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Research fields Behavioral and experimental economics; applications in labor economics and public health

Education

Ph.D., Economics	University of California, Santa Barbara (Chair: Gary Charness)	2022
M.S., Applied Economics	Montana State University, Bozeman	2010
B.A., Philosophy	Montana State University, Bozeman Second major in Economics; Minor in Mathematics; <i>highest honors</i>	2007

Academic positions

Researcher; Lab Manager	Purdue University, Department of Economics	2023–present
Researcher; Instructor	University of Wisconsin–La Crosse, Department of Economics	2021–2023
Instructor	Montana State University, Bozeman, Dept. of Ag. Econ. & Econ.	2010–2011

Research

“Temptation: Immediacy and certainty”

JOB MARKET PAPER. Revised 27 September 2025.

“Dynamic investment in teamwork skill: Theory and experimental evidence”

with David Gill and Victoria Prowse. Under review. Revised 2 September 2025.

“On prior confidence and belief updating”

with Kenneth Chan, Gary Charness, and Chetan Dave. Under review. Revised 13 May 2025.

“Vaccination as personal public-good provision”

with Gary Charness and David I. Levine. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, August 2024.

“Can targeted messages reduce COVID-19 vaccination hesitancy? A randomized trial”

with Gary Charness and David I. Levine. *Preventive Medicine Reports*, October 2022.

Reviews

“Non-financial motivation in the workplace”

with Gary Charness and Michael Cooper. *Elgar Encyclopedia of Labour Studies*, 2023.

“Wage policies, incentive schemes, and motivation” with Gary Charness and Michael Cooper.

Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics, December 2020.

Research in progress

“Mentoring and training in a repeated social dilemma”

with David Gill, Victoria Prowse, and Yaroslav Rosokha. Post-trial; manuscript in preparation.

“Understanding willpower with simple tests”

In pilot and registration.

“Risk and simplicity”

In pilot and registration.

Teaching experience

Instructor	University of Wisconsin–La Crosse	Principles of Macroeconomics, Honors Seminar
Instructor	Montana State University, Bozeman	Introductory Microeconomics
Teaching Assistant	University of California, Santa Barbara	Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics (Master’s), Finance, History of Economic Thought, European Economic History, Intro. to Economics

Professional service

Founder and Organizer Disabled Student Support Group, University of Wisconsin–La Crosse 2022–2023
Founded and co-organized events with disabled faculty to support disabled students.

Committee Member Official Ad-hoc Committee on Disability, University of California 2020–2021
Contributed to UC-system initiatives for equity and inclusion of disabled students.

Referee *Experimental Economics*; *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*; *Southern Economic Journal*; *American Journal of Health Promotion*; *Pharmacy*

Academic publications (non-economics)

“LISA data analysis using genetic algorithms” with Jeff Crowder and Neil J. Cornish. *Physical Rev D* 73, Mar 2006.

Conference presentations

“**Temptation: Immediacy and certainty**” Western Economic Association International (Mar 2021); Economic Science Association (Oct 2019, Sep 2020, Nov 2020, Oct 2025)

“**On prior confidence and belief updating**” BRIC 11, ITAM, Mexico City (June 2025)

“**Beliefs and preferences regarding risk and ambiguity**” Gary Charney Memorial, Tucson, AZ (Jan 2025)

“**Vaccination as personal public-good provision**” Economic Science Association (Nov 2022); Midwest Economics Research Group (Aug 2022)

Laboratory management

Purdue University Vernon Smith Experimental Economics Laboratory 2023–present

UC Santa Barbara Experimental and Behavioral Economics Laboratory 2020–2021

For both: Developed tools for participant management and deactivation; resolved technical issues with the recruitment system; coordinated session and seminar scheduling; supervised undergraduate research assistants.

Technology expertise

Stata, R, Python, Matlab, C, PHP, Javascript, SQL, Git, OpenBSD, Linux, cloud platforms, and supercomputing.

Certifications CompTIA CSIS (Security+ #SY0-201, Network+ #N10-004), A+ #220-221, #220-222; Microsoft Certified Professional #070-210 (expired); Cisco Certified Network Associate #840-801 (expired)

Technology & entrepreneurial experience

RightNow Technologies (acquired by Oracle) Software Engineer 2010–2011

Coordinated and engineered upgrades for large client websites, including USPS and Sony Online Entertainment.

LARZ Consulting Software Engineer; Proprietor 2003–2007

Developed all frontend, backend, and internal business systems for **SoftwareAdvice.com**—including marketing, SEO, sales, accounting, and management features—supporting massive growth and eventual **acquisition by Gartner**. Other clients' projects included custom retail websites, school district curriculum management, and business websites.

References

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