

DANIEL B. JONES

Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT:

University of Pittsburgh, School of Public & International Affairs

Professor (Fall 2025 - present)

Associate Professor (Fall 2020 – Fall 2025)

Assistant Professor (Fall 2018 – Fall 2020)

University of South Carolina, Economics Department

Assistant Professor (Fall 2013 – Spring 2018)

OTHER APPOINTMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Courtesy Appointment, University of Pittsburgh, Economics Department (2019 – Present)

U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Researcher (2023 – Present)

PRIOR APPOINTMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Co-Editor, Economics of Education Review (Jan. 2020-Jan. 2026)

SPIA PhD Program Director (July 2021-December 2024, Summer 2025-Summer 2026)

SPIA MPA Program Director (*temporary role*) (July 2024-December 2024)

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Pittsburgh (2013)

B.A. in Economics, University of Alabama at Birmingham (2008)

RESEARCH

CURRENT WORKING PAPERS:

“Race and Redistricting in Local Government” with Carlos F. Avenancio-León and Ying Shi

“A Quiet Revolution in the South: Elections, Representation, and Distributional Outcomes” with Ying Shi

“Representation in Space: District-Based Elections and Spatial Representation in Cities” with Michaela Cushing-Daniels and Brooke Shannon

“The Economic Legacy of Racial Violence in the American South” with Luke Condra and Randall Walsh

“How Who is Exposed to Import Competition Shapes Politics” with Erica Owen and Rena Sung

“The China Shock in Emerging Economies: Unbundling the Electoral Consequences of Trade Exposure in Brazil” with Irene Menéndez González and Erica Owen

“Silent Exclusions: Experimental Evidence of Racial and Class Bias in Community Responses to Housing Development” with Rachelle Haynik and Rashad Williams

PUBLISHED/ACCEPTED PAPERS:

“Racial Representation in Local Government and Racial Disparities in Policing” with Xiaohong Wang and Jiangnan Zeng (*Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, accepted)

“Relative exposure to negative economic shocks, racial animus, and voting” with Erica Owen and Rena Sung (*International Organization*, 2026)

“Partisan vs. Nonpartisan School Board Elections” with Andrew Hill and Breyon Williams (*Educational Evaluation & Policy Analysis*, 2026)

“District-based Elections and Multiple Dimensions of Representation: Evidence from the California Voting Rights Act” with Michaela Cushing-Daniels and Brooke Shannon (*Political Science Research and Methods*, 2026)

“Disenfranchisement” with Randall Walsh and Werner Troesken (*Journal of Historical Political Economy*, 2025)

“Reconstruction-Era Education and Long-Run Black-White Inequality” with Ethan Schmick (*American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2025)

“The partisanship of mayors has no detectable effect on police spending, police employment, crime, or arrests” with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner, Matt Harvey, and Chris Warshaw (*Science Advances*, 2025)

