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ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

AACSB Coordinator, College of Business, Austin Peay State University | September 2026–present

Associate Professor of Economics (with Tenure), Austin Peay State University | 2024–present

Assistant Professor of Economics, Austin Peay State University | 2021–2024

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Northern Iowa | 2018–2021

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Alabama | 2018

B.S., Economics, Middle Tennessee State University | 2011

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

AACSB Coordinator, College of Business, APSU (September 2026–present).

- Support the Dean and Business Leadership Team in AACSB accreditation planning, reporting, and continuous improvement initiatives.
- Coordinate accreditation-related documentation, data tracking, action items, and reporting timelines with department chairs, faculty, and staff.
- Contribute to preparation for the College's next AACSB accreditation review, including documentation and planning.
- Participate in Business Leadership Team meetings and meet regularly with the Dean to review accreditation priorities and deadlines.

Chair, Student Academic Success Initiative (SASI) subcommittee, APSU; grant program budget approximately $55,110 (2026).

Chair, Graduate Assurance of Learning Committee, APSU.

Chair, Economics Faculty Search Committee, APSU; served on two economics faculty searches.

Elected Member, College of Business Faculty Council, APSU (2026–2028).

Member, College Retention and Tenure Committee, APSU (2026–2027 academic year).

Member, Departmental Retention and Tenure Committee, Department of Accounting, Finance, and Economics, APSU.

Faculty Fellow, Center for Applied Business Research (CABR), APSU (2026).

Member, College of Business Research Seminar Committee, APSU.

Member, College of Business Strategic Plan Revision Committee; Annual Faculty Evaluation Task Force; AACSB Committee; Faculty Senate, APSU.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND FACULTY ADVISING

Co-Founder and Faculty Advisor, Business Professionals of America (BPA), Collegiate Chapter, APSU (September 2026–present). Founded with Stephanie Bilderback; inaugural semester membership exceeds 50 students, making it the largest College of Business student organization (as reported November 2026).

- Developed professional programming including mock interviews and PowerPoint Roulette; etiquette dinner planned for later in 2026 and student participation in the 2027 BPA National Leadership Conference anticipated.

Faculty Advisor, Sigma Chi Fraternity, APSU (September 2026–present).

Faculty Advisor, Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society, APSU (2024–present).

Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Independent Study, APSU (2026–present). Advise Ben Martin* and Robert Casillas* on ACS-based research examining self-employment and entrepreneurship across college majors; potential Greater Nashville CABR extension and 2027 SOBIE presentation are planned, not completed.

Research Mentor, Greater Nashville Student Research Project (2026). Collaborated with Stephanie Bilderback and student coauthors Kylie Biter*, William Smith*, and Hailey Dorsey*; students presented the research at SOBIE in April 2026.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

ABDC journal classifications refer to the 2025 Journal Quality List; rankings are shown only where checked.

1. "College Majors and Earnings: Labor Market Differentials and the Role of Business Education" (with Stephanie Bilderback, Daniela Diaz Campos*, Sarah Ahlheit*, Katherine Thrash*, Kade Tjaarda*, and Carter Black*). Journal of International Education in Business, 2026, 19(2), 152–170. https://doi.org/10.1108/JIEB-06-2025-0072.
2. "Labor Mobility and the Affordable Care Act: Heterogeneous Impacts of the Preexisting Conditions Provision" (with Laura Connolly and Otto Lenhart). Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, 2024, 43(1), 157–191. [ABDC A]
3. "Minimum Wages, Retirement Timing, and Labor Supply" (with Evan Totty). Journal of Public Economics, 2023, 224, 104924. [ABDC A*]
4. "The Impact of Educational Rewards on the Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder" (with Scott McNamara). Economics and Human Biology, 2022, 47, 101188. [ABDC A]
5. "Access to Health Care and Mental Health—Evidence from the ACA Preexisting Conditions Provision" (with Otto Lenhart). Health Economics, 2022, 31(5), 760–783. [ABDC A*]
6. "The Effect of the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansion on Marriage" (with Otto Lenhart). Economic Inquiry, 2022, 60(2), 568–591. [ABDC A]
7. "The Effect of the Affordable Care Act Preexisting Conditions Provision on Marriage" (with Otto Lenhart). Health Economics, 2019, 28(11), 1345–1355. [ABDC A*]

* Denotes a current or former student research collaborator/coauthor.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND REVISION

"Do Occupational Licensing Regulations Increase Earnings: Evidence from the U.S. Airline Industry" (with Michael Liby*). Revise and resubmit, ILR Review (Industrial and Labor Relations Review). [ABDC A]

"ACA Dependent Coverage, Reverse Crowd-Out, and Decreased Spousal Dependence" (with Chanita Holmes and Mohammad Movahed). Revise and resubmit, Economic Inquiry. [ABDC A]

"Affordable Care Act Dependent Coverage Provision and Infants' Health Outcomes" (with Hamid Noghanibehambari and Quan Qi). Under review, American Journal of Health Economics. [ABDC A* — designation to verify before external distribution]

** Denotes a current or former student coauthor.*

WORKING PAPERS

"School Accountability and Child Hyperactivity" (with Susan E. Chen).

"Revisiting the Effect of the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansion on Migration" (with Laura Connolly and Otto Lenhart).

"Alimony Reform and Household Food Security: Evidence from State-Level Policy Changes" (with Otto Lenhart and Laura Connolly). Working paper.

"Born on the Dark Side of the Clock: Time-Zone Boundaries, Circadian Misalignment, and Infant Health" (with Hamid Noghanibehambari). Working paper.

