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Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

Associate Professor of Economics and Research Director of the Texas Schools Project
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Employment

September 1, 2019–Present: Associate Professor with tenure in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences-University of Texas at Dallas

August, 2009–September 1, 2019: Assistant Professor of Economics in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences-University of Texas at Dallas

July, 2015–Present: Research Director of the Texas Schools Project

May, 2011–July, 2015: Director of the Texas Schools Project and The University of Texas at Dallas Education Research Center

August, 2007–July, 2009: Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Post-doctoral Fellowship-Harvard University

Education

Bachelors of Science in Economics, 1999 with Highest Honors
Georgia Institute of Technology

Masters of Arts in Economics, 2002
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

PhD in Economics, awarded December 16, 2007
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Dissertation Title: The Impact of Legal Challenges to Affirmative Action on Educational Choice

Research and Teaching Interests

Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Public Finance,
Applied Microeconometrics, Program Evaluation, Health Economics

Publications: Articles

Rodney J. Andrews. “Bergstrom et al 1986: A correction”
Journal of Public Economics 90(4-5) (2006), 957–958

Rodney J. Andrews, Vimal Rancchod, and Viji Stathy “Estimating The Responsiveness of College Applications to the Likelihood of Acceptance and Financial Assistance: Evidence from Texas”
Economics of Education Review 29(1) (2010), 104–115

Rodney J. Andrews and Trevon Logan “Family Health, Children’s Own Health, and Test Score Gaps”
American Economics Review 100(2) (2010), 195-199 (Papers and Proceedings)

Rodney J. Andrews, Stephen DesJardins, and Vimal Ranchhod “The Effects of the Kalamazoo Promise on College Choice”
Economics of Education Review 29(5) (2010), 722-737

Rodney J. Andrews. “Comments on “Black Americans in the 21st Century: Should We Be Optimistic or Concerned?””
Review of Black Political Economy 37(3-4) (2010), 253–255

Rodney J. Andrews and Omari Swinton. “The Persistent Myths of “Acting White” and Race Neutral Alternatives to Affirmative Action in Admissions”
Review of Black Political Economy 41(3) (2014), 357–371

Rodney J. Andrews, Jing Li, and Michael F. Lovenheim. “Heterogeneous Paths Through College: Detailed Patterns and Relationships with Graduation and Earnings”
Economics of Education Review 42 (October 2014), 93–108
Also Published as NBER Working Paper 19935 or [CALDER Working Paper 83](#)

Rodney J. Andrews, Jing Li, and Michael F. Lovenheim. “Quantile Treatment Effects of College Quality on Earnings: Evidence from Administrative Data in Texas”
Journal of Human Resources 51(1) (2016), 200–238
[NBER Working Paper 18068](#) or [CALDER Working Paper 108](#)

Rodney J. Andrews. “Coordinated Admissions Program”
American Economics Review (2016) 106(5), 343–347 (Papers and Proceedings)

Rodney J. Andrews, Marcus Casey, Bradley Hardy, and Trevon Logan. “Location Matters: Historical Racial Segregation and Intergenerational Mobility” , *Economics Letters* (2017) 158, 67-72

Rodney J. Andrews, Trevon Logan and Michael Sinkey. “Identifying Confirmatory Bias in The Field: A Regression Discontinuity Approach”
Journal of Sports Economics (2018) 19(1), 50–81
[NBER Working Paper w18064](#)

Rodney J. Andrews and Monica Deza. “Local Natural Resources and Crime: Evidence from Oil Price Fluctuations in Texas”
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (2018) 151, 123–142

Rodney J. Andrews and Kevin Stange. “Price Regulation, Price Discrimination, and Equality of Opportunity in Higher Education: Evidence from Texas”
American Economic Journal: Policy (2019) 11(4) 31–65
[NBER Working Paper w22901](#)

Rodney J. Andrews, Scott Imberman, and Michael F. Lovenheim. “Recruiting and Supporting Low-Income, High-Achieving Students at Flagship Universities”
Economics of Education Review (2020) 74
[NBER Working Paper w22260](#)

Publications: Book Chapters

Rodney J. Andrews. “The *Promise* of Promise Programs” In A. Kelly and S. Goldrick-Rab, Editors. *Reinventing Financial Aid: Charting a New Course to College Affordability*, Harvard Education Press, October 2014

