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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Income & Wealth Inequality; Fiscal Sociology; Social Demography; Simulation Methods; Tax and Transfer Policies	
EDUCATION	University of Michigan Ph.D., Sociology & Public Policy – GPA 4.0 Population Studies Center Trainee Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics Fellow	Ann Arbor, MI 2019 – Present
	City University of New York, SPS M.S., Data Science – GPA 4.0	New York, NY 2018 – 2019
	L'École doctorale de Sciences Po-Paris Graduate courses in economics	Paris, France 2016 – 2017
	Hampshire College B.A., Economics and Public Policy Thesis: <i>The Economics of a Guaranteed Minimum Income</i> (89 pp.)	Amherst, MA 2010 – 2014
	University of Copenhagen, Sociology Faculty Graduate courses in criminology, labor, and social policy	Copenhagen, Denmark Fall 2012
SELECTED COURSEWORK	Graduate: Bayesian Statistics; Computational Mathematics; Econometrics I and II; Programming for Economics; Political Economy; Stratification; Statistics in R Undergraduate: Calculus I, II, and III; Linear Algebra; Econometrics I and II; Introductory and Advanced Micro/Macroeconomics; The Economics of Education; Senior Seminar: Evaluating Social Policy; Senior Seminar: Public Finance	
TECHNICAL SKILLS	Advanced proficiency: R, Stata, L ^A T _E X, R Markdown, Excel Intermediate proficiency: SQL, R Shiny, vi/Vim Elementary knowledge: CSS, HTML, JavaScript, Python	
PUBLICATIONS	Pfeffer, Fabian T. and Asher Dvir-Djerassi . (2022). “The U.S. Wealth Distribution: Off the Charts.” <i>Socius</i> .	
WORKING PAPERS	Mitnik, Pablo, Asher Dvir-Djerassi , and Victoria Bryant. “The Intergenerational Transmission of Relative-Income Advantages in the United States: Reassessing the Current View.” Pfeffer, Fabian T. and Asher Dvir-Djerassi . “Wealth as a Dimension of Social Stratification” (invited for Oxford Handbook of Social Stratification) Dvir-Djerassi, Asher . “The Interplay of Social Security Disability Insurance and Tax Expenditures in Depressing Retirement Assets: Evidence from Internal Revenue Service Data.”	

	Dvir-Djerassi, Asher. “Can an unconditional cash transfer decrease poverty without decreasing labor supply for SSI and SSDI recipients? Evidence from the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, 1988-2019.”	
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	Pfeffer, Fabian T., Kathy Velikov, and Asher Dvir-Djerassi. (2023) “Wealth Inequality and Redistribution.” Data construction and estimation for short video visualization/documentary. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAHYCiiXQ1Q	
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship - University of Michigan Highly competitive doctoral fellowship. (\$36,084 + tuition) 2023 – 2024	
	National Institutes of Health - Predoctoral Fellowship NIH fellowship via the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan. (\$26,352 + tuition) 2022 – 2023	
	Social Security Administration - ARDRAW Funded to research the distribution of wealth of SSDI recipients for the SSA’s Small Grant Program. (\$10,000) 2022 – 2023	
	Summer GSRA - Center for Inequality Dynamics Summer RA for work on the Wealth and Mobility Study. (\$12,000) 2022	
	Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Support provided by the U.S. Department of Education for Bulgaria language instruction. (\$7,500) 2022	
	Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies U.S. Department of Education academic year pre-doctoral fellowship for Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian language instruction. (Stipend & tuition fellowship) 2021 – 2022	
	Social Security Administration - ARDRAW Funded to research the distribution of wealth of SSDI recipients for the SSA’s Small Grant Program. (\$10,000) 2021 – 2022	
	Summer Graduate Research Assistant - Poverty Solutions Summer support for a PhD Candidate to further strategies to prevent and alleviate poverty. (\$5,600) 2021	
	Population Studies Center - Small Grant Program Funding for interactive visualization consultant via the Institute for Social Research’s PSC. (\$2,300) 2021	
	Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Support provided by the U.S. Department of Education for Bulgaria language instruction. (\$7,500) 2021	
	National Institutes of Health - Predoctoral Fellowship NIH fellowship via the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan. (\$25,320 + tuition) 2020 – 2021	
	Social Security Administration - ARDRAW Funded to research the impact of the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend on SSI and SSDI recipients for the SSA’s Small Grant Program. (\$10,000) 2020 – 2021	

