

Vance J. Larsen

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EDUCATION

University of Washington

PhD Public Policy and Management (Planned: 2023)

Dissertation: *Social Security Claiming, A Behavioral Perspective*

Committee Members: Dr. Crystal Hall, Dr. Marieka Klawitter, Dr. Heather Hill, Dr. Jennifer Romich

Concentration: Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (CSSS) Certificate

Area of Specialization: Poverty and Decision Making

University of Washington, 2019

MS Public Policy and Management

Purdue University, 2016

MS Consumer Science

Gonzaga University, 2012

BA Business Administration

Concentrations: Economics, Entrepreneurship, Minor: History

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & EMPLOYMENT

Albers School of Business and Economics, Seattle University

Assistant Teaching Professor

Full-Time Lecturer

August 2023-Present

September 2022-August 2023

- Lead Instructor

- Quantitative Methods and Applications – Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024
- Business Statistics – Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Washington

August 2016-August 2022

Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant, PhD Candidate

- Teaching and Research Assistant

- Received Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award in 2018-2019 Academic Year
- Quantitative Analysis 1, MPA – Winter 2018, Winter 2021, Winter 2022
- Quantitative Analysis 2, MPA – Spring 2018, Spring 2019
- Financial Management and Budgeting, MPA – Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2021
- Economics for Policy Analysis and Management 2, MPA – Winter 2019

- Lead Instructor

- Quantitative Analysis 2, MPA – Spring 2021
- Quantitative Methods for Policy Making, Junior Summer Institute (JSI) – Summer 2022

Department of Consumer Science, Purdue University

August 2014-May 2016

Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant

- CSR 386, Undergraduate - Risk Management
- CSR 484, Undergraduate - Consumer Investment and Savings Decisions

ACADEMIC AWARDS & ACTIVITIES

Undergraduate Scholarship Committee

Albers School of Business and Economics

Fall 2022 – Present

Curriculum Committee, PhD Rep

Evans School of Public Policy and Governance

Fall 2021 - Spring 2022

Statistics Concentration, Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (CSSS) Certificate

University of Washington

Spring 2020

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

Evans Student Organization

Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

Purdue University, Department of Consumer Science

Academic Faculty Search Committee

Spring 2016

Consumer Science Graduate Student Organization, Purdue University

President

Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Bauchet, J., Damon, A., & **Larsen, V.** (2017). Microfinance bundling and consumer protection: experimental evidence from Colombia. *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 9(4), 443-461.

Bauchet, J., & **Larsen, V.** (2018). ROSCA composition and repayment: Evidence from Taiwanese bidding ROSCAs. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 54(9), 1483-1495.

Larsen, V., Carriaga, R., Wething, H., Zhao, J., & Hall C. (2023). Behavioral consequences of income and expense shocks. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*. Online only, print publication TBD

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Larsen, V. (2023) How heavy are anchors? A survey experiment testing the stickiness of age 65 Social Security claiming

Larsen, V. (2023) Seeing the retirement future: The accuracy of Social Security claim age predictions

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

Behavioral Consequences of Scarcity

Winter 2022

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

Financial Shocks and Cognitive Framing

Fall 2018

Association for Financial Counseling Planning and Education (AFCPE)

Student Scholarship Recipient: Financial Literacy in America's Schools

Fall 2015

SOFTWARE AND COMPUTING EXPERTISE

STATA (fluent)

Qualtrics (fluent)

Amazon Mechanical Turk (fluent)

RStudio and RMarkdown (baseline)

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE

- Social Security and Retirement
- Personal Finance
- Poverty and Antipoverty Policy
- Survey Research Methods
- Randomized Survey Experiments
- Behavioral Economics and Public Policy
- Judgment and Decision Making