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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2014	Ph.D. Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University Disciplinary and field training: Microeconomics; Health, Labor Dissertation: *Impacts of public policy on child development and wellbeing*
2009	M.S. Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, The Ohio State University
2005	Hon. B.A. with distinction Philosophy, University of Toronto

Academic Appointments

2025-	Associate Professor (Contract Limited Term), Economics Department of Management, University of Toronto Scarborough
2021-2025	Associate Professor John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University Parental leave, Autumn 2023
2015-2021	Assistant Professor Department of Human Sciences, Consumer Sciences, The Ohio State University Parental leave, Spring 2020
2014-2015	Postdoctoral Fellow Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto

Other Positions and Affiliations

2021- 2025	Faculty Associate Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy, The Ohio State University
2015-2023	Extension State Specialist Family and Consumer Sciences, The Ohio State University Extension
2016-2019	Junior Fellow Martin Prosperity Institute, University of Toronto

Honors and Awards

2020	Harry G. Johnson Prize, best article in the *Canadian Journal of Economics*, (with Kevin Milligan and Mark Stabile)
2019	American Council on Consumer Interests, Consumer Movement Archives Applied Consumer Economics Award for Best Student Paper (with Guangyi Wang and Tansel Yilmazer)
2018	Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 40 for 40 fellowship honoring outstanding early career researchers

2017 Raymond Vernon Prize, best article in the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, (with Nicolas Ziebarth)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **Jones, L.E.**, Kang, N., and Yilmazer, T. (2026). Parents' cigarette purchases during COVID-19: Evidence from NielsenIQ Consumer Panel data. *American Journal of Preventative Medicine*, 70(2), 1079-1080. doi: 10.1016/j.amepre.2025.107980

2. **Jones, L.E.**, Stabile, M., Koebel, K., and Furzer, J. (2024). The effect of household earnings on child school mental health designations: Evidence from administrative data. *Journal of Human Resources*, 59(S), doi: 10.3368/jhr.1222-12705R2

3. Kirby-Wilkins, J., Bates, J., Betz, M., Civittolo, D., Fox, J., **Jones, L.E.**, Porfeli, E., Powers-Barker, P., Reister, H., Remley, D., Wapner, A. (2023). The State of Ohio Families: Challenges and Promises. *Marriage and Family Review*, 59(1), 6-35. doi: 10.1080/01494929.2022.2125480

4. **Jones, L.E.**, Wang, G. & Yilmazer, T. (2022). The long-term effect of the Earned Income Tax Credit on women's physical and mental health. *Health Economics,* 31(6), 1067-1102. doi: 10-1002/hec.4501

5. Betz, M. & **Jones, L.E**. (2022) Do Opioid prescriptions lead to fatal car crashes? *American Journal of Health Economics*, 8(3), 359-386. doi: 10.1086/718511.

6. **Jones, L.E.**, Milligan, K. & Stabile, M. (2019). Child cash benefits and family expenditures: Evidence from the National Child Benefit. *Canadian Journal of Economics,* 52(4), 1433-1463. doi: 10.1111/caje.12409

7. **Jones, L.E.** & Michelmore, K. (2019). Timing is money: Does lump-sum payment of the Earned Income Tax Credit affect savings and debt? *Economic Inquiry,* 57(3), 1659-1674. doi: 10.1111/ecin.12788

8. Betz, M. & **Jones, L.E.** (2018). Wage and employment growth in America's drug epidemic: Is all growth created equal? *American Journal of Agricultural Economics,* 100(1), 1357-1374. doi: 10.1093/ajae/aay069

9. **Jones, L.E.** & Michelmore, K. (2018). The Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit on household finances. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management,* 37(3), 521-545. doi: 10.1002/pam.22062

10. Loibl, C., **L.E. Jones** & Haisley, E. (2018). Testing strategies to increase saving and retention in Individual Development Account programs. *Journal of Economic Psychology,* 66, 45-63. doi: 10.1016/j.joep.2018.04.002

11. **Jones, L.E.** & Ziebarth, N. (2017). U.S. Child safety seat laws: Are they effective and who complies? *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management,* 36(3), 584-607. doi:10.1002/pam.22004.

12. **Jones, L.E.** & Ziebarth, N. (2015). Successful scientific replication and extension of Levitt (2008): Child seats are still no safer and improper use is life threatening. *Journal of Applied Econometrics.* doi: 10.1002/jae.2449

13. **Jones, L.E.**, C. Loibl & Tennyson, S. (2015). Effects of informational nudges on consumer debt repayment behaviors. *Journal of Economic Psychology,* 51, 16-33. doi: 10.1016/j.joep.2015.06.009

14. Currie, J., M. Stabile & **Jones, L.E.** (2014). Do stimulant medications improve educational and behavioral outcomes for children with ADHD? *Journal of Health Economics,* 37, 58-69. doi: 10.1016/j.jhealeco.2014.05.002

15. **Jones, L.E.**, F. Diekmann & Batte, M.T. (2010). Staying in touch through extension: An analysis of farmers' use of alternative Extension products. *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* 42(2), 229-246. doi: 10.1017/S1074070800003424

Book Chapters

1. **Jones, L.E.** & Stabile, M. (2023). Cash Transfers and Child Outcomes. In D. Green, J.R. Kesselman, D. Perrin, G. Petit, L. Tedds & F. St-Hilaire (Eds.) *Basic Income and a Just Society: Policy Choices for Canada's Social Safety Net*. Institute for Research on Public Policy.

