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## EDUCATION

### Vanderbilt University

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics, *Expected 2025*

*Committee: Christopher (“Kitt”) Carpenter (Chair), Marcus Dillender, Analisa Packham, Andrea Moro, Art Goldsmith*

### Vanderbilt University

Master of Arts in Economics, *2021*

### Vanderbilt University

Graduate Program in Economic Development (GPED)

Master of Arts in Economic Development, *2019*

### James Madison University

Bachelor of Science in Economics, *2016*

**Research fields:** Applied microeconomics – Health, Labor, Development, LGBTQ+ economics

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Carpenter, C. S., Lee, M. J., & **Nettuno, L.** (Forthcoming). Gender Minority Status and Family Inequality in the United States. *Russell Sage Foundation Journal in Social Sciences*.

**Nettuno, L.**, Mann, S., & Gonzales G. (2024). Sexual orientation-based health disparities in Chile. *PLOS ONE*.

**Nettuno, L.** (2024). Gender identity, labor market outcomes, and socioeconomic status: Evidence from Chile. *Labour Economics*.

Tran, N. M., Mann, S., Cortez, M. G., Harrell, B., & **Nettuno, L.** (2023). Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and mental health by gender identity in the United States, 2019–2021. *Preventive Medicine*.

Carpenter, C. S., Lee, M. J., & **Nettuno, L.** (2022). Economic outcomes for transgender people and other gender minorities in the United States: First estimates from a nationally representative sample. *Southern Economic Journal*.

## WORKING PAPERS and WORK IN PROGRESS

“Effects of Workplace Anti-Discrimination Policies on Families: Evidence from ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’” (*Job Market Paper*)

“Financial Inclusion in Papua New Guinea” – *with Martin H. Davies*

“Infant Health and Aerial Fumigation of Illicit Crops in Colombia”

## NON-ACADEMIC WRITING

“Transgender people face significant economic challenges,” *IZA World of Labor*, May 17, 2022. – *with Christopher S. Carpenter and Maxine J. Lee*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Guest Lecturer, Vanderbilt University

- Mental Health Policy (Dr. Panka Bencsik) – *Fall 2023*
- Field Research in Development Economics (Dr. Ana Regina Vides de Andrade) – *Spring 2022, Spring 2023*
- Introduction to Latin American Development (Dr. Ana Regina Vides de Andrade) – *Fall 2024*

### Teaching Assistant, Economics Department, Vanderbilt University – *August 2018 to present*

- *Field Research in Development Economics – Master's level*
  - Jointly led field research trips to El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Argentina to collect data on multidimensional poverty.
  - Taught STATA bootcamp to prepare students for data analysis.
  - Assisted students with semester-long empirical research projects.
- *Introduction to Latin American Development – Undergraduate level*
  - Held review sessions, office hours, and other ad hoc class meetings.
  - Created quizzes, data assignments, study guides, and other course materials.
  - Graded quizzes and exams, and provided detailed feedback intended to guide students toward success.

### Tutor, Madison Economics Club, James Madison University – *August 2014 to May 2016*

- Tutored underclassmen in introductory micro and macroeconomics courses through Madison Economics Club.
- Tutored students in Calculus 1, Introduction to Econometrics, and Advanced Econometrics.

## RESEARCH ASSISTANCE EXPERIENCE

### Research Assistant, Christopher (“Kitt”) S. Carpenter, Vanderbilt University – *Summer 2021, Fall 2021, Summer 2022, Spring 2023, Summer 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024*

- Multiple projects analyzing a variety of health- and labor-related topics; minimum legal drinking age laws, historical smoking laws, LGBT health policies, and the current landscape of LGBT economic research.
- Data analysis and visualization, literature review, background research.

### Research Assistant, Development Policy Centre, the Australian National University – *December 2019 to January 2021*

- *Determinants of Governments' Fiscal Resource Revenue: Evidence from a New Database* by Martin H. Davies and Marcel Schroder.
- Data collection from government revenue reports.
- STATA and Excel analysis.

