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EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis

Ph.D. in Sociology

expected May 2031

The University of Alabama

M.S. in Consumer Sciences, Concentration in Consumer Economics

2025

Thesis: *Examining grocery tax reductions and SNAP enrollment trends: A Difference-in-Differences analysis*

Advisor: Dr. Madelaine L'Esperance

B.A. in Economics with University Honors, summa cum laude

2024

Minor in Liberal Arts (Blount Scholars Program)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic Sociology, Labor, Sociology of Development, Quantitative Methods and Causal Inference

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Center for Community-Based Partnerships at the University of Alabama

2024 - 2025

Graduate Assistant

Research Project: Examining the relationship between educational attainment and Financial Capability Scores in HomeFirst participants

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ward International Trucks, LLC | Mobile, AL | Staff Accountant: Budget Analyst

2024 - 2026

Managed budget planning, variance analysis, and financial planning reporting to support organizational decision-making and fiscal responsibility.

The University of Alabama | Tuscaloosa, AL | Graduate Assistant

2024 - 2025

Coached HomeFirst program participants on financial skills, including savings, money management, banking access, credit building, debt reduction, and homebuyer readiness.

United States Environmental Protection Agency | New York, NY | Intern

Summer 2024

Developed and executed a public education social media campaign on lead painting prevention by coordinating with agency experts and external partners to produce strategic, multi-platform communications content.

PRESENTATIONS

“Examining grocery tax reductions and SNAP enrollment trends: A Difference-in-Differences analysis.” Department of Consumer Sciences, College of Human Environmental Sciences Graduate Research Symposium, The University of Alabama. April 2025.

“Examining the relationship between educational attainment and Financial Capability Scores in HomeFirst participants.” Center for Community-Based Partnerships and Department of Consumer Sciences, 19th Annual Excellence in Community Engagement Awards, The University of Alabama. April 2025

“Wheels, work, and well-being: Vehicle access, employment, and food insecurity in the Alabama Black Belt.” Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Conference, The University of Alabama. April 2024

GRANTS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, AND HONORS

Outstanding Graduate Student, Department of Consumer Sciences	2025
James E. Jacobson Award for Management, The University of Alabama	2024
Recognition for role as Managing Editor of The Crimson White	
Outstanding Student in Economics, Department of Economics, Finance, and Legal Studies	2024
Outstanding Sophomore, College of Arts & Sciences Leadership Board	2024

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Basic Epidemiology (HHE 521)
 Behavioral Economics (EC 597)
 Consumer Economics (CSM 555)
 Consumer Protection (CSM 501)
 Data Analysis (CSM 591)
 Econometrics (EC 571)
 Research Methods (HES 509)
 Statistical Programming and Computing with R (ST 540)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
 Omicron Delta Kappa, Iota Circle

SKILLS

R, Stata, LaTeX