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Education

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. in Economics	Expected 2022
A.M. in Economics	2019

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

B.A. with Highest Honors in Economics & Mathematics	2014
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Research Interests

Labor Economics, Law and Economics (*focus on Criminal Justice*), Political Economy

Working Papers

"If You Give a Judge a Risk Score: Evidence from Kentucky Bail Decisions"

"Uncorking Expert Reviews with Social Media: A Case Study Served with Wine" (*with Peter Pedroni and Steve Sheppard*)

Ongoing Projects

"No Money Bail, No Problems? Evidence from a Pretrial Administrative Release Program"

"Examining the Lasting Consequences of the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921" (*with Nathan Nunn and James Feigenbaum*)

"Can Judge Bias Training Reduce Racial Disparities in Bail Decisions?"

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

J-PAL Criminal Justice Reform Proposal Development Grant (<i>with Alley Edlebi</i>)	2019 - 2020
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Law and Economics Fellows Writing Prize, Harvard Law School	2019
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Terence M. Considine Fellow in Law and Economics, Harvard Law School	2018 - Present
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James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar, Harvard Kennedy School	2018 - Present
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Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative Grant (<i>with James Feigenbaum and Nathan Nunn</i>)	2019
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Inequality in America Initiative Grant (<i>with James Feigenbaum and Nathan Nunn</i>)	2019
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Summer Research and Travel Award, Harvard University	2018
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Research Scholarship, American Association of Wine Economists	2018
Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University	2016 - Present
Christophe Baron Prize, American Association of Wine Economists	2016
Best Lightning Talk Presenter, Oxford University Connected Life Conference	2015
Carl Van Dyne Prize in Economics, Williams College	2014
Phi Beta Kappa, Williams College	2014
Economics Highest Honors, Williams College	2014
Economics Department Class of 1960 Scholar, Williams College	2013 - 2014
National Merit Finalist	2010
Gold Medalist, New York City Math Fair	2008

Publications

Conference Proceedings

“One Size Does Not Fit All: The Shortcomings of the Mainstream Data Scientist Working for Social Good” (with Sarah Levine). 2015. *Proceedings of the Bloomberg Data for Good Exchange*.

Popular Writing

“We analyzed every *Modern Love* column from the past 10 years. Here’s what we learned about love” (with Emma Pierson). 2017. *Quartz*.

“Which U.S. State Performs Best in the New Yorker Caption Contest?” (with Bob Mankoff). 2015. *The New Yorker*.

Research and Teaching Experience

Harvard University

Teaching Fellow for *Research in Social, Labor, & Applied Microeconomics* 2018 - 2019

Stanford Law School

Empirical Research Fellow for Professor John Donohue 2014 - 2016

Teaching Assistant for *Guns, Drugs, Prisons: Empirical Debates in Law and Policy* 2014

Williams College

Research Fellow for Professor Yong Suk Lee 2013

Research Assistant for Professor Sarah Jacobson 2013

Teaching Assistant for Calculus I 2011-2012

Invited Talks and Presentations

2020: Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association (*planned*), Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Conference (*planned*), Judicial Council of California Research Group Talk, Harvard *Law and Economics Workshop* Guest Speaker

2019: Eighth Meeting for the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (Paris School of Economics), Harvard *Gov 1005: Data* Guest Speaker (x2), Harvard *Law and Economics Seminar* Guest Speaker

2018: R-Ladies Invited Talk, American Association of Wine Economists Conference (Cornell University)

2017: Enterprise Applications of the R Language (EARL) Conference

2016: American Association of Wine Economists Conference (Université de Bordeaux)

2015: Oxford University Connected Life Conference, Bloomberg Data for Good Exchange, Strata+Hadoop World Conference

Referee Service

Quarterly Journal of Economics

Academic Service

Harvard Grad Women in Economics	2017 - Present
Website Manager (developed harvardgwe.com)	2018 - Present
Treasurer	2019 - Present
Harvard Economics Peer Mentor	2017 - 2018
MIT INSPIRE Competition Judge	2017

Technical Workflow

R for Everything

Data preparation (cleaning and wrangling) and statistical analysis/exploratory visualization with R Markdown (advanced tidyverse applications)

Reproducible and replicable presentation/paper generation with R Markdown (wrapper for L^AT_EX)

Version control using Git and Github with Rstudio

Website development and management with R blogdown, Hugo, and Netlify

Other (non-R) Technical Skills

Stata, Adobe Photoshop