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Academic Appointments

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign,
Assistant Professor of Economics, July 2017 to present

Education

Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2017
B.A. in Ethics, Politics, and Economics, *cum laude* with distinction in the major, Yale College, 2008

Past Positions

Research Assistant at The Hamilton Project, Brookings Institution, 2010- 2011
Project Associate at Innovations for Poverty Action, 2008-2010.

Fields of Interest

Labor Economics, Public Finance, Applied Econometrics

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

Excellence in Teaching a Field Course: Illinois Economics Graduate Student Organization (2022-2023)
Excellence in Refereeing Awards: AER (2018), AER-Insights (2020, 2021)
UIUC List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2022, Fall 2023
Lincoln Institute for Land Policy Dissertation Fellowship, 2015-2016
MIT Graduate Student Fellowship, 2011-2013
Wrexham-Heinz Prize for the Best Senior Thesis in the Social Sciences, Yale College, 2008

Research Grants

National Institutes of Health for “Experimental Evidence on the Relationship Between Income and Health” (w/ Sarah Miller, Elizabeth Rhodes, and Eva Vivalt) \$2,311,645

Russell Sage Foundation for “Allegheny County Job Seekers Study” (w/ Bryan Stuart) : \$50,000

National Institutes of Health for “Experimental Evidence on the Impact of Parental Income on Child Health and Well-Being” (w/ Sarah Miller, Elizabeth Rhodes, and Eva Vivalt) \$2,494,318

National Science Foundation for “The Impact of Sustained Unconditional Cash Transfers on Labor Market Outcomes” (w/ Marianne Bertrand, Sarah Miller, Elizabeth Rhodes, and Eva Vivalt): \$549,136

Spencer Foundation’s Large Research Grants on Education Program for “The Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers on Educational Outcomes” (w/ Sarah Miller, Elizabeth Rhodes, and Eva Vivalt): \$374,947

UIUC Campus Review Board for “The Geography of Jobs”, 2020 (with Eliza Forsythe): \$21,637

Abdul Latif Jamil Poverty-Action Lab North American for “The Impact of Unconditional Cash Transfers on Consumption in the United States”, 2020 (with David Broockman, Sarah Miller, Elizabeth Rhodes, and Eva Vivalt): \$250,155

Russell Sage Foundation for “The Impact of COVID-19 on Low-Income Individuals and Families”, 2020 (with David Broockman, Sarah Miller, Elizabeth Rhodes, and Eva Vivalt): \$50,000

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for “An Experiment to Explore the Impact of Customized Job Recommendations”, 2020 (with Bryan Stuart): \$142,176

Abdul Latif Jamil Poverty-Action Lab North American (J-PAL NA): Work of the Future Grant for “Experimental Evidence on a Low-Cost Job Search Tool”, 2018 (with Bryan Stuart): \$49,359

University of Illinois, Research Initiative in Labor Markets Research Grant, 2018 (with Bryan Stuart): \$27,000

Abdul Latif Jamil Poverty Action Lab North America (J-PAL NA) Travel Grant, 2017-2018 (with Elizabeth Setren): \$5,000

Washington Center for Equitable Growth Doctoral Grant, 2016-2017: \$15,000

Published and Accepted Papers

“The Local Economic and Welfare Consequences of Hydraulic Fracturing” with Janet Currie, Michael Greenstone, and Chris Knittel

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics October 2019, Vol 11., No. 4, pp 105-155

“The Impact of COVID-19 on small business outcomes and expectations” with Marianne Bertrand, Zoe Cullen, Edward Glaeser, Michael Luca, and Christopher Stanton

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences June 2020, Vol 117, Issue 30.

“Measuring the Labor Market at the Onset of the COVID-19 Crisis: Evidence from Traditional and Non-Traditional Data” (with Marianne Bertrand, Feng Li, Jesse Rothstein, and Matt Unrath)

Brookings Papers on Economic Activity (Summer 2020)

“Deleting a Signal: Evidence from Pre-Employment Credit Checks” with Scott Nelson,

Forthcoming, Review of Economics and Statistics

"The Targeting and Impact of Paycheck Protection Program Loans to Small Businesses" with Zoe Cullen, Edward Glaeser, Michael Luca, Chris Stanton, and Adi Sunderam, June 2024
(Accepted, *Review of Economics and Statistics*)

"Black Suburbanization and the Evolution of Racial Inequality Since 1970" with Evan Mast, August 2023
(Accepted, *Review of Economics and Statistics*)

"The rise of remote work: Evidence from Business and Worker Surveys over the COVID-19 Pandemic" with Zoe Cullen, Edward Glaeser, Michael Luca, and Christopher Stanton, June 2024
(Accepted, *the Journal of Economics and Management Science*)

Working Papers

"The Causal Effects of Income on Political Attitudes and Behavior: A Randomized Field Experiment" with David E. Broockman, Elizabeth Rhodes, Karina Dotson, Sarah Miller, Patrick K. Krause and Eva Vivalt, December 2024

