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**Education**

Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics  
Ph.D. in Economics: Expected Completion May, 2022  
Ph.D. Advancement to Candidacy: March, 2020  
M.A. in Economics: May, 2018

Colorado College, Department of Economics  
B.A. in Mathematical Economics: May, 2016

**Research Fields**

Economic History, Health Economics, Public Economics

**Teaching Fields**

Econometrics, Labor Economics, Health Economics, Economic History, Microeconomics, Public Economics

**Working Papers**

*“Two-Parent Targeted Welfare and Family Structure in the Mid-20th Century: Evidence from the Implementation of AFDC-UP”*

**Works in Progress**

*“Who Benefits from Federal Welfare Spending? Evidence from the Introduction of Progressive Cost Sharing”* (Joint with Andrew Goodman-Bacon)

*“From Assistance to Insurance: 1950 Social Security Expansions and the Decline of Elderly Public Assistance”* (Joint with Daniel Fetter)

**Honors and Fellowships**

Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics  
Vanderbilt University Economics Fellowship: 2016 – Present  
Kirk Dornbush Dissertation Fellowship: Fall, 2020  
Kirk Dornbush Summer Research Grant: Summer, 2018

Colorado College, Department of Economics  
Van-Skilling Award: April, 2015

### **Additional Research Experience**

Vanderbilt University, Research Assistant

Professor William Collins: December, 2017 – May, 2018

Professor Andrew Goodman-Bacon: December, 2017 – May, 2018; Summer, 2020

Professor Michelle Marcus: September, 2018 – May, 2019

### **Teaching Experience**

Vanderbilt University, Teaching Assistant

Urban Economics: Fall, 2017

Economic Statistics: Spring, 2018

Health Economics: Fall, 2018; Spring, 2019; Fall, 2019; Spring, 2020

Public Finance: Fall, 2019; Spring, 2020

### **Additional Teaching Experience**

Colorado College, Tutor, Quantitative Reasoning Center: 2014-2016

### **References**

Professor William Collins: [william.collins@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:william.collins@vanderbilt.edu)

Professor Andrew Goodman-Bacon: [andrew.j.goodman-bacon@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:andrew.j.goodman-bacon@vanderbilt.edu)

### **Conference / Seminar Presentations**

*Economic History Association*, September, 2019 (Poster Session)

*Vanderbilt Empirical and Applied Microeconomics Seminar*, September, 2019; September, 2020

*Southern Economic Association*, November, 2019 (Two Presentations)

### **Additional Professional Activities**

*Referee: Industrial Relations, A Journal of Economy and Society*

### **Professional Affiliations**

*Economic History Association*