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Katharine G. Abraham
CRIW Summer Institute Fellowship Program
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Dear Katharine:

With this letter, I nominate Brian Adams, research economist in the Division of Price and Index Number Research (DPINR), Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), for a CRIW Summer Institute (SI) Fellowship. Brian was hired two years ago to join DPINR after three years in academia. With his background and training in industrial organization and urban economics, DPINR and BLS have benefited greatly. Over the years Brian has been engaged in self-directed research on zone pricing in retail oligopoly, quality adjustments methods, early adopters of new supermarket goods, and related topics. In addition to this, he has also conducted research and contributed significantly to BLS teams focused on improving price index measurement. While serving on these teams, Brian has assumed leadership roles to improve Consumer and Producer Price Indexes. Currently he is working with a large real estate data base to assess its possible use in the CPI for housing services. For the PPI, Brian has studied the use of small sample hedonics for apparel. Additional work for the PPI includes the development of an hedonic model for managed switches. I anticipate Brian's role in DPINR to continue to grow as he takes on more leadership and managerial responsibilities. In support of this, I recently nominated Brian for the *Emerging Leaders* course offered by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Following this letter are Brian's Statement of Interest and CV.

If you need additional information from me, please contact me at (202) 691-6567 or garner.thesia@bls.gov. I hope that you will agree with me, Brian's participation in the CRIW Summer Institute, as a Fellow, would add greatly to his development and to the success of the Summer Institute sessions.

Sincerely,

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Brian Adams

CRIW Summer Institute Fellowship -Statement of Interest

I am interested in attending the Conference for Research in Income and Wealth Summer Institute and am applying for a fellowship. My research involves using methods from industrial organization to answer questions motivated by urban economics, using geography to investigate topics in industrial organization, and using tools from urban economics and industrial organization on problems of price measurement and price indexes. I joined the price index research division of the Bureau of Labor Statistics two years ago, and I have been advising projects related to quality adjustment and alternative data sources for the Consumer Price Index and Producer Price Index programs.

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Positions

Research Economist, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2016 - present
Assistant Professor, California State University, East Bay, 2013 - 2016

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Minnesota, 2013
M.A. in Economics, University of Minnesota, 2009
B.A. in Economics, Indiana University, 2007
B.S. in Mathematics, Indiana University, 2007

Publications

"Zone Pricing in Retail Oligopoly." (with Kevin R. Williams) *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics.* Forthcoming.

"Does Organisational Form Drive Competition? Evidence from Coffee Retailing." (with Joshua Gans, Richard Hayes, and Ryan Lampe) *Economic Record.* Forthcoming.

"The Employment Impact of Motor Vehicle Assembly Plant Openings." *Regional Science and Urban Economics.* Volume 58: pages 57-70, May 2016.

"Circulation Statistics in the Evaluation of Collection Development." (with Bob Noel) *Collection Building.* Volume 27, number 2: pages 71-73, 2008.

Works in Progress

"Empirical Comparison of Quality Adjustment Methods" (with Alexander Klayman)

"Early Adopters of New Supermarket Goods" (with Hyunchul Kim)

"Migration and Agglomeration among Motor Vehicle Parts Suppliers"

Conference Presentations

Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting (Evanston; Mar 2018)
Regional Science Association International North American Meetings (Minneapolis; Nov 2016)
Econometric Society World Congress (Montreal; Aug 2015)
Econometric Society North American Summer Meeting (Minneapolis; Jun 2014)
Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta; Nov 2013)
Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting (Ottawa; Nov 2012)
International Industrial Organization Conference (Arlington; Mar 2012)

Seminar Presentations

Bureau of Labor Statistics
California State University, East Bay
Towson University
University of Akron
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Referee Service

Journal of Industrial Economics, Managerial and Decision Economics

Courses Taught

California State University, East Bay

Undergraduate (onground): Urban and Regional Economics, Managerial Economics, Industrial Organization and Public Policy

Undergraduate (online): Principles of Microeconomics, Managerial Economics

Masters: Urban and Regional Economics, Applied Advanced Econometrics, Industrial Organization and Public Policy

University of Minnesota

Undergraduate: Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Urban Economics, Industrial Organization and Antitrust Policy

Teaching Awards

2013 Distinguished Instructor Award, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota
2011 Distinguished Instructor Award, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota
2010 Distinguished Instructor Award, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota

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