

**Anthony Bald**

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Public Economics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education

**Education**

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**Ph.D. in Public Policy**

2019 - Present

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

**B.A. in Economics** (*magna cum laude*)

2013 - 2017

Pomona College, Claremont, CA

**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 Child Protection,” with Joseph J. Doyle, Max Gross, and Brian Jacob.

“School Nurses and Student Outcomes from 1902 to Present.”

“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

**Research Assistant** to Justine Hastings

2017 - 2019

Brown University, Providence, RI

**Economic Policy Intern**

2016

U.S. Dept. of the Treasury, Washington, DC

**Fellowships and Honors**

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Graduate Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School	2019 - 2021
Predoctoral Fellowship, Brown University	2017 - 2019
Morris B. Pendleton Memorial Prize in Economics, Pomona College	2017
Distinction in the Senior Exercise, Pomona College	2017
Phi Beta Kappa, Pomona College	2017