

# Angela Cools

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## CURRENT AND PRIOR POSITIONS

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Assistant Professor of Economics, Davidson College, 2024-

Assistant Professor of Economics, Davidson College, 2019-

Visiting Scholar, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2024-2025

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University, 2019

M.A., Economics, Cornell University, 2017

B.A., Economics, *magna cum laude*, Pomona College, 2010

## RESEARCH

### *Peer-Reviewed Publications*

Faith and Philanthropy: Megachurch Scandals and Charitable Giving. Forthcoming in *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.

The Asymmetric Gender Effects of High Flyers (2022). *Labour Economics* 79: 102287 (with R. Fernández & E. Patacchini) (Previous Version: Girls, Boys, and High Achievers, NBER Working Paper No. 25763.)  
Media Coverage/Outreach: [Marketwatch](#), [Research Minutes Podcast](#), [VoxEU.org \(CEPR Policy Portal\)](#)

Parents, Infants, and Voter Turnout: Evidence from the United States (2022). *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 17(1): 91-119.

The Brother Earnings Penalty (2019). *Labour Economics* 58: 37-51 (with E. Patacchini)  
Media Coverage: [The Independent](#)

### *Working Papers*

Birth order in the very long-run: Estimating first-born premiums between 1850 and 1940 (with J. Grooms, K. Karbownik, J. Price, S. O’Keefe, and A. Wray). NBER Working Paper No. 32407.  
Media Coverage: [Marketplace](#)

Resilience of Faith: The Effect of Religious Regulations during and after the Covid-19 pandemic (with C. Esparza and J. Park). (Previous Version: Resilience of Faith: Post-Covid Religious Trends and the Effect of Ecclesiastical Policy in the United States, KIEP Research (Working) Paper 23-02.)

## ***Book Chapters***

Peer Effects in Education. *The Routledge Handbook of the Economics of Education* (1st ed.), B. McCall (ed), 253-275. Routledge. (with E. Patacchini)

## ***Work in Progress***

Church Attendance and Voting Behavior (with J. Moreno-Medina and S. Sheng)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### ***Davidson College***

Instructor, Introductory Economics (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2023)

Instructor, Economics of Gender & Family (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2023, Fall 2023)

Instructor, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (Fall 2020, Fall 2022, Spring 2024)

Instructor, Labor Economics (Fall 2021, Spring 2023)

Instructor, Topics in Public Policy (Senior Seminar) (Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)

### ***Cornell University***

Teaching Assistant for Professor Gary Fields, Labor Economics (Spring 2019)

Teaching Assistant/Guest Lecturer for Professor Francine Blau, Women in the Economy (Fall 2018)

Teaching Assistant for Professor Jennifer Wissink, Introductory Macroeconomics (Spring 2018)

Teaching Assistant for Professor Stephanie Thomas, Introductory Microeconomics (Fall 2017)

Teaching Assistant for Professor David Taylor, Introduction to Business Management (Summer 2017)

Teaching Assistant for Professor Thomas Lyons, Introductory Microeconomics (Summer 2016)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant for Professor Eleonora Patacchini (2015-2017)

Research Assistant, New England Public Policy Center, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (2012-2014)

Financial Analyst, Disney Consumer Products (2010-2012)

## HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Davidson College Faculty Study and Research Grant (\$5000) (2023, 2024)

Davidson College Faculty Study and Research Publication Grant (\$2000) (2021)

The Louis Walinsky Fund in Honor of Professor Herbert Davenport Outstanding Teaching Award, Cornell University (2018)

Sage Fellowship, Cornell University (2014-2015)

Phi Beta Kappa, Pomona College (2010)

## SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024: Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day (CREED), Elon University, Liberal Arts Colleges Public and Labor Conference (Lac-PaL), University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- 2023: Association for the Study of Religion, Economics & Culture (ASREC), Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day (CREED)
- 2022: Kennesaw State University, Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop, Society for Economics of the Household, APPAM
- 2021: Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day (CREED), Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings
- 2020: Association for the Study of Religion, Economics & Culture 24-Hour Conference
- 2019: Bureau of Labor Statistics, IAFPE, Davidson College, U.S. Census Bureau, Wake Forest University, Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings
- 2018: Society for Economics of the Household

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

*Editorial Board*, Journal of Economic Geography (2021-)

*Referee*, Contemporary Economic Policy; Economics and Human Biology; Economic Inquiry; Economic Journal; Economics of Education Review; Education Economics; Educational Policy; Journal of Demographic Economics; Journal of Human Resources (x2); Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Economic Geography (x3); Journal of Economic Growth (x2); Journal of Population Economics (x3); Journal of Urban Economics; Labour Economics; Regional Science and Urban Economics

*Discussant*, Lac-PaL Conference (2024); Eastern Economic Association Conference (2023); Southern Economic Association Conference (2019)

*Session Co-Organizer*, “Economics of Religion,” Western Economic Association Conference (2023)

*Mentor*, Cornell University Graduate Student Association for Economics Mentorship Program (2016-2018)

## COLLEGE SERVICE

*Organizer*, Davidson College Economics Department Seminar Series (2022-2023)

*Member*, Human Subjects Institutional Review Board (2021-2024)

*Economics Major Advising* (2021-)

*Holistic (Pre-Major) Advising* (2021-2023)

*Member*, Economics VAP Search Committee (2022)

## SUPERVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Honors Thesis Advising: William Smith (2023-2024), Virginia Adams (2022-2023), Meghan Corso (2021-2022), Kendall Weinfeld (2021-2022), Michelle Zhou (2020-2021), Eliza Brodie (2019-2020)

Summer Research Advising (Davidson Abernethy Grant): Anthony Lopez Saavedra (2022)