- “The Elected Official Next Door” with Randall Walsh & Jiangnan Zeng (*Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2025)
- "Examining the Impact of Eliminating the X Waiver on Buprenorphine Dispensation in 63 Counties in Pennsylvania" with Rebecca Bilden, Mark Roberts, and Bradley Stein (*Substance Use & Addiction*, 2024)
- “Racial & ethnic representation in local government” with Brian Beach, Tate Twinam, and Randall Walsh (*American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2024)
- "How Partisanship in Cities Influences Housing Policy" with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner and Chris Warshaw (*American Journal of Political Science*, 2024)
- “Disparate Racial Impacts of Shelby v. Holder on Turnout” with Steve Billings, Noah Braun, and Ying Shi (*Journal of Public Economics*, 2024)
- “There goes the neighborhood? The public safety enhancing effects of a mobile harm reduction intervention” with Alex Fixler, Leah Jacobs, Aaron Arnold, and Emily Underwood (*International Journal of Drug Policy*, 2024)
- “Physician-patient race-match reduces patient mortality” with Andrew Hill and Lindsey Woodworth (*Journal of Health Economics*, 2023)
- “Partisan Gerrymandering & Turnout”, with Neil Silveus and Carly Urban (*Journal of Law & Economics*, 2023)
- “Paying for what kind of performance? Performance pay and multi-tasking in mission-oriented jobs” with Mirco Tonin, Michael Vlassopoulos, and Pun Winichakul (*Games & Economic Behavior*, 2023)
- “Effects of an electronic health record-based mobility assessment and automated referral for inpatient physical therapy on patient outcomes: A quasi-experimental study” with Chou, Johnson, Euloth, Matcho, Bilderback, and Freburger (*Health Services Research*, 2022)
- “Paying for whose performance? Teacher incentives and the black-white test score gap” with Andrew Hill (*Educational Evaluation & Policy Analysis*, 2021)
- “Self-fulfilling prophecies in the classroom” with Andrew Hill (*Journal of Human Capital*, 2021)
- “The effect of school closings on teacher labor market outcomes and teacher effectiveness" with Andrew Hill (*Education Finance & Policy*, 2021)
- “Ethnic diversity and citizens’ support for local public good provision: Evidence from California parcel tax elections” with Crystal Zhan (*Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2020)
- “The impacts of performance pay on teacher effectiveness and retention: Does teacher gender matter?” with Andrew Hill (*Journal of Human Resources*, 2020)
- “A teacher who knows me: The academic benefits of repeat student-teacher matches” with Andrew Hill (*Economics of Education Review*, 2018)
- “How do voters matter? Evidence from US Congressional redistricting” with Randall Walsh (*Journal of Public Economics*, 2018)
- “Political Participation in a Violent Society: Evidence from the Post-Reconstruction South” with Werner Troesken and Randall Walsh (*Journal of Development Economics*, 2017)
- “Does partisan affiliation impact the distribution of spending? Evidence from state governments’ expenditures on education” with Andrew Hill (*Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2017)
- “Wolves in sheep’s clothing: Is nonprofit status used to signal quality?” with Carol Propper and Sarah Smith (*Journal of Health Economics*, 2017)
- “Gridlock: Ethnic diversity in government and public good provision” with Brian Beach (*American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2017)
- “Too much information?: Communication & cooperation in a laboratory public goods game” (*Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 2017; special issue on “Experiments in Charitable Giving” edited by List, Price, and Samek)
- “Business as usual: Politicians with business experience, government budgets, and policy outcomes” with Brian Beach (*Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2016)
- “Education’s gambling problem: Earmarked lottery revenues and charitable donations for education” (*Economic Inquiry*, 2015)
- “The supply & demand of motivated labor: When should we expect to see nonprofit wage gaps?” (*Labour Economics*, 2015)
- “Wallflowers: Experimental evidence of an aversion to standing out” with Sera Linardi (*Management Science*,

2014)

RESEARCH FUNDING:

Co-PI: “How Can State Policy Bolster the Bilingual Educator Pipeline? Assessing the Nature and Impact of Bilingual Teacher Shortages in Massachusetts,” Institute of Education Sciences, R305S260008, \$999,500, 2026-2029 (PI: Megan Hopkins, UC San Diego).

Co-PI: “Long-Term Consequences of the Voting Rights Act for Black-White Disparities in Children’s Later-Life Outcomes,” William T. Grant Foundation Major Grant, \$359,556, awarded Oct. 2021 (PI: Ying Shi, Syracuse).

Co-Investigator: “Can Law Enforcement Training Address Racial and Ethnic Disproportionality? An Experimental Evaluation of Effective Youth Interactions,” National Institute of Justice, 15PNIJ-23-GG-05491-RESS, \$999,996, awarded 2023 (University of Pittsburgh; joined the project after the award).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) Annual Meetings	(2019, 2020, 2023)
Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference	(2016, 2017, 2021)
APPAM Fall Research Conference	(2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024)
Local Political Economy APSA Pre-Conference	(2019, 2026)
South Carolina Applied Micro Day (SCAM'D)	(2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
Public Choice Society Conference	(2018)
Southern Economic Association Conference	(2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2024)
Science of Philanthropy Initiative Conference	(2017)
Society of Labor Economists	(2017)
North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society	(2011, 2016)
Econometric Society World Congress	(2015)
Midwest Economic Association Conference	(2015)
North American Regional Science Conference	(2015)
Social Equity Leadership Conference	(2014)
CAGE / CMPO Conference on Well-Being and Generosity	(2013)
CMPO (Bristol)/Bath Applied Microeconomics Workshop	(2013)
EconCon, Princeton University	(2012)
Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics, Experimental Segment	(2012)
North American Economic Science Association Meeting	(2011, 2012)
Public Economic Theory Conference	(2011)

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:

