

# Evan Riehl

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EDUCATION      **Columbia University**, New York, NY  
Ph.D. in Economics, 2011–2017  
Committee: Bentley MacLeod, Miikka Rokkanen, Miguel Urquiola  
**Washington University**, St. Louis, MO  
B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2004–2008  
Majors: Economics (Honors with Distinction), Political Science  
Minor: Mathematics

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS      **Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and ILR School, 2017–

PUBLISHED & FORTHCOMING ARTICLES      “The returns to STEM programs for less-prepared students”  
with Kevin Ng  
Forthcoming, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*

“The direct and spillover effects of large-scale affirmative action at an elite Brazilian university”  
with Cecilia Machado and Germán Reyes  
Forthcoming, *Journal of Labor Economics*

“Do less informative college admission exams reduce earnings inequality? Evidence from Colombia”  
Forthcoming, *Journal of Labor Economics*

“Accountability, test prep incentives, and the design of math and English exams”  
with Meredith Welch  
*Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 2023, 42(1): 60–96

“Do college students benefit from placement into higher-achieving classes?”  
with Nicolás de Roux  
*Journal of Public Economics* 2022, 210: 104669

“Disrupted academic careers: The returns to time off after high school”  
with Nicolás de Roux  
*Journal of Development Economics* 2022, 156: 102824

“Learning and earning: An approximation to college value added in two dimensions”

with Juan E. Saavedra and Miguel Urquiola

*Productivity in Higher Education*, edited by C. Hoxby and K. Stange, The University of Chicago Press, 2019, Chapter 4, pp. 105–132

“The big sort: College reputation and labor market outcomes”

with W. Bentley MacLeod, Juan E. Saavedra, and Miguel Urquiola

*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 2017, 9(3): 223–261

WORKING  
PAPERS

“Community impacts of mass incarceration”

with Arpit Gupta and Christopher Hansman

“Stakes and signals: An empirical investigation of muddled information in standardized testing”

with Germán Reyes and Ruqing Xu

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

2023 (scheduled): Clemson University, LERA@ASSA Meeting, Simon Fraser University

2022: American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting\*, NBER Law and Economics (Summer Institute)\*, Northeastern Economics of Education Workshop, SOLE Annual Meeting, Texas Economics of Crime Workshop, Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime\*, University of Florida, University of Georgia, University of Illinois School of Labor and Employment Relations, Washington University in St. Louis

2020 (including cancelled): AEA Annual Meeting, Labor Markets and Public Policy Research Workshop (Clemson University), Northeast Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists (Princeton University)

2019: Binghamton University, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, SOLE Annual Meeting, Syracuse University, University at Buffalo, University of Rochester

2018: Mechanism Design for Social Good Workshop (Conference on Economics and Computation), NBER Economics of Education (Spring), SOLE Annual Meetings

2017: Chicago Booth, Cornell University, Institute of Developing Economies, University of British Columbia, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, U.S. Naval Academy, Waseda University

2016: LACEA Annual Meeting, WEAI Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop

2015: SOLE Annual Meeting

\*Denotes co-author presentation of joint paper (partial list)

TEACHING	<p>Seminar in Labor Economics I (Ph.D.)  Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2022, Fall 2023</p> <p>Inequality in U.S. Higher Education (Undergraduate)  Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2023</p> <p>Economics of Wages and Employment (Undergraduate)  Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2022, Fall 2023</p> <p>Labor Economics Workshop (Organizer)  Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021</p>
HONORS, GRANTS, & AWARDS	<p>MacIntyre Award for Exemplary Teaching and Advising, Cornell ILR School, 2023</p> <p>Grant award (\$12,000), Cornell Center for Social Sciences, 2023</p> <p>Faculty Fellowship, Cornell Center for Social Sciences, 2022</p> <p>Small Grant award (\$5,000), Cornell Institute for the Social Sciences, 2018</p> <p>Best research paper by a Ph.D. student, Columbia Committee on the Economics of Education, 2015</p> <p>Vickrey Prize for best third year economics paper, Columbia University, 2014</p> <p>Lewis A. Sanders Endowed Fellowship in Economics, Columbia University, 2014</p> <p>Wueller Teaching Award (runner up), Columbia University, 2013</p> <p>Adam Smith Prize for Excellence in Economics, Washington University, 2008</p> <p>Antoinette Frances Dames Award in Music, Washington University, 2008</p>
AFFILIATIONS	<p>Affiliated Faculty, Cornell Center for Social Sciences, 2017–</p> <p>Affiliated Faculty, Cornell Higher Education Research Institute, 2017–</p> <p>Fellow, Columbia Committee on the Economics of Education, 2015–2017</p> <p>Fellow, Columbia Center for Development Economics and Policy, 2015–</p> <p>President, Columbia University Association of Graduate Economics Students, 2014</p>
REFEREE SERVICE	<p><i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Economics Bulletin, Economics of Education Review, The Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Research in Higher Education, The Quarterly Journal of Economics</i></p>

OTHER SERVICE    Conference organizer (with Ying Shi and Maria Zhu), Syracuse-Cornell Summer Workshop in Education and Social Policy, 2023  
 Conference reviewer, Society of Labor Economics (SOLE), 2023  
 Speaker, Cornell Upward Bound program, 2022  
 Conference reviewer, Mechanism Design for Social Good (M4DSG)/Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization (EAAMO), 2020–2021  
 Reviewer, National Science Foundation’s Economics Program, 2018

PH.D. ADVISING    Samuel Dodini (Cornell Economics 2021, Placement: Post-doc, Norwegian School of Economics)  
 Nikolai Boboshko (Cornell Economics 2022, Placement: Associate, Cornerstone Research)  
 Martha Johnson (Cornell Economics 2022, Placement: Economist, Anthem Health Insurance)  
 Kevin Ng (Cornell Economics 2022, Placement: Research Analyst, CNA)  
 Christa Deneault (Cornell Economics 2023, Placement: Economist, Federal Trade Commission)  
 Germán Reyes (Cornell Economics 2023, Placement: Assistant Professor, Middlebury College)  
 Senan Hogan Hennessy (Cornell Economics, current student)  
 Hyewon Kim (Cornell Economics, current student)  
 Yaling Xu (Cornell Economics, current student)  
 Daniel Sabey (Cornell Economics, current student)  
 Tess Lallemand (Cornell Applied Economics & Management, current student)

UNDERGRAD  
 HONORS THESIS  
 ADVISING        Ludvig Cedemar (Cornell Economics 2020, primary advisor, winner of Uri M. Possen Award for best undergraduate honors thesis in economics)  
 Megan Shkolyar (Cornell ILR 2020, primary advisor)  
 Alexandra Macdonald (Cornell ILR 2020, second reader)  
 Richmond Addae (Cornell ILR 2023, primary advisor)

OTHER WORK  
 EXPERIENCE     Senior Analyst, Analysis Group, Denver, CO, 2008–2011

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