### Research Assistant, Martin H. Davies, Professor of Economics, Washington & Lee University – *May 2016 to Dec 2018*

- Study examines savings behavior in Papua New Guinea during the 2010-2014 resources boom.
- Survey of literature and literature review.
- Involved in design of study.
- Data analysis.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### CSRA (formerly, CSC) – *June 2015 to August 2017*

*(This position required me to obtain and maintain a U.S. security clearance.)*

- **Program Control Associate** (*May 2016 to August 2017*)  
Financial analysis for a large government contractor, including tracking and maintaining subcontractor labor for over 70 programs and 250 vendors, month-end accrued costs consolidation, monitoring payroll suspense accounts, and processing labor corrections.
- **Intern** (*June 2015 to May 2016*)  
Worked with monthly financial spreadsheets (rolling forecasts, profit and loss files, subcontract labor forecasting files) and contributed to final deliverables.

## GRANTS and AWARDS

**ASHEcon Diversity Scholarship**, American Society of Health Economists, 2023

**LGBTQ+ Policy Lab Research Grant**, Vanderbilt University LGBTQ+ Policy Lab, 2022

**Kirk Dornbush Summer Research Grant**, Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics, 2022

**Graduate Fellowship**, Vanderbilt University, College of Arts & Sciences, 2019 (annually)

**Award for Academic Excellence**, Vanderbilt University, 2019

**James S. and Rosemary Worley Award**, Vanderbilt University, 2018

## LEADERSHIP and ACTIVITIES

**Student Representative**, Council of Economics Graduate Students (CEGS), Vanderbilt University

- Helped plan and organize graduate student research and networking events.
- Reviewed and evaluated CEGS Research Grant Applications.

**GPED Student Ambassador**, Vanderbilt University Graduate School Fair

- Selected by program directors to be the student representative at graduate education informational event for undergraduate students.
- Answered questions about GPED requirements and gave a student's perspective on the program to prospective students.

**Organizer**, Graduate Life Coach: Conversation and Connection, Vanderbilt University

- Planned an informational event with the Vanderbilt University Graduate Student Life Coach for GPED students.
- Facilitated discussion about the importance of mental health in graduate school.
- Provided information on resources available to Vanderbilt Students such as the Office of Student Care Coordination, the Center for Wellbeing, and the University Counseling Center.

**Organizer**, Fall Networking Event, Vanderbilt University

- Led and participated on a team to organize an interdisciplinary networking event for graduate students in: GPED, Center for Latin American Studies, Master of Public Health, and International Education and Policy Management.

**Speaker**, the Hult Prize Case Competition, Vanderbilt University

- With a team, created a business plan case to solve the global energy crisis.
- Presented energy solution pitch to panel of judges in related energy, poverty, and sustainability fields.

**Speaker**, the Federal Reserve Challenge, James Madison University

- Created an overview of the current state of the U.S. economy and formulated monetary policy recommendations for the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States.
- Presented findings to Federal Reserve economists. Presentations are judged based on accuracy, public speaking and creativity.
- First Place at the 2015 Regional Competition; Second Place at the 2015 District Competition.

## SKILLS and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

- As a trainee in the Vanderbilt University Center for Research on Inequality and Health, I have participated in multiple NIH grant writing workshops, as well as impact workshops.
- Stata, R, SAS, LaTeX, Excel, Mendeley, ArcGIS, QGIS
- Spanish, proficient

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

- Presenter, Discussant – 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of the Southern Economic Association, Washington, DC 2024
- Presenter – Association for Public Policy Administration and Management 2024 Fall Conference, National Harbor, MD 2024
- Presenter, Discussant – 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meetings of the Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, LA 2023
- Discussant – 2024 Allied Social Science Associations Conference, San Antonio, TX 2024
- Presenter, Discussant – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, St. Louis, MO 2023
- Non-presenting Author – Russell Sage Foundation Conference on “U.S. Census 2020: Continuity and Change,” New York, NY 2023
- Presenter, Discussant – 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meetings of the Southern Economic Association, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 2022
- Presenter – Institute of National Affairs, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, 2022
- Presenter – 2022 Pacific Update Conference, Suva, Fiji, 2022
- Presenter – Eastern Economic Association Conference, Montego Bay, Jamaica 2022
- Presenter – Association for Public Policy Administration and Management 2021 Fall Conference (delayed due to COVID), Austin, TX 2022
- Attendee – NBER Health Economics Program Meeting, Cambridge, MA 2021
- Presenter – 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meetings of the Southern Economic Association, Houston, TX 2021
- Discussant – 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of the Southern Economic Association, Virtual 2020
- Attendee – 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of the Southern Economic Association, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 2019
- Attendee – 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of the Southern Economic Association, D.C. 2018

## **JOURNAL REFEREE/REVIEWER SERVICE**

- Labour Economics