

# Ryan Nunn

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## PERSONAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Economics and Public Policy: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2012

M.A. in Economics: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2008

B.A. in Economics, *summa cum laude*: Case Western Reserve University,  
Cleveland OH, 2004

## FIELDS

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Labor Economics, Public Finance

## EMPLOYMENT AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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The Hamilton Project, Washington DC

*Policy Director*. 2016-present.

Economic Studies Program, Washington DC

*Fellow*. 2016-present.

University of Maryland, College Park

*Adjunct Lecturer*. “Program Analysis and Evaluation” (Master of Professional Studies Program in Applied Economics). 2015-present. Designed course materials and taught students from a variety of backgrounds. Recipient of Fall 2016 Teaching Award.

U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington DC

*Economist*. 2012-2016: Briefed Assistant Secretary and other Treasury Department leadership on relevant labor and public finance issues. Performed independent statistical analysis of microeconomic datasets in support of these briefings. Participated in inter-agency policy initiatives and reports, notably including those related to occupational licensing reform. Conducted academic research in empirical microeconomics, with a focus on labor market implications of tax policy. Wrote policy papers regarding labor market policy.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

*Lecturer*. “Principles of Microeconomics” (Department of Economics). 2010. Prepared and taught the course.

*Graduate Student Instructor* (7 semesters).

“Principles of Microeconomics” (Department of Economics). Taught discussion sections and served as head graduate student instructor for three semesters.  
“World Economic History” (Department of Economics). Worked with students on research assignments and methodology.

*Research Assistant* (Professors Miles Kimball and Daniel Silverman). 2007-2009.  
Assisted with research on hedonic adaptation in Health and Retirement Study data.

Brookings Institution, Washington DC

*Senior Research Assistant* (Drs. George Perry and Charles Schultze). 2004-2006.  
Assisted with editing of Brookings Papers on Economic Activity; research assistance for labor economics analysis and other macroeconomic research.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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*Referee:* Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Human Resources, Economic Inquiry, Economics Bulletin.

*Member:* Labor and Employment Relations Association; Panel of Experts for *Occupational Licensing: Assessing State Policy and Practice*, an initiative of the National Conference of State Legislatures, National Governor’s Association, and The Council of State Governments

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Is Employment Polarization Informative About Wage Inequality and Is Employment Really Polarizing?” (with Jennifer Hunt)  
“Unemployment Insurance and Wage Growth (with Laura Kawano and Katherine Lim)  
“Unemployment Insurance and Worker Mobility” (with Laura Kawano and Ben Klemens)  
“Occupational Licensing in a Tax Incidence Framework”  
“Occupational Licensing and the Limits of Public Choice Theory” (with Gabriel Scheffler, forthcoming in the ALR Accord)  
“Accounting for Adaptation in the Economics of Happiness” (with Miles Kimball and Dan Silverman, NBER WP #21365)  
“Optimal Tax Preferences”  
“Taxation, Match Quality, and Social Welfare” (with Brendan Epstein and Musa Orak)

## THE HAMILTON PROJECT

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“Nine Facts about the Great Recession and Tools for Fighting the Next Downturn” (with Diane Schanzenbach, Lauren Bauer, David Boddy, and Greg Nantz)  
“Where Does All the Money Go: Shifts in Household Spending Over the Past 30 Years” (with Diane Schanzenbach, Lauren Bauer, and Megan Mumford)  
“Who is Poor in the United States?” (with Diane Schanzenbach and Lauren Bauer)  
“Occupational Licensing and American Workers”

- “The Changing Landscape of American Life Expectancy” (with Diane Schanzenbach and Lauren Bauer)
- “Seven Facts on Noncognitive Skills from Education to the Labor Market” (with Diane Schanzenbach, Lauren Bauer, Megan Mumford, and Audrey Breitwieser)
- “The Economics of Private Prisons” (with Megan Mumford and Diane Schanzenbach)
- “Twelve Facts about Incarceration and Prisoner Reentry” (with Diane Schanzenbach, Lauren Bauer, Audrey Breitwieser, Megan Mumford, and Greg Nantz)
- “Money Lightens the Load” (with Diane Schanzenbach, Megan Mumford, and Lauren Bauer)
- “If You Build It: A Guide to the Economics of Infrastructure Investment” (with Diane Schanzenbach and Greg Nantz)
- “In Order That They Might Rest Their Arguments on Facts: The Vital Role of Government-Collected Data” (with Nicholas Eberstadt, Diane Schanzenbach, and Michael Strain)
- “Twelve Economic Facts on Energy and Climate Change” (with Diane Schanzenbach, Audrey Breitwieser, Megan Mumford, Greg Nantz, Michael Greenstone, and Sam Ori)
- “Putting Your Major to Work: Career Paths after College” (with Diane Schanzenbach and Greg Nantz)
- “The Closing of the Jobs Gap: A Decade of Recession and Recovery” (with Diane Schanzenbach, Lauren Bauer, and Audrey Breitwieser)
- “Who is Out of the Labor Force?” (with Diane Schanzenbach, Lauren Bauer, and Megan Mumford)
- “Thirteen Facts about Wage Growth” (with Jay Shambaugh, Patrick Liu, and Greg Nantz)
- The 51%: Driving Growth through Women’s Economic Participation (edited with Diane Schanzenbach)
- “The Incomplete Progress of Women in the Labor Market” (with Megan Mumford)
- “Lessons from the Rise of Women’s Labor Force Participation in Japan” (with Jay Shambaugh and Becca Portman)
- “Eleven Facts about Innovation and Patents” (with Jay Shambaugh and Becca Portman)
- Revitalizing Wage Growth: Policies to Get American Workers a Raise (edited with Jay Shambaugh)
- “How Declining Dynamism Affects Wages (with Jay Shambaugh and Patrick Liu)
- “How Occupational Licensing Matters for Wages and Careers”

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## SELECTED COMMENTARY AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- The Regulatory Review. January 30, 2017. *The Future of Occupational Licensing Reform*.
- The Wall Street Journal (with Matthew Mitchell). July 6, 2017. *Rule Reversal: How the Feds Can Challenge State Regulation*.
- The Hill (with Gabriel Ehrlich). August 2, 2017. *Eliminating In-house CBO Scoring Would Be Profoundly Unwise*.

- Harvard Business Review (with Jay Shambaugh). October 24, 2017. *Why Wages Aren't Growing in America*.
- Econofact.org (with Matt Marx). May 20, 2018. *The Chilling Effect of Non-Compete Agreements*.
- BBC News (with Jay Shambaugh). July 10, 2018. San Francisco: *Where a Six-Figure Salary Is 'Low Income'*.
- Econofact.org (with Kathleen Adams and Sara Markowitz). October 9, 2018. *How Do Occupational Licensing Rules Affect the Health Care Sector?*