

# Michael David Ricks

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## Employment

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2023-                    **Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Nebraska**  
2022-2023            Postdoctoral Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research

## Education

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2022                    PhD in Economics, University of Michigan  
                            MA in Economics, University of Michigan  
2017                    BS in Economics, *Magna cum laude*, Brigham Young University

## Fields

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Research              Public Economics, Education Economics, Applied Econometrics

## Research

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### Working Papers:

- “Time-Limited Subsidies: Optimal Taxation with Implications for Renewable Energy Subsidies”  
(with Owen Kay)  
*Revised and Resubmitted at the Journal of Political Economy*
- “Why Choose Career Technical Education? Disentangling Student Preferences from Program Availability ”  
(with Brian Jacob)  
*NBER Working Paper #31756;*  
*Reject and Resubmit at the Journal of Human Resources*
- “Loopholes and the Incidence of Public Services: Evidence from Funding Career & Technical Education in Michigan”  
(with Thomas Goldring, Daniel Kreisman, and Brian Jacob)  
*NBER Working Paper #32390;*  
*Under Review*
- “Public Good Perceptions and Polarization: Evidence from Higher Education Appropriations”  
(with Reuben Hurst and Andrew Simon)
- “Strategic Selection Around Policy Recommendations: The Case of Kindergarten Entry”
- “Broader Horizons: The Long-Run Impacts of Exposure to New Places”  
(with Tanner Eastmond)
- “Capital Utilization in Production Function Estimation” (with Michael Gmeiner)

## Work in Progress:

“Effect Heterogeneity and Optimal Policy: Getting Welfare Added from Teacher Value Added”  
(with Tanner Eastmond, Nathan Mather, and Julian Betts)

“Dynamic Inefficiencies from Pigouvian Subsidies? Technological Progress, Investment, and the Race for Renewable Resources”

## Teaching

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|-----------|---|
| 2023–     | Principles of Microeconomics<br>Department of Economics, University of Nebraska - Lincoln                 |
| 2019–2022 | Applied Econometrics Seminar<br>Department of Accounting, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan |
| 2021      | Economic Principles and Problems<br>Department of Economics, Brigham Young University                     |

## Fellowships, Awards, and Grants

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| 2024 | UNL College of Business Research Funds Award (\$4000)<br>Upjohn Early Career Research Award   |
| 2022 | Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowships   |
| 2021 | Michigan Economics Graduate Research Grant (\$3000)<br>John E. Parker Memorial Prize in Labor Economics   |
| 2020 | Michigan Economics Graduate Research Grant (\$4380)<br>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, Candidate (\$3000)<br>Outstanding Third Year Paper Award<br>University of Michigan Library Data Grant (\$500) |
| 2019 | Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, Pre-Candidate (\$1500)<br>Department of Economics Summer Research Award (\$2500)   |
| 2018 | Department of Economics Summer Research Award (\$2500)  |
| 2017 | Gail Roggin Wilensky Fellowship (2017-18)<br>BYU ORCA (Office of Research and Creative Activities) Grant (\$1500)   |

## Service

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| 2019-2020 | Climate & Inclusion Committee, Causal Inference in Education Research, Michigan |
| 2018-2019 | PhD Admissions Committee, Department of Economics, Michigan                     |

Refereeing: *Journal of the European Economic Association, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Labor Economics, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, Education Evaluation and Policy Analysis*

## External Presentations

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| 2024 | ASSA Annual Meeting, NBER Public Spring Program Meeting, Nebraska Labor Summit (scheduled)   |
| 2023 | Harvard Kennedy School, Opportunity Insights, AERE Annual Summer Conference, NBER Summer Institute, Kansas State University National Tax Association |
| 2022 | Brigham Young University, Yale School of the Environment   |
| 2021 | ASSA Annual Meeting, Midwest Energy Fest, AERE Annual Summer Conference, Michigan Tax Invitational   |
| 2020 | MUSE Sustainability Conference, BYU Economics Summer Conference, APPAM Conference, National Tax Association  |

## Personal Information

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| Languages   | English (native), Spanish (professional) |
| Citizenship | United States                            |