

Allen Otterstrom

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Education

B.S. Economics, Brigham Young University, 2024, *Summa Cum Laude*

Minor – Mathematics

Minor – Global Studies

GPA: 4.0

Current Position

Research Professional (Full-Time), Booth School of Business, the University of Chicago

Richard Hornbeck and Anders Humlum, July 2024 - Present

- *Working on long-run development and history projects related to the historical Census of Manufactures*

Previous Research Positions

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Brigham Young University

Joe Price, September 2021 – June 2024

- *Worked on labor, history, and demographic projects with the US Census of Population*

Fields of Interest

Labor Economics, Economic History, Development Economics

Publications & Working Papers

“Detecting Fake People in Historical Records” with Neil Duzett, Tammy Hepps and Joseph Price. *Social Science History*, 1-18, December 2025

“Mapping Rosenwald Schools for African Americans in South Carolina: A Geographic Analysis of Spatial Patterns” with Grayson Morgan, Samuel Otterstrom, and Lane Stevenson. *Geographies* 4, no. 4: 661-674. October 2024.

Honors and Awards

2024 Valedictorian, Brigham Young University Department of Economics

Dean’s List, FHSS, Brigham Young University - Seven Semesters

Scholarships:

- BYU full-ride scholarship 2021-2022
- BYU Joseph and Ruth Smith full-ride scholarship 2022-2023
- BYU Carlton Infanger Economics scholarship 2022
- BYU Quinn scholarship 2023
- BYU Norris Hill Maddock full-ride scholarship 2023-2024
- BYU Earl C. Crockett scholarship 2023
- BYU Wilson scholarship 2024

Conference Presentations

Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, February 2024

Finding Fake People in the US Census

BYU Mary Lou Fulton Mentored Student Research Conference, April 2023 & April 2024

Finding Fake People in the US Census - 2023

Dust Bowl Migration - 2024

BYU Family History Technology Workshop, February 2023

Finding Fake People in the US Census

Previous Teaching Positions

Teaching Assistant, Machine Learning for Economists, BYU Department of Economics

Brigham Frandsen, January 2024 – April 2024

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Econometrics, BYU Department of Economics

Brigham Frandsen, August 2023 – December 2023

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, BYU Department of Economics

Joe Price, June 2023 – July 2023

Volunteer Work

Church Congregation Clerk, Hyde Park Congregation, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

June 2025 - Present

Full-Time Missionary, Texas McAllen Mission, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

May 2019 - May 2021