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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Income & Wealth Inequality; Fiscal Sociology; Historical Institutionalism; Political Economy; Simulation Methods; Social Demography; Tax & 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, sociology, 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	Asher Dvir-Djerassi. (2024). “An End to Racial Wealth Inequality? A Counterfactual Historical Simulation of Universal Inheritance Proposals.” <i>RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences</i> . Pfeffer, Fabian T. and Asher Dvir-Djerassi. (2022). “The U.S. Wealth Distribution: Off the Charts.” <i>Socius</i> .	
MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS	Mitnik, Pablo, Asher Dvir-Djerassi , and Victoria Bryant. “The Intergenerational Transmission of Relative-Income Advantages in the United States: Reassessing the Current View.” Dvir-Djerassi, Asher and Fabian Pfeffer. “Affluence Dynamics: Changing Access to the Top of the Income Distribution” Pfeffer, Fabian T. and Asher Dvir-Djerassi. “Wealth as a Dimension of Social Stratification” (invited for Oxford Handbook of Social Stratification)	

	Dvir-Djerassi, Asher. “Would Wealth Taxation Be Sufficient? Evidence from a Dynamic Counterfactual Historical Simulation.”	
	Dvir-Djerassi, Asher. “Locked-Out of Tax Subsidies: The Impact of Social Security Disability Insurance on Retirement Assets and Asset Poverty.”	
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 University of Michigan’s Pop Studies Center. (\$26,352+tuition)	2022 – 2023
	Social Security Administration - ARDRAW Funded to research assets of SSDI recipients. (\$10,000)	2022 – 2023
	Summer GSRA - Center for Inequality Dyanmics Funded for work on the Wealth and Mobility Study. (\$12,000)	2022
	Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Funding for Bulgarian language instruction. (\$7,500)	2022
	Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Funding for Croatian language instruction. (Stipend + tuition)	2021 – 2022
	Social Security Administration - ARDRAW Funded to research assets of SSDI recipients. (\$10,000)	2021 – 2022
	Summer Graduate Research Assistant - Poverty Solutions Summer support for research on asset poverty. (\$5,600)	2021
	Population Studies Center - Small Grant Program Support for interactive visualization consultant. (\$2,300)	2021
	Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Funding for Bulgarian language instruction. (\$7,500)	2021
	National Institutes of Health - Predoctoral Fellowship University of Michigan’s Pop Studies Center. (\$25,320 + tuition)	2020 – 2021
	Social Security Administration - ARDRAW Funded to research Alaska PFD’s impact on the disabled. (\$10,000)	2020 – 2021
	Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Funding for Bulgarian language instruction. (\$7,500)	2021
	Bobbe and Jon Bridge Award for Engaged Scholarship Support for travel and research expenses. (\$5,000)	2020
	Sciences Po Europe Bursary Full scholarship & stipend to study at Sciences Po-Paris. (€ 22,000)	2016 – 2017

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	J. William Fulbright Fellowship - Bulgaria Highly competitive U.S. State Department Fellowship.	2014 – 2015
	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Competitive scholarship for Pell Grant recipients to study abroad.	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 the Joint Statistical Research Program & my graduate work at the University of Michigan.	Ann Arbor, MI 2020 – present
	New York City Department of Education High school math and economics substitute teacher.	New York, NY 2017 – 2018
	Boston Public Schools High school math and economics substitute teacher.	Boston, MA 2016
	Office of Congressman Jim McGovern Assistant to the Congressman's Aide.	Northampton, MA 2015 – 2016
	Bulgarian-American Fulbright Commission Fulbright funded public school teacher and debate coach.	Vidin, Bulgaria 2014 – 2015
	National Priorities Project RA on Ford Foundation-funded project on inequality in tax expenditures. Results publicized in <i>The Nation</i> & <i>USA Today</i> .	Northampton, MA 2013 – 2014
	Hampshire College, Department of Social Sciences Teacher's assistant for 3 economics courses.	Amherst, MA 2012 – 2014
PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS	Policy Research Inc. Locked-Out of Tax Subsidies: The Impact of Social Security Disability Insurance on Retirement Assets and Asset Poverty	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. An Unconditional Cash Transfer on Poverty & Employment of SSDI Recipients? The Effects of the Alaska Permanent Fund	Virtual August 2021

	Ford School of Public Policy A 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 Simulation using Administrative 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 University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy and Department of Sociology.	
LANGUAGES	English (Native) Bulgarian (B2) French (A1)	
CITIZENSHIPS	United States of America Republic of Bulgaria (Citizen of the European Union)	