

Andrew Christopher Barr

Curriculum Vitae

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Fields of Interest

Applied Microeconomics – Labor, Public, Education

Current Positions

Assistant Professor of Economics, Texas A&M University (2015-present)

Research Network Affiliate, CESifo (2014-present)

Faculty Director, Texas A&M – US Army Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis Partnership (2015-present)

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Virginia	May 2015
M.A. in Economics, University of Virginia	2011
B.A. in Economics, University of Virginia, Award for Most Outstanding Major	2007

Publications and Forthcoming

Barr, A. and Turner, S. “A Letter and Encouragement: Does Information Increase Post-Secondary Enrollment of UI Recipients?” forthcoming at *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*

Barr, A. “Fighting for Education: Veterans and Financial Aid” forthcoming at *Journal of Labor Economics*

Barr, A. 2016. “Enroll or Enlist: Credit Constraints, College Aid, and the Military Enlistment,” *Economics of Education Review* (special issue on College Access), 51, 61-78.

Barr, A., and Turner, S. 2015. “Out of work and into school: Labor market policies and college enrollment during the Great Recession,” *Journal of Public Economics*, 124, 63-73.

Barr, A. 2015. “From the Battlefield to the Schoolyard: The Short-term Impact of the Post-9/11 GI Bill,” *Journal of Human Resources*, 50(2).

Barr, A. and Turner, S. 2013. “Expanding Enrollments and Contracting Budgets: The Effect of the Great Recession on Higher Education,” *The Annals: American Academy of Political and Social Science* .

Working Papers

“Breaking the Cycle: The Intergenerational Effects of Head Start,” with Chloe Gibbs August 2017
Supported by UC Davis Center for Poverty Research Small Research Award

“Fighting Crime in the Cradle: The Effects of Early Childhood Food Stamp Access” August 2017

“Prompting Active Choice Among High-Risk Borrowers: Evidence from a Student Loan Counseling Experiment,” with Ben Castleman and Kelli Bird January 2017

Work in Progress

“The Bottom Line on College Counseling,” with Ben Castleman
Winner of Coalition for Evidence Based Policy Low-Cost RCT Competition (\$100,000)

“Personalized postsecondary information for US Army Service Members” with Kelli Bird, Ben Castleman, and Bill Skimmyhorn

“Personalized Prompts and Information to Improve Outcomes for Unemployed Individuals” with Ben Castleman
Supported by the Arnold Foundation (\$299,843) and the Russell Sage Foundation (\$57,219)

“Labor Market Outcomes and the Post-9/11GI Bill” with Laura Kawano, Bruce Sacerdote and Bill Skimmyhorn

“Return to For-profit Education: Lessons from Military Veterans” with Chris Avery, Laura Kawano, Bruce Sacerdote and Bill Skimmyhorn

Recognitions

NAED/Spencer Post-doc Fellowship	NAED/Spencer Foundation	2017-2019
Small Research Award	UC Davis Center for Poverty Research	2015-2016
CESifo Distinguished Affiliate Award	CESifo Economics of Education Group	2014
NSF Doctoral Dissertation Grant	National Science Foundation	2014
Snavely Dissertation Proposal Award	University of Virginia	2012-2013
NAED/Spencer Diss. Fellowship	NAED/Spencer Foundation	2012-2013
Pre-doctoral New Scholars Award	AEFP	2013
Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowship	University of Virginia	2013-2014
NSF AERA Dissertation Fellowship	NSF AERA (American Educational Research Ass.)	2013-2014
Snavely Travel Award	University of Virginia Economics Department	2012
President’s Fellowship	University of Virginia	2009-2013
Double Hoo Research Award (\$5,000)	University of Virginia	2011-2012

Presentations

2017 (including scheduled) – UC Davis, CESifo (Econ of Education), Columbia (Teachers College), Rutgers, SEA Annual Meeting (presidential session),

2016 – Texas A&M Big Data Workshop, Naval Postgraduate School, SOLE Annual Meeting, CESifo (Econ of Education), Stata Empirical Micro Conference, Methods in Experimental Economics Research Conference

2015 – West Point, Stata Empirical Micro Conference, NBER (Econ of Education) Fall Meetings, APPAM, RAND, Texas A&M, University of Georgia, Upjohn Institute, UIUC, Notre Dame, University of Chicago (Harris)

2014 – CESifo (Econ of Education), Richmond Federal Reserve, Duke (Sanford), IRP Summer Conference (Madison), NAED/ Spencer Meeting, RAND, AEFP, SEA

Teaching

Instructor (University of Virginia)

ECON 4340 – Economics of the Public Sector 2012

Instructor (Texas A&M University)

ECON 412 – Public Finance 2016

ECON 610 – Labor Economics II 2016

ECON 604 – Public Economics II 2017

ECON 603 – Public Economics I 2017

Referee Service

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Economics of Education Review, Education Finance and Policy, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Quarterly Journal of Economics