

## MAX B. NORTON

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### FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Public Economics, Urban Economics, Economics of Education

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics – Vancouver School of Economics (UBC) Expected 2025  
*Committee:* Kevin Milligan and Marit Rehavi, co-supervisors, and Victor Couture.

M.A. Economics – California State University, Sacramento 2017

B.A. Film Studies – Columbia College (Columbia University) 2006

### RESEARCH ACTIVITY

#### Work in progress

“Who benefits from local bond elections? Evidence from California’s school bond reform” (job market paper).

“Social insurance non-compliance in China: A synthesis and new results” (with Wei Cui and Jeffrey Hicks).

#### Publications

“[How well-targeted are payroll tax cuts as a response to COVID-19? Evidence from China](#)” (with Wei Cui and Jeffrey Hicks). *International Tax and Public Finance* 29, 2022.

“[Happiness at different ages: The social context matters](#)” (with John F. Helliwell, Haifang Huang and Shun Wang). In *The Economics of Happiness*, ed. M. Rojas. Springer, 2019.

#### Contributions to the World Happiness Report

(From 2020 through 2023, I contributed to Chapter 2 of the annual *World Happiness Report*, co-authoring with John F. Helliwell, Haifang Huang, and Shun Wang.)

“[World happiness, trust, and social connections in times of crisis](#)” (also with Len Goff). 2023.

“[Happiness, benevolence, and trust during COVID-19 and beyond.](#)” 2022.

“[Happiness, trust, and deaths under COVID-19.](#)” 2021.

“[Social environments for world happiness.](#)” 2020.

#### Pre-doctoral

“[Managing grapevine trunk diseases in California’s Southern San Joaquin Valley](#)” (with Kendra Baumgartner, Vicken Hillis, Mark Lubell, and Jonathan Kaplan). *American Journal of Enology and Viticulture* 70, 2019.

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

John F. Helliwell, Vancouver School of Economics, UBC	Sept 2017 - present
Wei Cui, Allard School of Law, UBC	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020
Munir Squires, Vancouver School of Economics, UBC	Oct 2019 - Sept 2020
Jonathan Kaplan, CSU Sacramento	Sept 2015 - May 2017

## TEACHING TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

### Training at the UBC Centre for the Integration of Teaching, Research and Learning

Foundations of Pedagogy, Sept - Nov 2022

Graduate Online Instructional Skills Workshop, Jan - Feb 2021

### Teaching assistantships

Research Design and Policy Evaluation in Economics (Masters level), 2024

Economics of Labor Markets (4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate), 2024

Economics of Public Expenditures (4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate), 2021

Introduction to International Trade (3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate), 2019

Principles of Microeconomics (1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate), 2019

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy	2024
CIDER Small Grant (\$13,115)	2023
Fellowship in Happiness Economics, UBC	2018 - 2023
Four-Year Doctoral Fellowship, UBC	2017 - 2021
Dean's Award given to the best graduate student in the College of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies, CSU Sacramento	2017
Robert and Chi-Ming Dana Curry Scholarship in Economics, CSU Sacramento	2016

## CONFERENCES AND INVITED MEETINGS

UBC Centre for Urban Economics and Real Estate Summer Symposium 2024

International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress 2021, 2023

NBER Business Taxation in a Federal System Meeting, 2020\*, 2021\*, 2022\*

Urban Economics Association 2022 Summer School\*

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, 2021

NBER Graduate Student Workshop on Business Income Taxation, 2020\*

\*Non-presenting invitee

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for *Journal of Public Economics*, *European Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Happiness Studies*, *International Journal of High School Research*, *International Journal of Wellbeing*, *International Review of Economics – Journal of Civil Economy*

Editorial advisor, *Global Happiness Policy Report 2022*

Graduate Studies Committee Representative, Vancouver School of Economics, 2019-2020

## PERSONAL

*Citizenship*: United States

*Languages*: English (native), Spanish (advanced)