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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

Fields of Interest

Labor Economics, Public Finance, Applied Econometrics

Works in Progress

"The Causal Effect of Zoning" with Arpit Gupta, Daniel Milo, and Luofeng Zhou, March 2026
"The Origins of American Zoning" with Arpit Gupta, Daniel Milo, and Desmond O'Shaughnessy, March 2026
"What Have We Learned from Randomized Controlled Trials of Guaranteed Income?" with Eva Vivalt, Andrew Goodman-Bacon, and Elizabeth Rhodes, January 2026, Revise and Resubmit at the *Journal of Economic Literature*
"Imperfect Information and the Occupational Transitions of Lower Wage Workers" with Bryan Stuart and Seth Chizeck
"Minority Under-Representation in Apprenticeships: Demand and Supply-Side Explanations" with Marianne Bertrand and Bryan Stuart

Working Papers

"The Impact of Unconditional Cash Transfers on Parenting and Children" with Patrick Krause, Elizabeth Rhodes, Sarah Miller, David Broockman, Eva Vivalt, July 2025
"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, December 2025

"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, January 2025

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

Published and Accepted Papers

"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, January 2026. Conditionally Accepted, *American Economic Review*

"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, December 2025. Accepted, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*

"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
(Forthcoming, *Review of Economics and Statistics*)

"Black Suburbanization: Causes and Consequences of a Transformation of American Cities" with Evan Mast, August 2024
Forthcoming, *Review of Economics and Statistics*

"Deleting a Signal: Evidence from Pre-Employment Credit Checks" with Scott Nelson, January 2025, *Review of Economics and Statistics*

"The Rise of Remote Work Evidence on Productivity and Preferences From Firm and Worker Surveys" with Zoe Cullen, Edward Glaeser, Michael Luca, and Christopher Stanton
August 2024, *the Journal of Economics and Management Science*

"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)

"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

Non-Peer Reviewed Papers

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

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

Campus Research Board for "The Historical Origins, Development, and Effects of Zoning Regulations: Evidence from the United States": \$29,472
 Coefficient Giving for "Understanding Housing Production: Causal Evidence and Public Data on Municipal Zoning" (w/ Arpit Gupta and Dan Milo): \$135,000
 National Institutes of Health for "Experimental Evidence on the Relationship Between Income and Health" (w/ Sarah Miller, Elizabeth Rhodes, and Eva Vivaldi) \$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 Vivaldi): \$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 Vivaldi): \$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 Vivaldi): \$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 Brockman, Sarah Miller, Elizabeth Rhodes, and Eva Vivaldi): \$250,155
 Russell Sage Foundation for "The Impact of COVID-19 on Low-Income Individuals and Families", 2020 (with David Brockman, Sarah Miller, Elizabeth Rhodes, and Eva Vivaldi): \$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

Professional Activities

Presentations (includes scheduled)

2025: Indiana University, Society of Labor Economists

2025: University of Kentucky, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Chicago Fed Urban Workshop, American Finance Association meeting at ASSA, Triangle Applied Microeconomics Conference at Duke University, University of Illinois Institute for Government and Policy Affairs

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 (2020-2026)

Applied Micro Research Lunch Co-Coordinator (2025-2026)

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, Fall 2025

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

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

Past Positions

Research Assistant at The Hamilton Project, Brookings Institution, 2010- 2011

Project Associate at Innovations for Poverty Action, 2008-2010.

Other Information

Citizenship: United States

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