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## CURRENT POSITION:

Postdoctoral Scholar, Institute for Business and Social Impact at the Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley  
(2021-present)

Supervisor: Professor Paul Gertler

## EDUCATION:

University of California, Berkeley

PhD, Economics Fall 2020

Advisors: Professors Ulrike Malmendier, Stefano Della Vigna, and Jonathan Kolstad

BA, Economics and Cognitive Science Spring 2010

## RESEARCH FIELDS:

Primary: Psychology and Economics, Health Economics, Household Finance

Secondary: Organizational Economics, Applied Microeconomics

## PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS:

Simple Actions, Complex Habits: Lessons from Hospital Hand Hygiene (**Job Market Paper**)

Rent or Buy? Inflation Experiences and Homeownership within and across Countries  
(with Ulrike Malmendier) *Revise and Resubmit at The Journal of Finance*

Predicting Mid-Life Capital Formation with Pre-School Delay of Gratification and Life-Course Measures of Self-Regulation

(with Daniel Benjamin, David Laibson, Walter Mischel, Philip Peake, Yuichi Shoda, and Nicole Wilson), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Vol 179 (2020): 743-756. Special Issue: "Understanding Cognition and Decision Making by Children"

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

### RESEARCH:

Research Assistant for Professor Ulrike Malmendier, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley (2020, 2018, 2015-2016, 2008-2010)

Research Assistant for Professor Stefano Della Vigna, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley (2012-2013, 2015-2017)

Research Assistant for Professors David Laibson, Brigitte Madrian, James Choi, and John Beshears at the NBER (2013-2014)

### TEACHING AND MENTORING:

Teaching Assistant, PhD Corporate Finance, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley (Fall 2020)

Teaching Assistant, MBA Corporate Finance, Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley (Spring 2019)  
Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Psychology and Economics, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley (Fall 2017)

Mentor, Undergraduate Researchers in Economics Program, UC Berkeley (2016-2019)

Mentor, Women in Economics at Berkeley, UC Berkeley (2017)

**CONSULTING:**

Senior Analyst, Analysis Group (2010-2013)

**GRANTS AND AWARDS:**

- 2019 UC Berkeley Department Completion Fellowship
- 2017 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award
- 2017 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*
- 2017 Russell Sage Foundation Small Grant in Behavioral Economics
- 2016 Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics
- 2016 UC San Diego Spring School in Behavioral Economics
- 2016 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention
- 2010 UC Berkeley Highest Honors in Economics and High Distinction in General Scholarship

**INVITED AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

- 2022 ASSA Annual Meeting (*Scheduled*)
- 2021 Caltech (Camerer Group), UC Berkeley (Economics), UC Berkeley (Finance), European Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society (*Scheduled*)
- 2020 Behavioral Science and Health Symposium
- 2017 BdF/ECB Conference on Household Finance and Consumption
- 2015 CEPR European Workshop on Household Finance, Household and Behavioral Finance Symposium

**REFeree SUPPORT:**

American Economic Review, Review of Economics and Statistics, Management Science, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Banking and Finance

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Citizenship: USA