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Support provided by the U.S. Department of Education for Bulgaria language instruction. (\$7,500)	Summer 2021
	International Policy Center - Ford School of Public Policy Support to study radical right-wing economic policy in Bulgaria. I was <i>not</i> able to accept this award because of COVID-19. (\$6,066)	Summer 2020
	Bobbe and Jon Bridge Award for Engaged Scholarship Support for travel and research expenses to conduct original research focused on social policy in Bulgaria. (\$5,000)	Summer 2020
	Sciences Po Europe Bursary Full-tuition scholarship and living stipend to study at L'École doctorale de Sciences Po-Paris. (€22,000)	2016 – 2017
	J. William Fulbright Fellowship Highly competitive U.S. State Department Fellowship to serve as an English Teaching Assistant in Bulgaria. (\$12,500)	2014 – 2015
	Social Justice Summer Research Award Competitive Hampshire College grant to facilitate summer research with the National Priorities Project. (\$3500)	Summer 2013
	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Competitive U.S. Department of State scholarship enabling Pell Grant recipients to conduct research and study abroad. (\$5000)	Fall 2012
	Hampshire College Presidential Grant Four-year full-tuition scholarship to study at Hampshire College.	2010 – 2014
	Internal Revenue Service - Statistics of Income Student volunteer for the IRS as part of my graduate work at the University of Michigan and the Joint Statistical Research Program.	Ann Arbor, MI 2020 – present
	New York City Department of Education High school substitute teacher, primarily for economics and math, at Brooklyn and Manhattan public schools.	New York, NY 2017 – 2018
	Boston Public Schools High school math and social science substitute teacher, primarily for the O'Bryant School of Math and Science.	Boston, MA 2016
	Office of Congressman Jim McGovern Assistant to the Congressman's Aide. Drafted letters of support for constituents, conducted casework, and engaged in outreach.	Northampton, MA 2015 – 2016

Bulgarian-American Fulbright Commission
Full-time Fulbright public school teacher and debate coach (8th to 12th grades) in Vidin, Bulgaria.
Vidin, Bulgaria
2014 – 2015

National Priorities Project
Research assistant on a Ford Foundation-funded project on inequality in tax expenditures. Results were publicized in *The Nation* & *USA Today*.
Northampton, MA
2013 – 2014

	Hampshire College, Department of Social Sciences Teacher's assistant for 3 economics courses. Lectured, graded, prepared curricula, and tutored.	Amherst, MA 2012 – 2014
PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS	Policy Research Inc. The Interplay of Social Security Disability Insurance and Tax Expenditures in Depressing Retirement Assets: Evidence from Internal Revenue Service Data	Virtual August 2023
	Black Reparations: Insights from the Social Sciences An End to Racial Wealth Inequality? A Counterfactual Historical Simulation of Wealth Redistribution Proposals	Russell Sage Foundation April 2023
	Longitudinal Research of Income Inequality Would Wealth Taxation Be Sufficient? Evidence from a Dynamic Counterfactual Historical Simulation	University of Haifa March 2023
	Policy Research Inc. The Income and Wealth of Social Security Disability Recipients: Preliminary Estimates Using Internal Revenue Service Data	Virtual August 2022
	SASE Radical Wealth Taxation and Redistribution	University of Amsterdam July 2022
	Policy Research Inc. Can an unconditional cash transfer decrease poverty without decreasing labor supply for SSI and SSDI recipients? Evidence from the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, 2001-2018	Virtual August 2021
	Ford School of Public Policy Counterfactual Historical Simulation of Wealth Taxation	University of Michigan April 2021
	Envisioning Real Utopias Organized book club on Erik Olin Wright's Real Utopias Project	University of Michigan August 2021
	Covib/20 The Case for Counterfactual Historical Simulation using Administrative Tax Data	Virtual/LSE/PSE October 2020
	Inequality Lab Visualizing a Universal Capital Endowment	University of Michigan April 2020
	North American Basic Income Guarantee Congress Basic Income as an Alternative Progressive Labor Market Program	McGill University June 2014
	Center for Popular Economics Conference A Guaranteed Minimum Income as a True Third Way	Hampshire College 2013
SERVICE	2021 Admission Committee Admissions committee member for the 2021 Joint PhD program at the Ford School of Public Policy and the Department of Sociology.	
LANGUAGES	English (Native) Bulgarian (B2) French (A1)	
CITIZENSHIPS	United States of America Republic of Bulgaria (Citizen of the European Union)	