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Research Interests

Urban Economics, Public Economics, Industrial Organization

Education

Ph.D. | Economics, Michigan State University (exp.) 2027
M.A. | Economics, Michigan State University 2023
B.S. & B.A. | Econ., Poli. Sci., & Spanish, University of Tulsa 2021

Work in Progress

"Where to Next? Mobile Broadband and Business Dynamics"
"Out of Bounds: An Examination of Portland, OR's Urban Growth Boundary"
"Price Check: Mobile Broadband and Consumer Price Response"
"Trip-taking and Amenity Exposure" (w/ Andrew Earle)
"The Micro-Geography of Productivity, Density, and Sorting" (w/ Oren Ziv)

Peer-Reviewed Publications (Beyond Economics)

Reaves, John, Hope O. Akaeze, Holli A. Schlukebir, Steven R. Miller, Henry O. Akaeze, and Jamie Heng-Chieh Wu. "More Care, More Workers? Gauging the Impact of Child Care Access on Labor Force Participation." *MDPI Social Sciences*, July 2025. Accessible [here](#).

Zhang, Huiwen Helen, Steven Buchele, Devin P. Raine, John T. Reaves, & Mark Brennen VanderVeen. "Applying Transreading in Teaching Literaturphilosophie: Laozi, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, and Olav H. Hauge." Chapter in *Handbook of Research on Multilingual and Multicultural Perspectives on Higher Education and Implications for Teaching*, 2022. Information accessible [here](#).

Reaves, John, Timothy Flavin, Bhaskar Mitra, Mahantesh K, and Vidhyashree Nagaraju. "Assessment And Application of EEG: A Literature Review." *Journal of Applied Bioinformatics & Computational Biology*, July 2021. Accessible [here](#).

Non-Reviewed Publications and Technical Reports

Halliday, Salina E., Danielle Hanson, Sara Kim, Adam Lamm, John T. Reaves, and Kelly Armstrong. "The Effects of Engagement in Wheelchair Sports on Depression and Anxiety Outcomes for Individuals with Physical Disability." **Undergoing revision.**

Pierce, S. J., Ulusoy, E., & Reaves, J. "Comparing year 1 cumulative scores across sites for the COM 2028 cohort." [Report prepared for College of Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State University]. Center for Statistical Training and Consulting, Michigan State University, 2025.

Pierce, S. J., Ulusoy, E., & Reaves, J. "Comparing year 1 cumulative scores across sites for the COM 2028 cohort: Technical details." [Technical report prepared for College of Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State University]. Center for Statistical Training and Consulting, Michigan State University, 2025.

Carlson, John S., [John Reaves](#), Steven J. Pierce, Sarina Roschmann, Skye Taylor, and Erin Werth. "Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Statewide Wraparound Evaluation." [Report prepared for Michigan Department of Health and Human Services]. Center for Statistical Training and Consulting, Michigan State University, 2025.

Flavin, Timothy, Thomas Steiner, [John Reaves](#), Julian Abhari, Zoe Delap, Bhaskar Mitra, and Vidhyashree Nagaraju. "ML Democracy: An Enhanced Voting Algorithm for Model Selection for Efficient EEG Data Assessment." *21st IEEE International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA)*, 2022. Accessible [here](#).

Hendricks, Matthew D., [John Reaves](#), and Gary Watts. "Understanding the Impact of the Five Lagging Chargeables in Oklahoma's State Aid Formula and Policy Implications." *Institute for the Study of Education Finance*, Sept. 2020. Accessible [here](#).

Teaching

Instructor, PPL 802 — Quantitative Methods in Public Policy II	SP24
Instructor, EC 201 — Introduction to Microeconomics	SU23
TA, EC 201 — Introduction to Microeconomics	FA22-FA23, FA24, FA25
TA, EC 301 — Intermediate Microeconomics	SP22
TA, EC 302 — Intermediate Macroeconomics	FA21

Conference Presentations

- 2025: MSU Grand River Conference, Urban Economics Association, Southern Economics Association
- 2024: MSU Red Cedar Conference, Urban Economics Association, Southern Economics Association (coauthor presenting)
- 2023: MSU Graduate Student Seminar (internal), National Tax Association (poster session)

Research and Professional Experience

RA, Center for Statistical Training and Consulting (CSTAT) Michigan State	2025-
RA, Antonio Galvao (short-term) Michigan State	2025
RA, Jamie Wu & Steven Miller (CEPR) Michigan State	2023-2024
RA, Vidhyashree Nagaraju (Computer Science) University of Tulsa	2020-2021
RA, Matthew Hendricks (Economics) University of Tulsa	Summer 2020

Service

Graduate Micro Tutoring Michigan State	2022-Present
IIT Teaching Fellowship Michigan State	2024-2025
Graduate Student (First-Year) Mentor Michigan State	2022-2024
Economics Graduate Student Organization Representative Michigan State	2022-2023
Graduate Employees Union (GEU) Steward Michigan State	2022-Present

Informational Seminars

HPCC Introductory Session (w/ Maitri Punjabi)	Fall 2025
Economics Department (R) Coding Boot Camp	Fall 2023

Software Proficiency

R/RStudio, LaTeX, Git/Github, Tableau, Python, Stata