Working Papers

Rodney J. Andrews, Scott Imberman, and Michael F. Lovenheim. “Risky Business? The Effect of Majoring in Business on Earnings and Educational Attainment”

[NBER Working Paper w23575](#)

(Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Human Capital*)

Rodney J. Andrews and John Thompson. “Earning Your CAP: A Comprehensive Analysis of The University of Texas at Dallas’s Coordinated Admissions Plan” [NBER Working Paper w23442](#)

(Under Submission)

Rodney J. Andrews, Paul Jargowsky, and Kristin Kuhne. “The Effects of Texas’s Targeted Pre-Kindergarten Program on Academic Performance”

[NBER Working Paper w18598](#) or [CALDER Working Paper 84](#)

Works in Progress

The Returns to College Major Choice: Mean Effects, Career Trajectories, and Earnings Volatility

An Evaluation of The B-On-Time Loan Program

Does Changing Automatic Admission Criteria Produce More Diversity?

Grants

- Principal Investigator Center for the Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research-“Secondary and Postsecondary Pathways to Labor Market Success: A Research Program to Improve Policy/Practice” (with Eric Hanushek) Funded by the Smith Richardson Foundation \$100,000.00 for 8/2011–7/2014
- Principal Investigator Center for the Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research-“Secondary and Postsecondary Pathways to Labor Market Success: A Research Program to Improve Policy/Practice” (with Erik Hanushel) Funded by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation \$400,000.00 for 8/2011–7/2014
- co-Principal Investigator “All Business: What are the Economic Returns to Undergraduate Business Majors?” (with Scott Imberman and Michael Lovenheim) Funded by the Smith-Richardson Foundation, 6/2012, \$103,522.00 for 1/13-12/13

- Principal Investigator “The Effects of Targeted Recruitment Programs Implemented by Texas’s Flagship Institutions”, Funded by the Greater Texas Foundation 10/2014 \$81, 161.81
- co-Principal Investigator “Is price regulation necessary to ensure equality of opportunity in higher education?,(with Kevin Stange) Funded by the Spencer Foundation, 7/2014 \$49, 854.00
- co-Principal Investigator “Does Attending an Elite University Help Low Income Students? Evidence From the Texas Longhorn and Texas A&M Century Scholars Program ”,(with Scott Imberman and Michael Lovenheim) Funded by the Russell Sage Foundation 10/2014 \$98, 854.00
- co-Principal Investigator “Price Deregulation and Equality of Opportunity in Higher Education ”, (with Kevin Stange) Funded by the Russell Sage Foundation 10/2014 \$105, 738.00
- co-Principal Investigator “Does Attending an Elite University Help Low Income Students? Evidence From the Texas Longhorn and Texas A&M Century Scholars Program ”,(with Scott Imberman and Michael Lovenheim) Funded by the William T. Grant Foundation 10/2014 \$277, 993.00
- co-Principal Investigator “The Historical Shadow of Segregation on Human Capital and Upward Mobility” (with Marcus Casey, Bradley Hardy, and Trevon Logan) From The Washington Center For Equitable Growth 7/2017 \$73, 470
- Principal Investigator “A Major Decision? The Consequences of College Course Taking ”(with Scott Imberman, Michael Lovenheim, and Kevin Stange) Funded by the Smith Richardson Foundation 6/2018 \$255, 055

Media

- “Recruiting and Supporting Low-Income, High-Achieving Students at Flagship Universities” was discussed in an article entitled [“College Access is About Guidance as Well as Money”](#) by Preston Cooper on forbes.com on June 9, 2016
- “Price Regulation, Price Discrimination, and Equality of Opportunity in Higher Education: Evidence from Texas ” was discussed in an article entitled: [“Report: Despite tuition increases, poor students still enrolling in Texas universities”](#) by Lindsay Ellis on the website for the Houston Chronicle on December 29, 2016
- “The Promise of Promise Programs” was discussed on 7/24/2013 in an article entitled *Promise Programs offer Hope to Students* in the Education section of the U.S. NEWS and WORLD REPORT’s website. [“Promise Programs offer Hope to Students ”](#)