APPLIED RESEARCH AND WHITE PAPERS

"Economic Growth and Talent Attraction in Greater Nashville" (with Stephanie Bilderback). Center for Applied Business Research, Austin Peay State University, 2026. White paper developed from collaborative research involving student coauthors Kylie Biter*, William Smith*, and Hailey Dorsey*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"The Impact of Caring for a Child with ADHD on Parental Outcomes"

"Understanding Trends in ADHD Prevalence: A Stochastic Dominance Approach" (with Susan E. Chen)

"Childhood Disability and Parental Labor Outcomes" (with Susan E. Chen)

"Impacts of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Fertility" (with Otto Lenhart)

"The Impact of ACA Medicaid Expansion on Racial Disparities in Economic Well-Being"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Austin Peay State University: MBA Managerial Economics, Business Statistics, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics.

Graduate Curriculum Development: Developed and taught the inaugural MBA-level Managerial Economics course over two academic years.

Instructional Formats: Experience delivering face-to-face, hybrid, hybrid-light, and fully online courses.

University of Northern Iowa: Health Economics, Decision Analytics, Introduction to Economics (Honors and Hybrid).

University of Alabama: Health Care Economics (undergraduate and graduate), Intermediate Microeconomics.

Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth: The Mathematics of Money.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FUNDING APPLICATIONS

2026–2027 | Principal Investigator / Primary Applicant (with Stephanie L. Bilderback, Co-Applicant), "Beyond the Bachelor's Degree: Advancing Collaborative Research on Education, Earnings, and Career Opportunity," Austin Peay State University Research and Scholarly Support Grant (RSG). $3,000 requested for faculty conference travel; application submitted, decision pending.

2026 | Co-Applicant (with Stephanie Bilderback), "Connected Futures: Building Inclusive STEM Entrepreneurship Through Gen Z Digital Well-Being and Sustainable Technology," VentureWell Ecosystem Futures Fellowship (supported by the Lemelson Foundation), Austin Peay State University. $30,000 external fellowship proposal submitted; funding pending (notification anticipated January 2027). Proposed initiative focuses on inclusive STEM entrepreneurship, student engagement, social sustainability, and institutional innovation ecosystem development.

2023 | Co-Principal Investigator (with Susan E. Chen), "Health Insurance, Public Policy, and the Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder," HRSA Autism Secondary Data Analysis Research proposal. $120,000 requested; not funded.

HONORS AND AWARDS

AJ Taylor Distinguished Professorship Award, APSU College of Business (2022).

Best Student Paper Award, Society of Business, Industry, and Economics (SOBIE) Annual Conference (2023); awarded to student coauthor Michael Liby* for joint airline-industry research.

CORE-Teagle Fellow (2017); Three-Minute Thesis Department Winner and University Finalist (2017).

Economics, Finance, and Legal Studies Summer Research Grant (2017); Dean Recognition for Teaching Excellence (2016); Summer Excellence in Research Grant (2016).

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program, MTSU (2009–2011).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"Alimony Reform and Household Food Security: Evidence from State-Level Policy Changes" (with Otto Lenhart and Laura Connolly), Society of Business, Industry, and Economics (SOBIE) Annual Conference, April 2026.

"Affordable Care Act Dependent Coverage Provision and Infants' Health Outcomes" (with Hamid Noghanibehambari and Quan Qi). Presented by Matt Hampton at the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Annual Conference, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Nashville, TN, June 2025.

"Economic Growth and Talent Attraction in Greater Nashville" (with Stephanie Bilderback, Kylie Biter*, William Smith*, and Hailey Dorsey*). Presented by student coauthors at the Society of Business, Industry, and Economics (SOBIE) Annual Conference, April 2026.

"ACA Dependent Coverage and Reverse Crowd-Out," Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, November 2023.

"Do Occupational Licensing Regulations Increase Earnings," Society of Business, Industry, and Economics, April 2023.

"Revisiting the Effect of the ACA Medicaid Expansion on Migration," West Virginia University Economics Seminar, March 2023; Society of Business, Industry, and Economics, April 2022; MTSU Seminar, March 2022; Public Choice Society, March 2022.

"The Impact of ACA Medicaid Expansion on Racial Disparities in Economic Well-Being," National Economic Association at ASSA, January 2022.

"Impacts of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Fertility," Southern Economic Association, November 2021.

"Minimum Wages, Retirement Timing, and Labor Supply," APPAM (2020), UNI Brownbag (2020), Western Economic Association (2020), American Society of Health Economists (2019).

"Access to Health Care and Mental Health," Southern Economic Association, November 2019.

"School Accountability and Child Hyperactivity," University of Northern Iowa (2018), University of Florida (2018).

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE AND RESEARCH IMPACT

2026 — WKRN News 2. "Tennessee Job Growth Slows Sharply, Creating More Competition for Job Seekers, Economist Says." Television interview providing expert commentary on Tennessee labor market conditions.

2021 — Forbes / Next Avenue. Farrell, C. "What a Higher Minimum Wage Would Mean for Older Workers." National news coverage featuring Hampton and Evan Totty's research on minimum wages and retirement timing.

2021 — Economic Policy Institute. "A $15 Minimum Wage Would Have Significant and Direct Effects on the Federal Budget." Policy report citing Hampton and Totty's research on minimum wages and retirement decisions.

ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

First-Generation Governor, Austin Peay State University (faculty/staff designation).

APSU: Academic White Committee; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee; Quality Enhancement Plan Committee; SHAPE Campaign Committee.

University of Northern Iowa: Economics Club Faculty Adviser; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee; College of Business Student Leadership Awards Selection Committee.

Journal referee: Review of Economics of the Household; Economics and Human Biology; Population Research and Policy Review; Journal of Consumer Affairs.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association; American Society of Health Economists; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; International Health Economics Association; Public Choice Society; Southern Economic Association; Western Economic Association International.