina, Department of Economics**

*Assistant Professor*

Fall 2024 -

## EDUCATION

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**University of Wisconsin-Madison**

2024

Ph.D Economics

*Committee: Jeff Smith (chair), Chris Taber, Matt Wiswall, Nick Hillman*

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**

2019

M.S. Economics

**DePauw University**

2017

B.A. Mathematics, Minors in Economics and Computer Science

*Summa cum laude*

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

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Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Public Economics

## RESEARCH PAPERS

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### Publications

- **[Making College Affordable? The Impacts of Tuition Freezes and Caps](#)** (with Minseon Park), *Economics of Education Review* 89 (2022): 102265.
- **[Workforce Entry Including Career and Technical Education and Training](#)** (with Burt Barnow and Jeffrey Smith) in “What Has Happened to the American Working Class Since the Great Recession?”, *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 695, no. 1 (2021): 260-274.

### Working Papers

- **[Switching Schools: Effects of College Transfers](#)**
- **[Who Scars the Easiest? College Quality and the Effects of Graduating into a Recession](#)** (with Garrett Anstreicher)
- **[Distance to Degrees: How College Proximity Shapes Student’s Enrollment Choices and Attainment Across Race and Socioeconomic Status](#)** (with Riley Acton, Kalena Cortes, and Camila Morales)
- **[Effects of College Quality: Occupation and Major as Mechanisms of Earnings Increases](#)**

### Works in Progress

- Small Distances that Matter: Effects of Local Community College Openings on Enrollment and Degree Completion
- Quantifying Non-Sampling Variation: College Quality and the Garden of Forking Paths (with Eleanor Dillon and Jeffrey Smith)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Instructor (University of South Carolina)

ECON 530, Economics of Education Fall 2024

### Teaching Assistant (UW-Madison)

ECON 410, Introductory Econometrics, Prof. Kohei Yata Fall 2022

ECON 102, Introduction to Macroeconomics, Prof. Stella Chan Fall 2018

ECON 102, Introduction to Macroeconomics, Prof. Elizabeth Kelly Fall 2017

## SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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Riegel and Emory Human Resource Center Grant, University of South Carolina 2024

National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship 2023

Dorothy Rice Dissertation Fellowship, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2022

Mary Claire Ashenbrenner Phipps Dissertator Fellowship, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2021

Dissertation Research Award, UW-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty 2021

JPG Summer Research Scholarship (with Garrett Anstreicher), UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2021

JPG Summer Research Scholarship (with Minseon Park), UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2020

JPG Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2018

Department Fellowship, UW-Madison Dept. of Economics 2017

Honors with Distinction Award for Honor Scholar Thesis, DePauw University 2017

Phi Beta Kappa Society, Indiana Alpha Chapter 2016

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

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- 2024 *(including scheduled)* Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) Conference; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Conference; Census Bureau; Federal Trade Commission; ISO New England; National Academies of Science Engineering and Medicine Roundtable on Systemic Change in Undergraduate STEM Education; National Science Foundation Evaluation and Assessment Capability Seminar; Notre Dame/Midwest Econ of Education Conference; National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Economics of Education Fall Meeting; Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) Compliance Risk Analysis Division; OCC Retail Credit Risk Analysis Division; RAND Corporation; Southern Economic Association (SEA) Conference; U.S. Department of Education/Brookings Institute Economics of Education Seminar; U.S. Military Academy at West Point; University of Rochester; University of South Carolina; Virginia Commonwealth University
- 2023 Abt Associates; AEFP; APPAM; Census Bureau; Federal Statistical Research Data Center Annual Research Conference; Midwest Economics Association (MEA) Conference; Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting; State University of New York at Buffalo Graduate School of Education; University of Florida College of Education; University of North Carolina - Greensboro; University of Texas - San Antonio
- 2022 AEFP; American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference; APPAM; Interdisciplinary Training Program in Education Sciences Seminar
- 2020 AEFP; APPAM; E-con of Education Conference

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

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Research Assistant, Jeffrey Smith (UW-Madison) May 2019-Aug 2022  
*Effects of College Quality*

Research Assistant, Corina Mommaerts and Anita Mukherjee (UW-Madison) Jan-May 2019  
*Frictions in Claiming and Saving: An Analysis of Unclaimed Retirement Accounts*

## SERVICE

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Referee: *AERA Open*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Education Finance and Policy*, *Educational Policy*, *ILR Review*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*

Seminar Co-Director, University of South Carolina Fall 2024-

Co-founder & leadership team, Wisconsinites for Inclusion & Diversity in Economics (WIDE) 2019-2022

Cohort Representative, Wisconsin Economics Graduate Organization (WEGO) 2019-2021

Research Mentor, Lumiere Education 2021

## MISCELLANEOUS

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Citizenship: United States of America

Memberships: American Economic Association, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Association for Public Policy and Management

Security Clearance: U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status