- Appeared on C-SPAN on 6/24/2013 as part of a panel focused on Student Aid for post-secondary education. I discussed the “The Promise of Promise Programs” [“Panel on Student Aid”](#)
- Television Appearance on 3/26/2012 : Opinion on concerns with DISD Scores
- Article in EdWeek entitled [“Texas Pre-K Programs Improve Kids’ Elementary Achievement”](#) by Sara Meade discusses [Texas’s Targeted Pre-K Program](#) on November 26, 2012.
- “The Effects of the Kalamazoo Promise on College Choice” was discussed in the Today’s News section of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* on November 7, 2008 in an article by Peter Schmidt entitled [“2 Scholarship Programs Present Rare Opportunity to Study Effects of Financial Aid”](#).
- Article entitled “Why Majoring in Business Can Double Your Earnings ” published online by MarketWatch on July 18, 2017. The article is based on NBER Working Paper 23575 “Risky Business: The Effects of Majoring in Business on Earnings and Educational Attainment ”

Awards and Fellowships

- 2000–2002 Rackham Minority Fellowship
- 2002–2006 Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Research and Training Program in Poverty and Public Policy, University of Michigan
- 2005–2006 Spencer Dissertation Fellowship
- 2007–2009 Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Postdoctoral Fellowship-Harvard University
- 2008–2010 National Institute of Health Loan Repayment Plan
- Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) Fellow 2008–2011
- National Academy of Education\Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Semifinalist for 2011 Cohort
- National Bureau of Economic Research Faculty Research Fellow (2012–Present)
- 2012-2013 School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences Outstanding Teaching Comet Award
- 2014-2015 School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences Outstanding Teaching Comet Award
- 2014-2017 Greater Texas Foundation Fellow
- 2018 President’s Teaching Excellence Award Nominee

Referee Experience

Economics of Education Review, Journal of Health Economics, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Handbook of Higher Education, Southern Economic Journal, Eastern Economic Journal, Research in Labor Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Education Finance and Policy, Oxford Economic Papers, Review of Educational Research, Journal of The European Economic Association, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Public Choice, European Economic Review, Ethnicities, Review of Black Political Economy

Presentations & Invited Seminars

2006: AEA Minority Pipeline Conference

2007: University of Texas at Dallas, AEA Minority Pipeline Conference, University of Illinois-Chicago, APPAM Fall Conference

2008: Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Meeting, Institute for Research on Policy Visiting Scholar Seminar, APPAM Fall Conference, University of Texas at Dallas

2009: City University of New York, Texas A&M-College Station, Southern Economics Association Meeting

2010: American Economics Association Annual Meeting, Texas A&M-College Station, APPAM Fall Conference

2011: American Economics Association Annual Meeting, The University of Texas at Arlington, Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Workshop, NBER Summer Institute, The Ohio State University, The University of Texas at Dallas, Social Determinants of Health Disparities Conference-Duke University, African American Economic Summit

2012: Washington and Lee University (2 Talks), Emory University, Association For Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, The Second Wave Conference at Ohio State University, Duke University, University of Kentucky and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Economics of Education Workshop

2013: McMaster University, American Enterprise Institute Panel on Student Aid, Baylor University

2014: 7th Annual Center For the Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER) Conference, Vanderbilt University, Southern Economics Association Meeting

2015: West Virginia University, NBER Economics of Education Program Fall Meeting

2016: American Economics Association Annual Meeting (January), Education Scholars Convening on Community College Council of Economic Advisers:special invitation extended by the Council of Economic Advisers (January), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M–College Station, University of Maryland, Greater Texas Foundation

2017: Greater Texas Foundation, Texas A&M–College Station

2018: Texas A&M–College Station

2019: Tulane University Department of Economics, Kirwan Institute/ John Glenn College of Public Affairs at Ohio State University

Teaching Experience

- Graduate Labor Economics I: Spring 2018
- Graduate Labor Economics II: Spring 2014, Fall 2016, Fall 2018
- Applied Microeconometrics (Second Course in the Graduate Econometrics Sequence): Fall 2012, Fall 2013
- Labor Economics (Undergraduate Course): Fall 2009, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020
- Economics of Education (Graduate Course): Spring 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2015, Spring 2017
- Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate Course): Fall 2010, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Service

- Board of Directors for the Association for Education Finance and Policy (Term expires at the end of 2020 conference)
- Editorial Board Member for Education Finance and Policy Ad Hoc Committee for Mid-Probationary Review (2019)
- Faculty Personnel Review Committee (2019)
- Labor Economics Search Committee: Chair (2019)

References

Available Upon Request

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