JULIAN MERCER

COLLEGE PROFESSOR

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Tenured Professor of Economics with 15+ years teaching undergraduates and doctoral students at a large public research university. Combines peer-reviewed research on labor markets with course design, graduate advising, and departmental service, and has secured external funding for a multi-year research program.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of Economics Aug 2022 - Present
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

- Teach intermediate labor economics and a doctoral field course to cohorts of 60 and 12 students, with end-of-term evaluations averaging 4.6 out of 5.
- Serve as principal investigator on a three-year, $420,000 National Science Foundation grant studying wage effects of occupational licensing.
- Chair the department's graduate admissions committee, reviewing about 300 applications a year and raising yield among admitted students from 34% to 41%.
- Advise six doctoral students, five of whom have since placed in tenure-track or research-economist roles.
- Direct a weekly labor workshop that hosts 20 outside speakers per year and gives students early feedback on job-market papers.
- Review manuscripts for leading economics journals and serve on the editorial board of a field journal.

Associate Professor of Economics Aug 2016 - Jul 2022

- Earned tenure after publishing nine peer-reviewed articles, four of them in top field journals, and drawing about 700 citations.
- Rebuilt the undergraduate econometrics course around reproducible R projects, cutting the repeat-enrollment rate from 14% to 8%.
- Led a four-member curriculum committee that added a data analytics track to the major and enrolled 85 students in its first two years.
- Co-authored a state workforce agency report on apprenticeship outcomes, which informed a legislative briefing.
- Supervised 18 senior honors theses and mentored two McNair Scholars through graduate school applications.

Assistant Professor of Economics Aug 2010 - Jul 2016

- Developed three new courses, including an undergraduate seminar on inequality that grew from 25 to 60 seats.
- Published a first-author paper on minimum wage spillovers that earned a department research award in 2014.
- Won a $55,000 internal seed grant and used it to assemble a linked employer-employee dataset shared with four colleagues.
- Served on the college's institutional review board for social science studies, reviewing about 40 protocols a year.
- Presented findings at eight national conferences and one international workshop during the pre-tenure period.

CORE SKILLS

Course design and syllabi | Econometrics | Causal inference | R and Stata | Grant writing | Doctoral advising | Peer review | Curriculum development | Learning management systems | Research data management | Public speaking | Academic committee leadership | Undergraduate mentoring

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

CERTIFICATIONS

Responsible Conduct of Research Training, CITI Program | Quality Matters Peer Reviewer Certification