Briefly

Matthew P. Rabbitt is an economist with the Food Assistance Branch in the Food Economics Division. His research primarily focuses on food security measurement and methodology, behavioral responses to food insecurity, and U.S. social safety net program participation. He also has a secondary line of research on measuring other forms of material hardships, such as housing security.

Matthew's primary fields of interest are applied econometrics and psychometrics, health economics, and labor economics.

Background

Matthew joined the Economic Research Service in 2014. Previously, he was a graduate student, instructor, and research assistant at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Greensboro. While at UNC, Matthew's research focused on domestic food security and the well-being of low-income households. This work included the development of a new behavioral Rasch selection model to examine the causal effect of SNAP participation on food security, and the effect of underage drinking on college graduates' occupational choices.

Education

Matthew holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and a B.A. in Economics from Webster University. In addition, he has completed training at American University, Georgetown University, the University of Michigan, and the University of Western Australia.

Professional Affiliations

Matthew is a member of the American Economic Association, the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, the Society for Economic Measurement, the Society for Government Economists, and the Southern Economic Association.