2. **Jones, L.E.** (2016). Canadian Law: History and Market Impacts. In S. Cunningham and M. Shah (Eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Prostitution*. Oxford University Press. doi: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199915248.001.0001

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

1. Smith, R., Loibl, C., Imam, K., and **L.E. Jones**. (2021). Improving financial behaviors through nudges. *Journal of Extension*, 58(1).

2. **L.E. Jones**. (2017). Review of Goldsmith, E. B. (2016). Consumer Economics: Issues and Behaviors, 3rd ed. *Family and Consumer Science Research Journal*, 45, 329-331. doi: 10.1111/fcsr.12207

Conference and Invited Presentations

* indicates invited

2026	**The Ohio State University, Department of Human Science,* Madison, WI, *Canadian Economic Association Meeting*, Vancouver, BC, *National Tax Association Meeting*, Pittsburgh, PA
2024	**University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Consumer Science,* Madison, WI
2023	**Pennsylvania State University, School of Public Policy,* University Park, PA
2022	**Journal of Human Resources Special Issue, Causes and Consequences of Child Mental Health Conference,* Princeton, NJ
2021	*National Tax Association Meetings*, (virtual), **University of Georgia, Department of Consumer Economics*, Athens, GA (virtual), **Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy*, Columbus, OH (virtual)
2020	**University of Toronto, Institute for Health Policy, Management and Evaluation*, Toronto, ON (virtual)
2019	**University of Alberta, Department of Economics*, Edmonton, AB, **Indiana University, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs*, Bloomington, IN, **University of West Virginia, Department of Economics*, Morganstown, WV, *Association of Health Economics*, Washington, DC
2018	**John Glenn College of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University*, Columbus, OH, **Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario*, Toronto, ON, **Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop*, Madison, WI, *Western Economic Association International*, Vancouver, BC, **Miami University Department of Economics*, Oxford, OH, *Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management*, Washington, DC, **Martin Prosperity Institute at the Rotman School of Management*, Toronto, ON
2017	**Martin Prosperity Institute at the Rotman School of Management*, Toronto, ON, *Economic Self-Sufficiency Policy Research Institute*, Irvine, CA, **The Risk Institute, Fisher College of Business*, Columbus, OH
2016	*American Economic Association*, San Francisco, CA, **INSEAD Economics*, Fontainebleau, France, **Human Development and Family Services Brown Bag, Ohio State University*, Columbus, OH, **McMaster University Economics*, Hamilton, ON, *Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management*, Washington, DC, **Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy*, Columbus, OH

2015 *Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management*, Miami, FL, *Boulder Summer Conference on Consumer Financial Decision Making*, Boulder, CO, *Western Economic Association*, Honolulu, HI, **Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto, Child Health and Social Policy Seminar Series*, Toronto, ON

2013 *Institute on Health Economics, Health Behaviors and Disparities Seminar*, Ithaca, NY

2012 *Boulder Summer Conference on Consumer Financial Decision Making*, Boulder, CO

Grants and Contracted Research

Authors: **Jones, L.E.**, O'Leary, J., Purtell, K.
Role: PI
Title: Analyzing the impacts of changes to QRIS policy and subsidy rates on family access, provider quality and burden, and school outcomes among low-income children
Source: Administration for Children and Families
Period: 2024-2029
Amount $1,977,958

Authors: **Jones, L.E.**, O'Leary, J.
Role: PI
Title: Preschool Development Grant, Ohio's Needs Assessment
Source: Ohio Department of Children and Youth
Period: 2023-2025
Amount $1,592,770

Authors: **Jones, L.E.**, Dunn, R., Tefft, N., Babkin, A., Romano, E.
Role: PI
Title: Robust estimates of the prevalence of drinking-and-driving using secondary data
Source: Nation Institutes of Health, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Period: 2023-2025
Amount $418,613

Authors: **Jones, L.E.**, O'Leary, J.
Role: PI
Title: Evaluation of the costs of child care licensing and quality in Colorado
Source: The Colorado Lab
Period: 2023-2024
Amount $154,950

Authors: Hollingsworth, A., **Jones, L.E.**, Yilmazer, T.
Role: Co-I
Title: Impact of Pandemic Expansions to Nutrition Assistance on Healthy Food Spending
Source: The Ohio State University, Institute for Population Research Seed Grant
Period: 2023-2024
Amount $38,788

