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RESEARCH INTERESTS Labor and Public Economics, Crime, Economics Education, Sports Economics

EDUCATION **Purdue University, Mitch E. Daniels Jr. School of Business**, West Lafayette, Indiana

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics 2022–2027 (expected)

Dissertation Committee: Jillian Carr, Timothy Moore, Victoria Prowse, Ben Zou

Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois

BS, BA / Mathematics, Economics 2018–2022

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS Gill, David; Knepper, Zachary; Prowse, Victoria L.; Zhou, Junya. “How Cognitive Skills Affect Strategic Behavior: Cognitive Ability, Fluid Intelligence and Judgment.” *Games and Economic Behavior*, vol. 114: 82–95 (January 2025). [\[Get the PDF here!\]](#)

Knepper, Zachary; Yench, Christopher. “Public Skateparks and Community Well-Being: A Spatial Econometric Study.” *Economics Bulletin*, AccessEcon, vol. 43(2): 868–881 (2023). [\[Get the PDF here!\]](#)

WORKING PAPERS The Diminishing Effect of Prescription Drug Policy on Labor Market Transitions [\[Get the PDF here!\]](#).

WORK IN PROGRESS Sports Gambling and Learning Outcomes (with Jillian Carr, Somdeepa Das, and Matt Kovach)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS CTREE, Las Vegas, Nevada 2026

TEACHING EXPERIENCE **Purdue University**, West Lafayette, Indiana

Principal Instructor

• ECON 390: Crime and Vice Spring 2026

- ECON 251: Microeconomics Summer 2025, Fall 2025

Substitute Instructor

- ECON 380: Money and Banking (for Alejandra López Espino) Spring 2025

Teaching Assistant

- ECON 252: Macroeconomics Fall 2022
- ECON 260: Data Visualization and Inference Fall 2022
- ECON 322: Economics of Public Policy Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2025
- ECON 360: Econometrics Spring 2023
- ECON 362: Health Economics Fall 2023, Fall 2024
- ECON 380: Money and Banking Spring 2025
- ECON 385: Labor Economics Spring 2023
- ECON 536: Public Economics Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2025
- ECON 537: Health Economics Fall 2023, Fall 2024

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Teaching Academy Graduate Teaching Award, Purdue University May 2025
- Certificate for Distinguished Teaching, Purdue University March 2025
- 2024 Doctoral Student Service Award, Purdue University January 2025
- Certificate for Outstanding Teaching, Purdue University August 2024
- Outstanding KDSA Officer, Purdue University May 2024
- Outstanding LAS Senior in Mathematics, Bradley University May 2022

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- Committee Member, Purdue Parking and Traffic Committee 2025–2026
- President, Krannert Doctoral Student Association 2024–2026

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- R (Intermediate), Stata (Intermediate), MATLAB (Intermediate)

REFERENCES

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