

BRIAN WHEATON

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Academic Employment

2022 - Present **Assistant Professor** of Global Economics & Management
UCLA, Anderson School of Management

2021 - 2022 **Hoover Fellow**
Stanford University, Hoover Institution

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Education:

Ph.D., Political Economy and Government (2021)
Harvard University
Dissertation: “Four Essays on Political Economy and Macroeconomics”
Advisors: Alberto Alesina, Robert Barro, Ed Glaeser, Gautam Rao

M.A., Political Economy and Government (2018)
Harvard University

B.A., Economics *with Highest Honors* (2013)
University of California, Berkeley

Research and Teaching Fields:

Political Economy, Macroeconomics

Teaching:

Spring 2017-20 Economics 1010B: Intermediate Macroeconomics [Harvard University]
Teaching fellow for Professor Chris Foote

Summer 2017-19 Economics S-1012: Macroeconomic Theory [Harvard University]
Teaching fellow for Professor Aaron Jackson

Fall 2017-19 Economics 1450: Political Economy of Religion [Harvard University]
Teaching fellow for Professors Robert Barro and Rachel McCleary

Fall 2017 Economics 1011A: Intermediate Microeconomics [Harvard University]
Teaching fellow for Professor Ed Glaeser

Fall 2019 Economics 2412A: Graduate Political Economy [Harvard University]
Teaching fellow for Professor Alberto Alesina

Professional Activities:

Referee *Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review, Journal of Urban Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics*

President Harvard Graduate Economics Association [2017-2019]

Mentor Harvard Economics Graduate Peer Mentor [2016-2020]

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2020 Harvard Lab for Economic Applications and Policy (LEAP) Grant

2020 ACES Gerard Roland Fellowship

2020, 2021	Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) Summer Research Fellowship
2020	Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) Graduate Research Fellowship
2019, 2020	Mercatus Center Morgenstern Fellowship
2019, 2020	Molly and Domenic Ferrante Research Award
2018, 2019, 2020	Warburg Fund Research Grant
2018	Bok Pedagogy Fellowship
2017, 2019, 2019	Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Spring 17, Spring 19, Fall 19)
2017, 2019, 2020, 2021	Bradley Foundation Fellowship
2015	Harvard GSAS Fellowship
2013	Departmental Citation in Economics, UC Berkeley
2013	Earl Rolph Prize, UC Berkeley

Other Employment:

2016 - 2017	Research Assistant – Harvard University, Economics Department
2013 - 2015	Research Assistant – UC Berkeley, Economics Department

Conferences and Invited Talks:

2021 - 2022	UC Berkeley Haas, Brown University Growth Lab, Stanford Hoover Institution, ASSA Annual Meeting, Stanford SITE, Institute for Humane Studies SuRF
2020 - 2021	UCLA Anderson, Stanford Hoover Institution, Harvard Business School, George Mason University, Clemson University, Stanford GSB, Morgenstern (GMU), Northwestern Kellogg (PE Rookie Workshop), Institute for Humane Studies SuRF
2019 - 2020	NBER Tax Policy and the Economy, Barcelona GSE, Morgenstern (GMU)

Working Papers:

“Laws, Beliefs, and Backlash”

“Erroneous Beliefs and Political Approval: Evidence from the Coronavirus Pandemic” (with Matthew Lilley)

“Secularization and the Tribulations of the American Working-Class”

“External Threat, Polarization, and Legislative Efficacy: Evidence from the Cold War”

“The Macroeconomic Effects of Tax Progressivity: Evidence from the Eastern European Flat Tax Reforms”

“Minimum Wages and the Rigid-Wage Channel of Monetary Policy” (with Robert Minton)

“Minimum Wages and Internal Migration” (with Robert Minton)

“Inflation in Supply Chains: An Empirical Test of Production Network Models” (with Robert Minton)

Papers in Preparation:

“Are Preconceptions Postconceptions? Evidence on Motivated Political Reasoning” (with Matthew Lilley)

“The Long-Run Effects of Corporal Punishment in Schools” (with Maria Petrova and Gautam Rao)

“Difference-in-Differences with Spillovers: The Effects of Minimum Wage Increases on Prices in Other States” (with Robert Minton)

Publications:

Barro, R. and Wheaton, B. (2020). "Taxes, Incorporation, and Productivity." *Tax Policy and the Economy* 34: 91-111.