Authors: **Jones, L.E.**
Role: PI
Title: Analysis of Ohio's Publicly Funded Child Care Program
Source: Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services
Period: 2022
Amount $284,699

Authors:	**Jones, L.E.**
Role:	PI
Title:	Sobriety checkpoint laws in the USA: Effects on driving while intoxicated, traffic fatalities, and arrests
Source:	The Ohio State University, Drug Enforcement Policy Center
Period:	2021-2022
Amount	$9,790

Authors:	**Jones, L.E.**, Yilmazer, T.
Role:	PI
Title:	Long-term effects of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Health Outcomes
Source:	The Ohio State University, College of Education and Human Ecology, Dean's Emerging Scholars Seed Grant
Period:	2019-2021
Amount	$36,782

Authors:	**Jones, L.E.**
Role:	PI
Title:	Improving engagement in Consumer Sciences while maintaining low-cost access
Source:	The Ohio State University, Affordable Learning Exchange
Period:	2018-2019
Amount	$21,000

Authors:	Betz, M., **Jones, L.E.**
Role:	Co-PI
Title:	Stagnant wages and drug deaths: Investigating the role of local labor markets on Opioid overdoses
Source:	The Ohio State University, OARDC Seeds Grant
Period:	2017-2019
Amount	$49,935

Authors:	Betz, M., **Jones, L.E.**
Role:	Co-PI
Title:	Industry-specific job loss and Opioid death
Source:	The Ohio State University, Institute for Population Research Seed Grant
Period:	2017-2019
Amount	$40,000

Applied Policy Projects

2024	Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, *Preschool Development Grant Needs Assessment for Ohio*
2024	The Colorado Lab, *Evaluation of Costs of Child Care Licensing and Quality in Colorado*
2022	Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, *Analysis of Ohio's Publicly Funded Child Care Program*
2022	Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association, *Analysis of Ohio's Child Care Workforce*
2021	Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy, *Analysis of Childcare Subsidy Program, State of Wyoming*
2020	British Columbia Expert Panel on Basic Income, *Covering All the Basics: Reforms for a More Just Society*

Teaching

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

PPG1002H - Microeconomics for Policy Students (Munk, Masters)
MGEC02H - Topics in Price Theory (UTSC, Undergraduate)
MGED25H - Advanced Special Topics in Economics, Inequality and Redistribution (UTSC, Undergraduate)

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

PUBAFRS4030 - Public Budgeting (Undergraduate)
PUBAFRS6040 - Public Sector Economics (Masters)
PUBAFRS8050 - Graduate Seminar in Public Economics (Doctoral)
CONSCI2910 - Consumer Problems and Perspectives (Undergraduate)
CONSCI5140 - Topic in Consumer Sciences: Health Economics (Undergraduate)
CONSCI7230 - Measurement and Analysis of the Economic Status of Consumer Units (Doctoral)

Completed Dissertation Committees

*indicates chair or co-chair; (first placement in parentheses)

2026	*Guzman, Marialejandra
2025	*Kang, Nahae (Post-Doctoral Scholar, Cross-National Equivalent File Project, OSU)
2024	Yaluma, Christopher (Senior Research Associate, OSU Moritz College of Law)
2021	*Zai, Xianhua (Post-Doc Max Plank Institute for Demographic Research)
	Wang, Bo (Assistant Professor Economics Nankai University)
2020	*Wang, Guangyi, (Post-Doc Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies, University of California San Francisco)
	Nencka, Peter, (Assistant Professor Economics Miami University)
	Casey Pierce, Stephanie (Post-Doc Glenn College of Public Affairs The Ohio State University)

University Commitees

Department of Management, EDI Committee member (2026-present)
Department of Management, Teaching Observation Committee member (2025-2026)
John Glenn College of Public Affairs, Graduate Studies Committee member (2023-2025)
John Glenn College of Public Affairs, Doctoral Examination Committee member (2020-2025)
Glenn College of Public Affairs Search Committee member (2022)
Department of Human Sciences Search Committee member (2022)
John Glenn College of Public Affairs, Budget and Strategic Planning Committee member (2021-2022)
Department of Human Sciences Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee co-chair (2021-2023)
Department of Human Sciences Search Committee member (2019)
Second Year Transformational Experience Program faculty mentor (2018-2019)

Service to the Profession

Editorial Board, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* (2018-2020)

Grant Reviewer, *National Science Foundation Ad Hoc; Collaboration of Humanities and Social Sciences in Europe*

Ad hoc Journal Reviewer, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Journal of Health Economics; American Journal of Preventative Medicine; Drug and Alcohol Dependence; Empirical Economics; European Journal of Health Economics; Health Economics; Injury Prevention; Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance; Journal of Consumer Affairs; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Economic Education; Journal of Economic Psychology; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Population Economics; National Tax Journal; Pediatrics; Review of Economics of the Household; Social Forces; Social Service Review; Southern Journal of Economics*

Spoken and Programming Languages

English (native), French (C1), Spanish (A2); Stata, R

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