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Education

- Ph.D. Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2019
- M.A. Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2015
- B.A. Economics (with honors), University of Illinois at Chicago, 2013

Publications

Journal Articles

- Thompson, Paul and **Jason Ward**. (2021). Only a matter of time? The role of time in school on four-day school week achievement impacts. Economics of Education Review. (forthcoming).
- Ward, Jason** and Kathryn Edwards. (2021). CPS Nonresponse During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Explanations, Extent, and Effects. Labour Economics. 72. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2021.102060>
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- Ward, Jason** and Ben Ost. (2021). The Effect of Large-scale Performance-Based Funding in Higher Education. Education Finance and Policy. 16:1, 92-124. doi: 10.1162/edfp_a_00300
- Callison, Kevin, Kaestner, Robert, and **Jason Ward**. (2021). Do supply-side forces explain geographic variation in health care use? Economic Inquiry. 59:1, 119-139. doi: 10.1111/ecin.12926
- Kaestner, Robert, Schiman, Cuiping, and **Jason Ward**. (2020). Education and health over the life cycle. Economics of Education Review. 76. doi: 10.1016/j.econedurev.2020.101982
- Joyce, Theodore, Kaestner, Robert, and **Jason Ward**. (2020). The Impact of Parental Involvement Laws on the Abortion Rate of Minors. Demography. 57, 323-346. doi: 10.1007/s13524-019-00853-8

RAND Publications

- Increasing Efficiency and Incentives for Performance in the Army's Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) Program. Beth Asch, Michael Mattock, Patricia Tong, **Jason Ward**. Santa Monica, Calif.: RAND Corporation, RR-A803-1, 2021. https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RRA803-1.html
- The Effects of Project Labor Agreements on the Production of Affordable Housing: Evidence from Proposition HHH. **Jason Ward**. Santa Monica, Calif.: RAND Corporation, RR-A1362-1, 2021. https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RRA1362-1.html

The composition and employment of software personnel in the U.S. Department of Defense: an initial analysis. Bonnie L. Triesenberg, **Jason Ward**, Jonathan Cham, Devon Hill, Sean Robson, Jeff Fourman, Santa Monica, Calif.: RAND Corporation, RR-A520-1, 2020.

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Setting the level and annual adjustment of military pay. Beth Asch, Michael Mattock, Troy Smith, **Jason Ward**. Santa Monica, Calif.: RAND Corporation, RR-A368-1, 2020.

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Statistics in the time of coronavirus: COVID-19-related nonresponse in the CPS household survey. **Jason Ward**, Kathryn Edwards. Santa Monica, Calif.: RAND Corporation, WR-A842-1, 2020.

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Commentary

“Teleworking During the COVID-19 Pandemic Highlights Educational Inequity”

<https://www.rand.org/blog/2020/12/teleworking-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-highlights.html>

“The Lopsided Telework Revolution”

<https://www.rand.org/blog/2020/11/the-lopsided-telework-revolution.html>

“Industry Mix in L.A. Area Helps Explain Recent Record Unemployment Rates”

<https://www.rand.org/blog/2020/08/industry-mix-in-la-area-helps-explain-recent-record.html>

“L.A. Has the Nation’s Highest Unemployment. For Some Groups, It’s Even Worse Than That.”

<https://www.rand.org/blog/2020/08/la-has-the-nations-highest-unemployment-for-some-groups.html>

“Can declining commercial real estate demand help address California’s housing crisis?”

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/my-turn/2020/07/can-declining-commercial-real-estate-demand-help-address-californias-housing-crisis/>

“Sharing your job with a coworker could help prevent more mass layoffs”

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/26/perspectives/job-sharing-layoffs/index.html>

“How can we ease the looming crisis in rental housing”

<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2020/04/29/how-we-can-ease-the-looming-crisis-in-rental-housing/>

“A test of supply-side explanations of geographic variation in health care use”

<https://voxeu.org/article/explaining-geographic-variation-health-care-use>

Presentations

“CPS Nonresponse During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Explanations, Extent, and Effects.” Labor, Education, Aging & Population Brown Bag Seminar, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA. October 2021.

“Willingness-to-pay for School Quality: An Application of Spatial First Differences” Center for Causal Inference Brown Bag Seminar, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA. March 2021.

“Do supply-side forces explain geographic variation in health care use?” Labor, Education, Aging & Population Brown Bag Seminar, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA. June 2020.

“The Impact of Parental Involvement Laws on the Abortion Rate of Minors.” Labor, Education, Aging & Population Brown Bag Seminar, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA. September 2019.

“A test of supply-side explanations of geographic variation in health care use.” American Society of Health Economists (poster presentation). Atlanta, GA: June 2018.

“The Four-day School Week and Parental Labor Supply.” Association for Education Finance & Policy 43rd Annual Meeting, Portland, OR. March 2018.

“Licensure Requirements and Equilibrium in Teacher Labor Markets.” Association for Education Finance & Policy 42nd Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. March 2017.

Research Experience

2020 - present Associate Director, RAND Center on Housing and Homelessness in Los Angeles

2019 - present Associate Economist, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA

2017 - 2018 Research Assistant, National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA

2015 - 2016 Research Assistant, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

2012 - 2013 Research Assistant, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Cambridge, MA

Teaching Experience

2020 - present Professor, Pardee RAND Graduate School

2018 - 2019 Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois at Chicago Dept. of Economics

2017 Instructor, University of Illinois at Chicago Dept. of Economics

Professional Activities

Ad hoc reviewer: *Population Review and Policy Research*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Education Finance and Policy*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Educational Researcher*

Professional Affiliations: *American Economics Association*