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Education

Ph.D., 2005, Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

B.A., 1992, Economics, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

Employment Chronology

2011— **Economist and Administrator**, Federal Statistical Research Data Center -
Atlanta, U.S. Census Bureau, Atlanta, GA.

2010 to 2011 **Research Associate**, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA.

2002 to 2006 **Economist**, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, DC.

1999 to 2001 **Teaching Assistant**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

1994 to 1998 **Economist**, Triangle Economic Research, Durham, NC (1994-98) and Research
Triangle Institute, RTP, NC (1994).

1993 **Research Intern**, Centre for International Economics, Pty. Ltd., Canberra,
Australia.

Honors and Awards

- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Dissertation Fellowship, 2002-2005.
- Graduated *magna cum laude*, Duke University, 1992.
- IBM Watson Scholar, 1989–1992.

Publications

Banzhaf, M.R. 2018. "When It Rains, It Pours: Under What Circumstances Does Job Loss
Lead to Divorce." *Southern Economic Journal* 85(2):349-377.

- Banzhaf, M.R., F.R. Johnson, and K.E. Mathews. 2001. "Opt-Out Alternatives and Anglers' Stated Preferences," In *Environmental Choice Modelling*, J.W. Bennett and R.K. Blamey, eds. Brookfield, Vermont: Edward Elgar Publishing Company.
- Johnson, F.R., R.W. Dunford, W.H. Desvousges, and M.R. Banzhaf. 2001. "Informed Concern: The Role of Knowledge in Assessing Compensation for Natural Resource Damages." *Growth and Change*, 32(1):43-68.
- Johnson, F.R., M.R. Banzhaf, and W.H. Desvousges. 2000. "Willingness to Pay for Improved Respiratory and Cardiovascular Health: A Multiple-Format Stated-Preference Approach." *Health Economics* 9(4):295-317.
- Mathews, K.E., W.H. Desvousges, F.R. Johnson, and M.C. Ruby. 1999. "Using Economic Models to Inform Restoration Decisions." In *Restoration of Lost Human Uses of the Environment*. Grayson Cecil, Editor. Pensacola, FL: SETAC Press.
- Johnson, F.R., W.H. Desvousges, M.C. Ruby, D. Stieb, and P. De Civita. 1998. "Eliciting Stated Health Preferences: An Application to Willingness to Pay for Longevity." *Journal of Medical Decision Making* 18(2):57-67.
- Desvousges, W.H., S.P. Hudson, and M.C. Ruby. 1996. "Evaluating C.V. Performance: Separating the Light From the Heat," In *The Contingent Valuation of Environmental Resources: Methodological Issues and Research Needs*, D.J. Bjornstad and J.R. Kahn, eds. Brookfield, Vermont: Edward Elgar Publishing Company.

Working Papers

- H. S. Banzhaf, Banzhaf, M. R. 2022. "Long-Run Adult Socio-economic Outcomes from In Utero Airborne Lead Exposure." Center for Economic Studies Working Paper, CES-22-53.
- Banzhaf, M.R. 2014. "Determinants of Unemployment Insurance Take-Up and the Effect on Divorce."
- Banzhaf, M.R. 2005. "Structural Differences in Job Turnover and Wage Growth by Sex and Education."

Academic Presentations

- Federal Statistical Research Data Center (FSRDC) Annual Research Conference, Madison, WI, 2019.
- SOLE Sessions at the Midwestern Economic Association (MEA) Annual Meetings, Evanston, IL, 2018.
- Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meetings, Arlington, VA, 2014.
- U.S. Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies, Suitland, MD, 2013.
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meetings, New Orleans, 2012.
- 1st Annual ACRDC Conference, Athens, GA, 2012.
- Georgia Institute of Technology (Public Policy), Atlanta, 2012.
- Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meetings, San Francisco, 2005.

American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) Meetings, Toronto, 1997.
“Camp Resources,” Wilmington, NC, 1997.

Outreach Presentations for the Federal Statistical RDC

“How to Conduct Research with Restricted Data in the Federal Statistical Research Data Centers”

Spelman College – 2022

Tulane University – 2021

Auburn University – 2019, 2021

4th Annual Atlanta Research Data Center Conference, Nashville, TN - 2019

Vanderbilt University – 2018

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Dallas, TX – 2018

3rd Annual Atlanta Research Data Center Conference, Atlanta, GA – 2017

University of Georgia – 2017, 2022

Emory University – 2016, 2019

2nd Annual Atlanta Research Data Center Conference, Atlanta, GA – 2015

University of Tennessee-Knoxville – 2014, 2019

University of Alabama-Birmingham – 2014

Georgia Department of Public Health, Epidemiology Program – 2013

1st Annual Atlanta Research Data Center Conference, Athens, GA – 2012

Georgia Institute of Technology – 2012, 2015, 2017, 2022

Professional Service

Served on the dissertation committees of:

Julia Manzella, Georgia State University

Tongyang Yang, Georgia Institute of Technology

Professional Associations

Member of the American Economics Association, Society of Labor Economists, Southern Economic Association.