

Christopher Biolsi

Present Positions

Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Gordon Ford College of Business, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, August 2017 – present

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Interim Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Economics, Gordon Ford College of Business, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, July 2023-present

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Houston, Houston, TX, 2015

Dissertation Title: *Essays on State Dependence in the Government Spending Multiplier*

Main advisors: David Papell and Bent Sørensen

M.A., Economics, University of Houston, Houston, TX, 2013

B.A., Economics, Fordham University, Bronx, NY, 2004

Past Positions

Economist, Economic Policy Division, White House Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC, July 2015-July 2017

Research Assistant for Professor Aimee Chin, University of Houston, Houston, TX, Summer 2012 – Fall 2013

Trading Operations Desk, Rabar Market Research, White Plains, NY, June 2004 – July 2010

Paralegal Specialist, United States Army Reserve, Bronx, NY, November 2001 – November 2009

Mobilized under Operation Enduring Freedom to Fort Drum, NY, January 2006 – July 2007

Teaching Experience

Western Kentucky University:

ECON 203 (Principles of Economics – Macro): Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023

ECON 300 (Money & Banking): Fall 2018

ECON 480 (Economic Forecasting): Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022

ECON 496 (International Monetary Economics): Fall 2017, Spring 2023

BA 542 (International Economics, online): Spring 2019, Spring 2020

ECON 503 (Applied Macroeconomic Theory): Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023

ECON 594 (Forecasting): Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022

University of Houston:

ECON 2304 (Principles of Microeconomics): Fall 2012, Summer 2013, Fall 2013

ECON 2305 (Principles of Macroeconomics): Spring 2014

ECON 3332 (Intermediate Microeconomics): Summer 2014

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

Dr. Walter J. Primeaux, Jr. and Natalie A. Primeaux Scholarship Endowment, University of Houston, 2014

Economics Department Undergraduate Teaching Award, University of Houston, 2014

Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston, 2010 – 2015

Cross-Cutting Group Award, Office of Management and Budget, 2016

Gordon Ford College of Business Emerging Scholar Award, 2022

Mark Berger Best Paper Award, Kentucky Economic Association, 2023 for “Social Openness and International Capital Flows”

Publications

“Nonlinear Effects of Fiscal Policy over the Business Cycle,” *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, May 2017, Volume 78, pp. 54-87

“Local Effects of a Military Spending Shock: Evidence from Shipbuilding in the 1930s,” *Review of Economic Dynamics*, April 2019, Volume 32, pp. 227-248

“Do Shocks to Animal Spirits Cause Output Fluctuations?” (with Bocong Du), *Southern Economic Journal*, July 2020, Volume 87, Issue 1, pp. 331-368

“County-Level Determinants of Social Distancing (or Lack Thereof) during the COVID-19 Pandemic” (with Golnaz Baradaran Motie), *Contemporary Economic Policy*, April 2021, Volume 39, Issue 2, pp. 264-279.

“Analyzing State Government Spending: Balanced Budget Rules or Forward-Looking Decisions?” (with H. Youn Kim), *International Tax and Public Finance*, August 2021, Volume 28, Issue 4, pp. 1035-1079.

“Labor Productivity Forecasts Based on a Beveridge-Nelson Filter: Is There Statistical Evidence for a Slowdown?”, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, September 2021, Volume 69, Article #103321.

“Can Changes in Sentiments Influence Consumer Behavior? Evidence from the Trump-Russia Investigation” (with Alex Lebedinsky), *Economic Inquiry*, October 2021, Volume 59, Issue 4, pp. 1569-1592.

“Task-Level Match Effects and Worker Productivity: Evidence from Pitchers and Catchers”, (with Brian Goff and Dennis Wilson), *Applied Economics incorporating Applied Financial Economics*, Volume 54, Issue 25, 2022, pp. 2888-2899.

“Inequality in Public School Spending Across Space and Time” (with Steven G. Craig, Amrita Dhar, and Bent Sørensen), *Review of Economic Dynamics*, October 2022, Volume 46, pp. 244-279.

“Do the Hamilton and Beveridge-Nelson Filters Provide the Same Information about Output Gaps? An Empirical Comparison for Practitioners”, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, March 2023, Volume 75, Article #103496

“Coincident Economic Activity Indexes for Metropolitan Areas in Kentucky”, Accepted at *Journal of Applied Economics and Policy*

Working Papers

“The Uncertain State Dependent Government Spending Multiplier”

“The Dynamic Behavior of Government Debt Under a Time-Varying Fiscal Reaction Rule: A State Space Approach” (with H. Youn Kim)

“Corporate Influence, Conservative ‘Model Bills,’ and State Economic Outcomes” (with J. Sebastian Leguizamon)

“Social Openness and International Capital Flows” (with Amrita Dhar), Revise and Resubmit at *Southern Economic Journal*

Conferences and Presentations

2014: Texas Camp Econometrics, The Woodlands, TX; Missouri Economic Conference, Columbia, MO; University of Texas, Austin, TX; Southern Economic Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA

2015: Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX; Bureau of Economic Analysis, Washington, DC; U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC; Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC; Congressional Budget Office, Washington, DC; Moody’s Analytics, West Chester, PA; Babson College, Babson Park, MA; Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO; Texas Camp Econometrics, Conroe, TX; Western Economic Association International Meeting, Honolulu, HI; Southern Economic Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA

2016: American Economic Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA; North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, Philadelphia, PA; Western Economic Association International Meeting, Portland, OR; Southern Economic Association Meeting, Washington, DC; Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Boston, MA

2017: Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY; North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, St. Louis, MO; Kentucky Economic Association Meeting, Bowling Green, KY; Southern Economic Association Meeting, Tampa, FL

2018: Eastern Economic Association Meeting, Boston, MA; Midwest Macro Meetings, Madison, WI; Western Economic Association International Meeting, Vancouver, BC; Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY; Kentucky Economic Association Meeting, Danville, KY; University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; Southern Economic Association Meeting, Washington, DC

2019: Kentucky Economic Association Meeting, Louisville, KY; Southern Economic Association Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL

2020: Kentucky Economic Association Meeting, Virtual; Southern Economic Association Meeting, Virtual

2021: Kentucky Economic Association Meeting, Owensboro, KY; Southern Economic Association Meeting, Houston, TX

2022: Kentucky Economic Association Meeting, Highland Heights, KY; Southern Economic Association Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL

2023: University of Houston Alumni Conference, Houston, TX; Kentucky Economic Association Meeting, Berea, KY

Referee

European Economic Review, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Economic Inquiry, Contemporary Economic Policy, Empirical Economics, International Economic Journal, Applied Economics, Applied Economics Letters, Education Finance and Policy, American Educational Research Journal

Languages

English

Computer Skills

STATA, GAUSS, MATLAB, R, LaTeX (including Beamer), Microsoft Office

Citizenship: United States of America