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**Education**

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**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA 2019 - Present  
 Ph.D. Candidate in Public Policy  
Fields: Economics of Education, Public Economics, Labor Economics

**Pomona College**, Claremont, CA 2013 - 2017  
 B.A. in Economics (*magna cum laude*)

**Working Papers**

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“The Causal Impact of Removing Children from Abusive and Neglectful Homes,” with Eric Chyn, Justine Hastings, and Margarita Machelett. Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Political Economy*.

[Link to NBER version](#)

Abstract: This paper measures impacts of removing children from families investigated for abuse or neglect. We use removal tendencies of child protection investigators as an instrument. We focus on young children investigated before age six and find that removal significantly increases test scores and reduces grade repetition for girls. There are no detectable impacts for boys. This pattern of results does not appear to be driven by heterogeneity in pre-removal characteristics, foster placements, or the type of schools attended after removal. The results are consistent with the hypothesis that development of abused and neglected girls is more responsive to home removal.

**Papers in Progress**

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“The Economics of Foster Care,” with Joseph J. Doyle, Max Gross, and Brian Jacob.

“Provision of Health Services in Schools and Student Outcomes.”

“What Predicts Student Achievement? New Evidence from Big Data,” with Samantha Gold, Justine Hastings, Mark Howison, and Jonah Rockoff.

**Research Positions**

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**Economics Intern** 2020  
 Amazon, Seattle, WA  
Focus areas: Workforce development, compensation, future of work

**Research Assistant** to Justine Hastings 2017 - 2019  
 Brown University, Providence, RI  
Focus areas: Early childhood, foster care, access to higher education

**Economic Policy Intern** 2016  
 U.S. Dept. of the Treasury, Washington, DC  
Focus areas: Labor force participation, housing

**Fellowships and Honors**

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Harvard University	CEPR Partnering in Education Research (PIER) Fellowship	2021 - 2023
	Graduate Research Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School	2019 - 2021
Brown University	Predoctoral Fellowship	2017 - 2019
Pomona College	Morris B. Pendleton Memorial Prize in Economics	2017
	Distinction in the Senior Exercise	2017
	Phi Beta Kappa	2017

**Service**

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Referee    *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*