

# Matthew Estes

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## Education

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**California Institute of Technology**, Ph.D. Candidate in Economics (2021–present)

Dissertation Committee: Mike Alvarez, Jim Greiner, Jonathan Katz, Bob Sherman

**The University of Chicago Law School**, J.D., *with Honors* (2021)

Honors: Kirkland & Ellis Scholar

Activities: Poverty & Housing Law Clinic, Kirkland & Ellis Corporate Lab Clinic

**Harvard University**, A.B. in Mathematics, *cum laude* (2018)

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, John Harvard Scholar, National Merit Scholar,  
Language Citation (Chinese)

## Research Fields

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**Primary:** Law & Economics, Empirical Legal Studies, Econometrics

**Law Subjects:** Property Law, Housing Law & Policy, Contract Law, Commercial Law

## Working Papers

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1. “Eviction Reduction Policies” (**Job Market Paper**)
2. “Justice Divided, Justice Denied? The Effects of Court Rules on Eviction Outcomes in Los Angeles County” (with Kyle Nelson)  
(a) Under review at *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*.
3. “Courting the Academy: The Judicial Role in Popularizing Legal Scholarship” (with Ransi Clark)  
(a) Under review at *Northwestern University Law Review*, *Empirical Issue*.
4. “Regression Discontinuity Designs: Applications to Evictions, Legal Education, and Property”
5. “Parallel Lifecycles: Applications to Approval Ratings, Citations, and Judicial Ideology” (with Ransi Clark)
6. “Law and Education: The Impact of the Law School Curriculum on Elite Judges, 1870-1930”

## Conferences and Presentations

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The Dismantling of the Regulatory State, Conference Co-Organizer (Dec 2025)

MPSA Annual Conference, “Causal Inference” session (Apr 2025)

MPSA Annual Conference, “Observational Causal Inference” session (Apr 2025)

## Other Funding and Awards

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Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, \$26,000 (2023)

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University (2016)

## Teaching Experience

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### Teaching at Caltech

Teaching Assistant: PS 12 “Introduction to Political Science” (Winter 2025)

Teaching Assistant: EC 122 “Econometrics” (Fall 2024)

Teaching Assistant: PS 141B “A History of Budgetary Politics in the U.S.” (Spring 2024)

Teaching Assistant: PS 123 “The Politics of Regulation” (Winter 2023, Spring 2024)

Teaching Assistant: PS 141A “A History of Budgetary Politics in the U.S.” (Winter 2023)

Teaching Assistant: Math 6A/106A “Introduction to Discrete Mathematics” (Fall 2022)

### Teaching at University of Chicago

Grader: Math 27300 “Basic Theory of Ordinary Differential Equations” (Winter 2020)

Grader: Math 19620 “Linear Algebra” (Fall 2019)

### Teaching at Harvard University

Teaching Assistant: Math 110 “Vector Space Methods for Diff. Eq.” (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)

Teaching Assistant: Math 23a “Linear Algebra and Real Analysis I” (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)

Teaching Fellow: Math S-1A “Calculus I” (Summer 2016, Summer 2017)

Teaching Assistant: Math 21b “Linear Algebra and Differential Equations” (Spring 2016)

## Other Experience

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**Legal Aid Chicago**, *Housing Practice Group*, Chicago, IL (2020)

## Skills

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R, Julia, Mathematica, Stan, LaTeX

## References

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