

# Rodney J. Andrews

## Curriculum Vitae

### Contact Information

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### Employment

May, 2011 – Director of the Texas Schools Project and The University of Texas at Dallas  
Education Research Center

August, 2009– Assistant Professor of Economics in the School of Economic, Political, and  
Policy Sciences-University of Texas at Dallas and Researcher for The Texas Schools Project

August, 2007–July, 2009 Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Post-  
doctoral Fellowship-Harvard University

### Education

Bachelors of Science in Economics, 1999 with Highest Honors  
*Georgia Institute of Technology*

Masters of Arts in Economics, 2002  
*University of Michigan-Ann Arbor*

PhD in Economics, awarded December 16, 2007  
*University of Michigan-Ann Arbor*

Dissertation Title: The Impact of Legal Challenges to Affirmative Action on Educational  
Choice

## Research and Teaching Interests

Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Public Finance,  
Applied Microeconometrics, Program Evaluation, Health Economics

## Publications: Articles

“Bergstrom et al 1986: A correction”

*Journal of Public Economics* 90(4-5) (2006), 957–958

“Estimating The Responsiveness of College Applications to the Likelihood of Acceptance and Financial Assistance: Evidence from Texas”

(with V. Ranchhod and V. Sathy) *Economics of Education Review* 29(1) (2010), 104–115

“Family Health, Children’s Own Health, and Test Score Gaps”

(with Trevon Logan) *American Economics Review* 100(2) (2010), 195-199

“The Effects of the Kalamazoo Promise on College Choice”

(with Stephen DesJardins and Vimal Ranchhod)

*Economics of Education Review* 29(5) (2010), 722-737

“Comments on “Black Americans in the 21st Century: Should We Be Optimistic or Concerned?””

*Review of Black Political Economy* 37(3-4) (2010), 253–255

“The Persistent Myths of “Acting White” and Race Neutral Alternatives to Affirmative Action in Admissions”

*Review of Black Political Economy* 41(3) (2014), 357–371

“Heterogeneous Paths Through College: Detailed Patterns and Relationships with Graduation and Earnings” (with Jing Li and Michael F. Lovenheim)

(Forthcoming in the *Economics of Education Review*)

[Link to manuscript](#)

## Publications: Book Chapters

“The *Promise* of Promise Programs” Kelly, in Andrews and Goldrick-Rab, Sara (Eds.), *Reinventing Financial Aid: Charting a New Course to College Affordability*, Harvard Education Press (Forthcoming)

## Working Papers

- Identifying Confirmatory Bias in The Field: A Regression Discontinuity Approach (with Trevon Logan and Michael Sinkey) (**Under Submission**)  
[NBER Working Paper w18064](#)
- Quantile Treatment Effects of College Quality on Earnings: Evidence from Administrative Data in Texas (with Jing Li and Michael F. Lovenheim) (**Under Submission**)  
[NBER Working Paper w18068](#)
- The Effects of Texas's Targeted Pre-Kindergarten Program on Academic Performance (with Paul Jargowsky and Kristin Kuhne)  
[Link to manuscript](#)
- Alternatives to Affirmative Action, High School Quality, and College Performance
- The Impact of Colorblind Admissions on the Educational Expectations of Texas's High School Graduates

## Works in Progress

- "Estimating the Return to Undergraduate Business Majors Using GPA Discontinuities" (With Michael Lovenheim and Scott Imberman).
- Does Attending an Elite University Help Low Income Students? Evidence from the Texas Longhorn Opportunity Scholarship Program and the Texas A&M Century Scholars Program

## Media

- "The Effects of the Kalamazoo Promise on College Choice" was discussed in the Today's News section of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* on November 7, 2008 in an article by Peter Schmidt entitled  
["2 Scholarship Programs Present Rare Opportunity to Study Effects of Financial Aid"](#).
- Television Appearance on 3/26/2012 : Opinion on concerns with DISD Scores  
["DISD Test Scores Raise Concerns"](#)
- Appeared on C-SPAN on 6/24/2013 as part of a panel focused on Student Aid for postsecondary education. I discussed the "The Promise of Promise Programs"  
["Panel on Student Aid"](#)
- "The Promise of Promise Programs" was discussed on 7/24/2013 in an article entitled *Promise Programs offer Hope to Students* in the Education section of the U.S. NEWS and WORLD REPORT's website.  
["Promise Programs offer Hope to Students "](#)

## Awards and Fellowships

- 2000–2002 Rackham Minority Fellowship
- 2002–2006 Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Research and Training Program in Poverty and Public Policy, University of Michigan
- 2005–2006 Spencer Dissertation Fellowship
- 2007–2009 Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Postdoctoral Fellowship-Harvard University
- 2008–2010 National Institute of Health Loan Repayment Plan
- Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) Fellow 2008–2011
- National Academy of Education \Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Semifinalist for 2011 Cohort
- 2012-2013 Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences Teaching Award
- 2014 Greater Texas Foundation Fellow

## Grants

- Principal Investigator Center for the Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research-“Secondary and Postsecondary Pathways to Labor Market Success: A Research Program to Improve Policy/Practice” Funded by the Smith Richardson Foundation \$100,000.00 for 8/2011–7/2014
- Principal Investigator Center for the Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research-“Secondary and Postsecondary Pathways to Labor Market Success: A Research Program to Improve Policy/Practice” Funded by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation \$400,000.00 for 8/2011–7/2014
- Principal Investigator for “All Business: What are the Economic Returns to Undergraduate Business Majors?” Funded by the Smith-Richardson Foundation, 6/2012, \$103,522.00 for 1/13-12/13
- “The Effects of Targeted Recruitment Programs Implemented by Texas’s Targeted Recruitment Programs”, Greater Texas Foundation 2/2014 \$81,161.81

## Referee Experience

*Economics of Education Review, Journal of Health Economics, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Handbook of Higher Education, Southern Economic Journal, Eastern Economic Journal, Research in Labor Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Education Finance and Policy, Oxford Economic Papers*

## Presentations & Invited Seminars

2006: AEA Minority Pipeline Conference

2007: University of Texas at Dallas, AEA Minority Pipeline Conference, University of Illinois-Chicago, APPAM Fall Conference

2008: Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Meeting, Institute for Research on Policy Visiting Scholar Seminar, APPAM Fall Conference, University of Texas at Dallas

2009: City University of New York, Texas A&M-College Station, Southern Economics Association Meeting

2010: American Economics Association Annual Meeting, Texas A&M-College Station, APPAM Fall Conference

2011: American Economics Association Annual Meeting, The University of Texas at Arlington, Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Workshop, NBER Summer Institute, The Ohio State University, The University of Texas at Dallas, Social Determinants of Health Disparities Conference-Duke University, African American Economic Summit

2012: Washington and Lee University (2 Talks), Emory University, Association For Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, The Second Wave Conference at Ohio State University, Duke University, University of Kentucky and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Economics of Education Workshop

2013: McMaster University, American Enterprise Institute Panel on Student Aid, Baylor University

2014: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Center For the Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER) Conference, Vanderbilt University (Invited), Southern Economics Association Meeting, University of Illinois-Chicago (Invited)

## Teaching Experience

- Graduate Labor Economics II: Spring 2014
- Applied Microeconometrics (Second Course in the Graduate Econometrics Sequence): Fall 2012, Fall 2013
- Labor Economics (Undergraduate Course): Fall 2009, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2013
- Economics of Education (Graduate Course): Spring 2010, Spring 2012
- Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate Course): Fall 2010

## References

Available Upon Request

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