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Positions

- Rose-Marie Garcia Anderson Assistant Professor, Miami University, 2025–
- Assistant Professor, Miami University, 2020–2025
- Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2024–
- Research Affiliate, IZA, 2026–

Education

- Ph.D., Economics, The Ohio State University, 2020
- M.A., Economics, The Ohio State University, 2015
- B.A., Economics and Philosophy, Beloit College, 2011
- General Course in Economics and Philosophy, The London School of Economics, 2010

Fields

Economic History, Labor Economics, Public Economics, Applied Econometrics

Research

Peer-reviewed publications

- Knowledge access: The effects of Carnegie libraries on innovation (with Enrico Berkes). Forthcoming, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*.
- The returns to local public library investment (with Greg Gilpin and Ezra Karger). *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 16 (2024): 78–109.
- School closures during the 1918 flu pandemic (with Philipp Ager, Katherine Eriksson, Ezra Karger, and Melissa A. Thomasson). *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 106 (2024): 266–276.
- The census place project: A method for geolocating unstructured place names (with Enrico Berkes and Ezra Karger). *Explorations in Economic History* 87 (2023): 101477. Larry Neal Prize for Best 2023 Article.
- Predicting educational attainment: Does grit compensate for low levels of cognitive ability? (with Audrey Light). *Learning and Individual Differences* 70 (2019): 142–154.

Works in progress

- Do pandemics change healthcare? Evidence from the Great Influenza (with Rui Esteves, Kris James Mitchener, and Melissa A. Thomasson) *Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Health Economics*
- High Schools and the uneven rise in American opportunity (with Alison Doxey and Ezra Karger) *Under review*
- Soccer's record on the road: The effect of late-night sporting events on fatal car crashes (with James Flynn and Noah Meyers-Richter) *Under review*
- The Women's Ku Klux Klan and education in the 1920s (with Danielle Graves Williamson)
- Introductory course material to increase participation in college majors: A randomized curriculum intervention in economics (with Riley Acton, Carla Nietfeld, Aiday Sikhova, and Bruce Weinberg). Supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation (2025).
- Popularizing science: Evidence from historical scientific magazines (with Enrico Berkes and Ruben Gaetani). Supported by an Insight Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2024).

Book chapters

- "Credit Constraints Throughout Childhood and Education Attainment," in *Annual Proceedings of The Wealth and Well-Being of Nations; The Miller Upton Forum, Volume XII*, Beloit College Press, 2021.

Research Awards and Grants

- National Science Foundation Grant, "Collaborative Research: Introductory Course Material to Increase Participation in College Majors" (Co-PI, \$397,715)
- University Junior Faculty Scholar Award, Miami University, 2024
- Larry Neal Prize for Best Article in Explorations in Economic History, 2023
- IPUMS Mug, 2021
- William Green Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2019–2020
- Ohio State Sports and Society Initiative Research Grant, 2018
- Delegate, 6th Annual Lindau Nobel Meetings, Lindau, Germany (NSF funded), 2017
- Institution for Population Research travel award, The Ohio State University, 2017
- JMCB travel awards, The Ohio State University, 2016–2019
- University Fellowship, The Ohio State University, 2014–2015

Teaching Awards and Grants

- Jack and Pat Gifford Junior Faculty Teaching Innovation Award, Miami University, 2024

- Associated Student Government Outstanding Professor Nomination, Miami University, 2022, 2023
- Graduate Associate Teaching Award, The Ohio State University, 2018
- Department Citation for Excellence in Teaching, The Ohio State University, 2017

Presentations

- **2017.** American Society of Health Economists; Association for Public Policy and Management; Midwest Economics Association; Population Association of America; Southern Economics Association
- **2018.** Beloit College; Southern Economics Association
- **2019.** American Society of Health Economists; Beloit College (panelist); Cliometrics Society; Economic History Association; NBER Summer Institute DAE Meeting (coauthor); North American Meeting of the Econometrics Society; Southern Economics Association; West Virginia University; Western Economics Association
- **2020.** Association for Public Policy and Management; Case Western Reserve University; Dickinson College; Economic History Association; EPFL Virtual Innovation Seminar; FDIC; FTC; Matrix Economics; Miami University; Southern Economics Association; University of Richmond; US Treasury – Office of Tax Analysis; West Virginia University
- **2021.** Association for Education Finance and Policy; Institute of Museum and Library Services; Metrics Discussions DiD Brownbag; Methodological Advances in the Extraction and Analysis of Historical Data Conference; NBER Education Summer Institute; Southern Economic Association
- **2022.** Cliometrics Society; Economic History Association; Marquette University; NBER Development of the American Economy Summer Institute; University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
- **2023.** Midwest Economics Association; Mountain West Economic History Conference; Northwestern University; Ohio University; Southern Economic Association
- **2024.** Auburn University; Liberal Arts College Public and Labor Economics Conference; Society of Labor Economics; The Ohio State University (Consumer Sciences); The Ohio State University (Economics); Midwest Economics of Education Conference (Notre Dame)
- **2025.** NBER Development of the American Economy Summer Institute; Wellesley College; Economic History Association

Teaching Experience

- Econometrics – Miami University (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026); Ohio State (Summer 2017)

- Causal Inference and Machine Learning (MA) — Miami University (Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring, 2026)
- Principles of Microeconomics — Miami University (Fall 2024, Fall 2025); Kenyon College (Fall 2018); Ohio State (Fall 2017)
- Introduction to Industrial Organization — Kenyon College (Spring 2019); Ohio State (Spring 2018)
- Principles of Macroeconomics — Kenyon College (Spring 2019)

Professional Service

- Referee for *American Economic Review*, *China Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Economic Journal*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *PLOS ONE*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Review of Economics of the Household*
- Economic History Association–Cliometrics SEA organizer, 2021–
- Economic History Association–Cliometrics ASSA program committee, 2021–2023
- Ad hoc reviewer, National Science Foundation

Department and University Service

- Economics Club Advisor, Miami University, 2020–
- EconGames Co-coach, Miami University, 2023–
- Divisional E-Learning and AI Committee, Miami University, 2024–2025
- Junior Hiring Committees, Miami University, 2022–2023, 2023–2024
- External Relations Committee, Miami University, 2022–2024
- Honors Committee, Miami University, 2022–2024
- Founding Faculty Fellow, Institute for Responsible Gaming, Lotteries, and Sport, Miami University, 2022–2024

Advising

- Davis Heyman, MA (Miami University, 2022, Jefferies)
- Teresa Maloney, MA (Miami University, 2023, Deloitte)
- Trevor Minyo, MA (Miami University, 2024, EY)
- Noah Meyers-Richter, MA (Miami University, 2025, Bain)
- Margo Gustina, PhD (University of New Mexico, 2024), committee member

Leaves

- Parental leaves, Fall 2021 and Fall 2023

Industry Experience

- Bates White Economic Consulting, 2011-2014

Citizenship

United States