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Education

Ph.D. Economics, Harvard University	Expected May 2022
A.M. Economics, Harvard University	May 2019
B.A. Mathematics & Economics (Highest Honors), Williams College	June 2014

Research Interests

Labor Economics, Law and Economics, Inequality, Economic History

Working Papers

- "No Money Bail No Problems? Evidence from Kentucky's Automatic Release Program"
- "If You Give a Judge a Risk Score"
- "After The Burning: The Economic Effects of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre" with Jeremy Cook, James Feigenbaum, Laura Kincaide, Jason Long, and Nathan Nunn
- "Uncorking Expert Reviews with Social Media: A Case Study Served with Wine" with Peter Pedroni and Steven Sheppard

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Abrams Family Economics Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard University	2022
Irving Louis Horowitz Award (most outstanding project), Horowitz Foundation	2021
Horowitz Foundation Dissertation Prize, Horowitz Foundation	2021
James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar, Harvard Kennedy School	2018-22
Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (4 times), Harvard Bok Center	2018-21
Law and Economics Fellows Writing Prize, Harvard Law School	2019
Terence M. Considine Fellow in Law and Economics, Harvard Law School	2018-21
Foundations of Human Behavior Grant (with James Feigenbaum & Nathan Nunn)	2019
Inequality in America Grant (with James Feigenbaum & Nathan Nunn)	2019
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
Gold Medalist, New York City Math Fair	2008

Professional Activities

Invited Seminars

2022 (incl. scheduled): London School of Economics, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Rutgers Economics, Department of Justice, RAND, Mathematica

2018-21: Vancouver School of Economics, Economics of Crime Online Seminar Series, Judicial Council of California, R-Ladies Boston

Conference Presentations

2021: NBER Decentralization Conference (virtual; invited discussant), ACM Conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization (virtual)

2020: Southern Economic Association Annual Conference (virtual), Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association (canceled due to Covid-19)

2019: Eighth Meeting for the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (Paris School of Economics)

2015-18: American Association of Wine Economists Conference (Cornell University), EARL Conference (Boston), American Association of Wine Economists Conference (Université de Bordeaux), Connected Life Conference (Oxford University), Bloomberg Data for Good Exchange (NYC), Strata+Hadoop World Conference (NYC)

Invited Guest Lectures

2021: Professor Louis Kaplow and Steve Shavell's "Law and Economics" Course at Harvard Law (October 14)

2019: Harvard Government Department "Data" Course (April 2 & November 7), Professor Louis Kaplow and Steve Shavell's "Law and Economics" Course at Harvard Law (March 5)

Press Coverage

2021: The New York Times, CNN, TIME Magazine, CNBC, NBER Digest, Black Enterprise, The Root, Business Insider, Probable Causation Podcast, Phenomenal World

2019: WIRED, Axios

Professional Service

Referee Service

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics

Events Organized

2020: "Heterogeneity by Gender: Evidence from JMPs", Harvard Economics (co-organized with Stephanie Kestelman)

Community Service

Founding Member, Harvard Graduate Women in Economics
Master of Ceremonies, Harvard Economics Holiday Party

2017-21
2018 & 2020

Other Publications

Popular Writing

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

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

Conference Proceedings

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

Teaching

Undergraduate Thesis Writer Seminar (Harvard Economics), Seminar Leader	2020-21
Undergraduate Thesis Writer Seminar (Harvard Economics), Seminar Leader	2018-19
Empirical Debates in Law and Policy (Stanford Law), Teaching Assistant	2014