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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Richmond (2021 - )

## EDUCATION

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### University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Ph.D. in Economics May 2021

Committee: Amalia Miller, Eric Chyn, Sebastian Tello-Trillo, John Pepper

M.A. in Economics December 2016

### Clemson University, Clemson

B.A. in Economics, *summa cum laude* May 2015

B.A. in Women's Leadership, *summa cum laude* May 2015

## PUBLICATIONS

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"Effects of COVID-19 Shutdowns on Domestic Violence in US Cities" with Amalia Miller and Carmit Segal. September 2022. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 131:103476.

## WORKING PAPERS

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"Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Domestic Violence in Los Angeles" with Amalia Miller and Carmit Segal NBER Working Paper w28068.

"Safer Sex? The Effect of AIDS Risk on Birth Rates"

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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"The Effects of Abortion Counseling Laws," with Rebecca Brough

"The Effect of Tasers on Fatal Police Encounters"

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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Robins School of Business Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grant 2022

Robins School of Business Summer Research Grant 2022

NBER Gender in the Economy Study Group Research Grant on Women,  
Victimization, and COVID-19 (with Amalia Miller and Carmit Segal) 2020

Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowship 2020

Marshall Jevons Fund Award 2020

The Jefferson Fellowship (UVA's premier graduate fellowship) 2018

Snively Prize for Outstanding Economics Dissertation Proposal 2018

Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, Best Social Sciences Poster 2018

Snively Prize for Outstanding Economics Summer Paper 2017

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED SEMINARS

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2022: NBER Summer Institute, GeFam Study Group, Joint Virginia Military Institute / Washington and Lee seminar, Virginia Commonwealth University seminar

2021: NBER Health and COVID-19 Fall Meeting, UVA Law and Economics Colloquium, Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, LAC Labor and Public Conference, Virtual Seminar on the Economics of Risky Health Behaviors

2020: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, University of Toledo Economics seminar, St. Olaf College Economics seminar, SITE Economic Perspectives on Domestic Violence

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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ECON 235: Gender Economics (UR)	Spring 2022, Spring 2023
ECON 101: Principles of Microeconomics (UR)	Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022
ECON 3010: Intermediate Microeconomics (UVA)	Summer 2018
TA for ECON 4160: Economics of Health (UVA)	Spring 2018
TA for ECON 3010: Intermediate Microeconomics (UVA)	Summer 2017, Fall 2017
TA for ECON 2020: Principles of Macroeconomics (UVA)	Spring 2017
TA for ECON 2010: Principles of Microeconomics (UVA)	Fall 2016

## INVITED WORKSHOPS

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CSWEP CeMENT Workshop for Junior Faculty	2023
Becker-Friedman Institute Price Theory Summer Camp	2019
Summit for Diversity in Economics	2018

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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Referee: *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Letters*, *Journal of Sports Economics*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *Crime Science*

Robins School of Business DEI Task Force	2022-2023
Program Committee, Liberal Arts College Public and Labor Conference	2022
President and founder of Women in Economics at UVA	2019-2020
Co-organizer of the Academics and Social Media Forum (UVA)	2019
Graduate School Student Council Vice President Committee Chair(UVA)	2017-2019

*Grants for Service Initiatives*

UVA Diversity and Inclusion Grant for Women in Economics	2019
Jefferson Foundation Grant for Interdisciplinary Forums	2019
CSWEP Joan Haworth Mentoring Grant for Women in Economics at UVA	2018

## MEDIA

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“Did Domestic Violence Really Spike During the Pandemic?” Freakonomics Radio. Episode 505. June 1, 2022. Covering “Effects of COVID-19 Shutdowns on Domestic Violence in US Cities” with Amalia Miller and Carmit Segal.

“Measuring the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Domestic Violence.”

IZA World of Labor opinion article. January 11, 2021. with Amalia Miller and Carmit Segal.

“How to Handle Multiple Projects.”

The Hidden Curriculum Podcast guest. Season 1 Episode 9. October 22, 2020.