"The Costs of Housing Regulation: Evidence From Generative Regulatory Measurement" with Arpit Gupta and Dan Milo, September 2024

"The Impact of Unconditional Cash Transfers on Consumption and Household Balance Sheets: Experimental Evidence from Two US States" with Elizabeth Rhodes, David E. Broockman, Patrick K. Krause, Sarah Miller, and Eva Vivalt, August 2024

"The Employment Effects of a Guaranteed Income: Experimental Evidence from Two U.S. States" with Eva Vivalt, Elizabeth Rhodes, David E. Broockman, and Sarah Miller, January 2025. Revision Requested, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*

"Does Income Affect Health? Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial of a Guaranteed Income" with Sarah Miller, Elizabeth Rhodes, David E. Broockman, Patrick K. Krause, and Eva Vivalt, July 2024. Revision Requested, *American Economic Review*

"Moving Costs and Worker Adjustment to Changes in Labor Demand: Evidence from Longitudinal Census Data" with Kevin Rinz, October 2018

Non-Academic Papers

"Search and Matching in Modern Labor Markets: A Landscape Report" with Bryan A. Stuart, July 2022
(*Urban Institute Work Rise Research Report*)

Work in Progress

"Imperfect Information in the Labor Market" (w/ Bryan A. Stuart and Seth Chizeck)

"Race and Occupation in America: 1950 to 2020" (w/ Kerwin Charles)

Professional Activities

Presentations (includes scheduled)

2025: University of Kentucky, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, American Finance Association meeting at ASSA, Triangle Applied Microeconomics Conference at Duke University

2024: University of California-Berkeley, University of Chicago-Harris, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Conference, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Booth Household Finance Conference

2022: SOLE, Mid-Midwest Applied Micro Conference at Purdue

2021: WEAI International Meeting, LERA, AEI, WEAI, NBER Summer Institute (Public), United States Military Academy (West Point)

2020: University of Chicago: Demography Seminar, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Conference

2019: University of Illinois at Chicago, Society of Labor Economists, Summer Institute on Theoretical Economics (SITE) at Stanford University

2018: Michigan State University, University of California Berkeley-Haas

2017: Columbia University-SIPA, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, University of Maryland, University of California-Santa Cruz, Urban Institute, Office of Tax Analysis, Congressional Budget Office, Abt Associates

2016: US Census Bureau, University of California, Berkeley: Energy Camp, MIT Labor Lunch

2014: NBER Summer Institute (Real Estate)

Discussions

"Dynamic Effects of Co-Racial Hiring" by C. Miller and I. Schmutte, *ASSA Annual Meeting*, January 2023.

"Know Thyself Access to Own Credit Report and the Retail Mortgage Market" by A. Kumar, *Midwest Finance Association Conference*, March 2022.

"Working Remotely? Selection, Treatment, and the Market for Remote Work" by N. Emanuel and E. Harrington. *AREUEA/ASSA Annual Meeting*, January 2022.

"Did the Payment Protection Program Help Small Businesses? Evidence from Commercial Mortgage-backed Securities" by S. Agrawal, B. Ambrose, L. Lopez, and X. Xiao. *American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association*, May 2021.

"The Signaling Role of Parental Leave" by L. To. *Western Economic Association International*, March 2021.

"Tax Refund Uncertainty: Evidence and Welfare Implications, by S. Caldwell, S. Nelson, and D. Waldinger, and "Welfare Cuts and Well-Being: Evidence from Indiana in the Great Recession", by D. Wu. *Washington Center for Equitable Growth*, December 2020.

Referee Service

American Economic Review, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *American Economic Journal: Policy Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *Labour Economics*, *Management Science*, *National Tax Journal*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Financial Studies*

Conference Service

Society of Labor Economists 2021 Conference Program Committee, SOLE / EALE / AASLE 2025 World Congress of Labor Economics Program Committee, SOLE Prize Committee for Contributions to Data & Measurement 2025

Grant Referee Service

Abdul-Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Smith Richardson Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, UIUC Campus Review Board

Departmental Service

Departmental Advisory Board (2020-2025)

Applied Micro Research Lunch Co-Coordinator (Spring 2025)

Hiring Committee (2017/18, 2021/22)

Resek Conference Co-organizer (2019, 2023)

Teaching

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Econ 590 (M2): Applied Econometrics: Topics in Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2023

Econ 590 (L2): Graduate Labor Economics, Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2022

Econ 491 (A3): Decisionmaking, Spring 2019, Fall 2023, Spring 2025

Econ 490: Applied Econometrics: Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Fall 2017

MIT

Teaching Assistant for 14.472, Public Economics II, Prof. Amy Finkelstein, Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant for 14.41, Public Economics, Prof. Robin McKnight, Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant for 14.01 Introduction to Microeconomics, Prof. Jeffrey Harris, Spring 2016

Teaching Assistant for 14.01 Introduction to Microeconomics, Prof. Jonathan Gruber, Fall 2014

Other Information

Citizenship: United States