Kenyon College Economics	(February 2025)
Indiana University, O’Neill School Seminar	(September 2024)
San Diego State University Economics/CHEPS Seminar	(October 2023)
Marquette University Economics Seminar	(February 2021)
Dartmouth College Economics Seminar	(October 2020)
Montana State University Economics Seminar	(May 2019)
University of Alabama Economics Seminar	(November 2018)
University of Tennessee Economics Seminar	(September 2018)
Clemson University Economics Seminar	(September 2017)
Florida State University Economics Seminar	(September 2016)
William & Mary Economics Seminar	(February 2016)
UNC-Charlotte Economics Seminar	(November 2014)

University of Nottingham CeDEx Workshop	(July 2013)
IUPUI Economics Seminar	(October 2012)
IUPUI Workshop in Multidisciplinary Philanthropy Studies	(October 2012)

OTHER SEMINAR PARTICIPATION:

Invited Discussant, Junior Americanist Workshop Series	(January 2025)
Invited Panelist, Online Spatial & Urban Seminar	(October 2023)

TEACHING:

University of Pittsburgh, School of Public & International Affairs

- Advanced Quantitative Methods: Causal Inference for Policy Evaluation
- Intermediate Quantitative Methods
- Economics of Social Policy
- Financial Management
- PhD Seminar in Public Policy
- 2nd Year PhD Research Design & Process Workshop
- PhD Professional Development Seminar (1 credit; as PhD Program Director)

University of South Carolina, Economics Department

- Introduction to Economics (undergraduate)
- Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate)
- Public Economics (undergraduate)
- Public Economics (PhD)

DOCTORAL ADVISING:

Dissertation and milestone committees: 20+ students across Pitt-SPIA, Pitt Economics, Pitt School of Education, Pitt School of Social Work, and University of South Carolina Economics.

Completed PhD Students, Chaired or Co-Chaired:

Michaela Cushing-Daniels – Visiting Assistant Professor, Poli. Sci., Washington & Lee
Xiaohong Wang – Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Poli. Sci. & Crim. Justice, University of South Alabama
Jiangnan Zeng – Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Econ., University of Guelph
Noah Braun – Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Econ., St. Olaf College
Breyon Williams* – Chief Economist, Groundwork Collaborative
(* SC Econ PhD, served as main advisor until moving to Pitt)

SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

School-level Service at Pitt-SPLA

- Faculty Advisory Committee member (Fall 2019 – present)
- Faculty Assembly President (Fall 2021 – Spring 2022, Fall 2025 – Spring 2026)
- Public Policy Faculty Search Committee Chair (Spring 2024)
- Planning & Budget committee member (Fall 2020 – Spring 2025)
- PhD Program committee member (Fall 2020 – Spring 2025)
- SPIA Internal Small Grant Reviewer (2022-2024)
- Diversity & Inclusion committee member (Fall 2019 – Spring 2023)
- Immigration Policy Search Committee Member (Fall 2022)
- Race & Social Justice Search Committee Chair (Fall 2021)
- MPA Search Committee Member (Fall 2021)
- International Affairs Search Committee Member (Spring 2021)
- Academic Integrity committee member (Fall 2018 – Fall 2019)
- MPA awards ad hoc committee member (Spring 2019, Spring 2020)
- Public Policy doctoral comprehensive examination ad hoc committee member (Spring 2019-2022)

University-level Service at University of Pittsburgh

School of Public Health, Health Policy & Management, External Member of Faculty Search Committee (Fall 2022-Spring 2023; Fall 2023-Spring 2024)
Momentum Grants Review Panel (Fall 2023)
Member, PittChange Committee (Fall 2021-Spring 2022)
School of Education, External Member of Faculty Search Committee (Fall 2021)

University of South Carolina, Economics Department:

Faculty recruiting committee member (2014-2015, 2015-2016)
Co-organized a small conference, South Carolina Applied Micro Day (May 2016, May 2017, May 2018)
Established and organized a small conference, South Carolina Applied Micro Day (SCAM'D) (May 2015)
Seminar/Brown bag coordinator (Spring 2015-Spring 2018)
PhD Program committee member (Fall 2014-Spring 2018)

Other Service to the Profession:

Spencer Foundation, Small Grants Review Panel (2024). Reviewed ~100 grants.
Reviewer, NSF CAREER Economics Proposal (2019)
Referee for journals including the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, and *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.
Mentor, American Economic Association Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession Mentoring Program (2020-2025)