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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

Advisors: Amalia Miller, Eric Chyn, Sebastian Tello-Trillo

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

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Effects of COVID-19 Shutdowns on Domestic Violence in US Cities”  
with Amalia Miller (UVA) and Carmit Segal (University of Zurich)  
NBER Working Paper w29429.

“Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Domestic Violence in Los Angeles”  
with Amalia Miller (UVA) and Carmit Segal (University of Zurich)  
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 (UC Davis)

“The Effect of Tasers on Fatal Police Encounters”

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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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
Jefferson Scholars Foundation Research Fund	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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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, NBER Summer Institute Gender in the Economy Egg-Timer with Amalia Miller (presenter) and Carmit Segal

## INVITED WORKSHOPS

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IWPR Economics of Reproductive Health working group (cancelled due to COVID-19)	2020
Becker-Friedman Institute Price Theory Summer Camp	2019
Summit for Diversity in Economics	2018

## SERVICE GRANTS

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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
Bankard Conference Award for Economics Graduate Student Workshop	2017

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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ECON 260: Gender Economics (UR)	Spring 2022
ECON 101: Principles of Microeconomics (UR)	Fall 2021, Spring 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

## LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

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President and founder of Women in Economics at UVA	Fall 2019 - Spring 2020
Co-organizer of the Academics and Social Media Forum	Spring 2019 - Fall 2019
Graduate School Student Council Vice President	Fall 2018 - May 2019
Graduate School Student Council Initiatives Committee Chair	Fall 2017 - May 2018
Selections Co-chair for The Raven Society	Fall 2018 - May 2019
Chief organizer of the Bankard Economics Graduate Student Workshop	Fall 2017 - May 2018

## MEDIA

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“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.