

# Asher Dvir-Djerassi

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Income & Wealth Inequality; Fiscal Sociology; Social Demography; Simulation Methods; Tax and Transfer Policies	
EDUCATION	<b>University of Michigan</b> Ph.D., Sociology & Public Policy – GPA 4.0 Population Studies Center Trainee Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics Fellow	Ann Arbor, MI 2019 – Present
	<b>City University of New York, SPS</b> M.S., Data Science – GPA 4.0	New York, NY 2018 – 2019
	<b>L'École doctorale de Sciences Po-Paris</b> Graduate courses in economics	Paris, France 2016 – 2017
	<b>Hampshire College</b> B.A., Economics and Public Policy Thesis: <i>The Economics of a Guaranteed Minimum Income</i> (89 pp.)	Amherst, MA 2010 – 2014
	<b>University of Copenhagen, Sociology Faculty</b> Graduate courses in criminology, labor, and social policy	Copenhagen, Denmark Fall 2012
SELECTED COURSEWORK	<b>Graduate:</b> Bayesian Statistics; Computational Mathematics; Econometrics I and II; Programming for Economics; Political Economy; Stratification; Statistics in R  <b>Undergraduate:</b> 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	<b>Advanced proficiency:</b> R, Stata, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, R Markdown, Excel <b>Intermediate proficiency:</b> Python, R Shiny <b>Elementary knowledge:</b> CSS, HTML, JavaScript	
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	<b>Academic Year Foreign Language &amp; Area Studies</b> U.S. Department of Education academic year pre-doctoral fellowship for Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian language instruction. (Stipend & tuition fellowship)	2021-2022
	<b>Social Security Administration - ARDRAW</b> Funded to research the distribution of wealth of SSDI recipients for the SSA's Small Grant Program. (\$10,000)	2021-2022
	<b>Summer Graduate Research Assistant - Poverty Solutions</b> Summer support for a PhD Candidate to further strategies to prevent and alleviate poverty. (\$5,600)	2021

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	<b>Population Studies Center - Small Grant Program</b> Funding for interactive visualization consultant via the Institute for Social Research's PSC. (\$2,300)	2021
	<b>Summer Foreign Language &amp; Area Studies</b> Support provided by the U.S. Department of Education for Bulgaria language instruction. (\$7,500)	2021
	<b>National Institutes of Health - Predoctoral Fellowship</b> NIH fellowship via the Institute for Social Research's Population Studies Center to research social demography under Fabian Pfeffer. (\$25,320 + tuition)	2020 – 2021
	<b>Social Security Administration - ARDRAW</b> 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
	<b>Summer Foreign Language &amp; Area Studies</b> Support provided by the U.S. Department of Education for Bulgaria language instruction. (\$7,500)	Summer 2021
	<b>International Policy Center - Ford School of Public Policy</b> 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
	<b>Bobbe and Jon Bridge Award for Engaged Scholarship</b> Support for travel and research expenses to conduct original research focused on social policy in Bulgaria. (\$5,000)	Summer 2020
	<b>Sciences Po Europe Bursary</b> Full-tuition scholarship and living stipend to study at L'École doctorale de Sciences Po-Paris. (€22,000)	2016 – 2017
	<b>J. William Fulbright Fellowship</b> Highly competitive U.S. State Department Fellowship to serve as an English Teaching Assistant in Bulgaria. (\$12,500)	2014 – 2015
	<b>Social Justice Summer Research Award</b> Competitive Hampshire College grant to facilitate summer research with the National Priorities Project. (\$3500)	Summer 2013
	<b>Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship</b> Highly competitive State Department scholarship enabling Pell Grant recipients to conduct research and study at the University of Copenhagen. (\$5000)	Fall 2012
	<b>Hampshire College Presidential Grant</b> Four-year full-tuition scholarship to study at Hampshire College.	2010 – 2014
	<b>Internal Revenue Service - Statistics of Income</b> As part of my graduate work at the University of Michigan, I work with the IRS-SOI on administrative tax data.	Ann Arbor, MI 2020 – present

	<b>New York City Department of Education</b> High school substitute teacher, primarily for economics and math, at Brooklyn and Manhattan public schools.	New York, NY 2017 – 2018
	<b>Boston Public Schools</b> High school math and social science substitute teacher, primarily for the O'Bryant School of Math and Science.	Boston, MA 2016
	<b>Office of Congressman Jim McGovern</b> Assistant to the Congressman's Aide. Drafted letters of support for constituents, conducted casework, and engaged in outreach.	Northampton, MA 2015 – 2016
	<b>Bulgarian-American Fulbright Commission</b> Served as a full-time public school English teacher and debate coach for the 8 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> grade at a public high school in Vidin, Bulgaria through a Fulbright Fellowship. Succeeded in tripling the size of the school's debate team and bringing the team to win the national gold medal. Organized an essay competition on the history of Jews in Bulgaria during WWII and facilitated the competition winners to tour the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem.	Vidin, Bulgaria 2014 – 2015
	<b>National Priorities Project</b> Quantitative research assistant. Worked on issues regarding tax policy and the flow of federal funds to the states with Excel and Python. Via Ford Foundation funding, constructed an interactive data-set following the cost of tax expenditures over 40 years, which was publicized in The Nation and USA Today.	Northampton, MA 2013 – 2014
	<b>Hampshire College, Department of Social Sciences</b> Teacher's assistant for 3 economics courses: Intro to Economics; Seminar on South-South Economic Relations; Economics and the Environment. Lectured, graded, prepared curricula, and tutored.	Amherst, MA 2012 – 2014
PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS	<b>Envisioning Real Utopias</b> Organized book club on Erik Olin Wright's Real Utopias Project	University of Michigan 2021
	<b>Inequality Lab</b> Visualizing a Universal Capital Endowment	University of Michigan 2020
	<b>North American Basic Income Guarantee Congress</b> Basic Income as an Alternative Progressive Labor Market Program	McGill University 2014
	<b>Center for Popular Economics Conference</b> A Guaranteed Minimum Income as a True Third Way	Hampshire College 2013
SERVICE	<b>2021 Admission Committee</b> Served as graduate student admissions committee member for the 2021 Joint PhD program in the Ford School of Public Policy and Department of Sociology	University of Michigan 2021
LANGUAGES	English (Native)   Bulgarian (B1 - Intermediate)   Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian (A2 - Beginner)	
CITIZENSHIPS	United States of America   Republic of Bulgaria (Citizen of the European Union)	