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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

"If You Give a Judge a Risk Score"

"After The Burning: The Economic Effects of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre" (*with Nathan Nunn & James Feigenbaum*)

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

In Preparation

"Pricing Freedom"

"The Effects of Judge Bias Training"

Conferences and Invited Presentations

2021: Vancouver School of Economics Economic History Seminar (*virtual*)

2020: Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Conference (*virtual*), Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association (*accepted; conference canceled*), Judicial Council of California Research Seminar (*virtual*), 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

2015-2018: R-Ladies Invited Talk, American Association of Wine Economists Conference (Cornell University), Enterprise Applications of the R Language (EARL) Conference, American Association of Wine Economists Conference (Université de Bordeaux), Oxford University Connected Life Conference, Bloomberg Data for Good Exchange, Strata+Hadoop World Conference

Professional Activities and Service

Referee Service

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Urban Economics

Conferences/Seminars

Discussion Lead, NBER Decentralization Conference: Mechanism Design for Vulnerable Populations (2021; scheduled)

Academic Community Service

Harvard Grad Women in Economics Member	2017 - Present
Website Manager & Developer: harvardgwe.com	2018 - 2020
Treasurer	2019 - 2020
Harvard Economics Peer Mentor	2017 - 2018
MIT INSPIRE Competition Judge	2017

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

J-PAL Criminal Justice Reform Proposal Development Grant (<i>with Alley Edlebi</i>)	2019 - 2020
Law and Economics Fellows Writing Prize, Harvard Law School	2019
Terence M. Considine Fellow in Law and Economics, Harvard Law School	2018 - 2020
James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar, Harvard Kennedy School	2018 - 2020
Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative Grant (<i>with James Feigenbaum & Nathan Nunn</i>)	2019
Inequality in America Initiative Grant (<i>with James Feigenbaum & Nathan Nunn</i>)	2019
Research Grant, Bradley Foundation	2019
Summer Research and Travel Award, Harvard University	2018
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

Teaching

Harvard University

Teaching Fellow for <i>Research in Applied Microeconomics & Law and Economics</i>	2020 - 2021
Head of undergraduate economics thesis writer seminar	
Teaching Fellow for <i>Research in Social/Labor Economics & Applied Microeconomics</i>	2018 - 2019
Head of undergraduate economics thesis writer seminar (teaching evaluation mean: 4.9/5)	

Stanford Law School

Teaching Assistant for <i>Guns, Drugs, Prisons: Empirical Debates in Law and Policy</i>	2014
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General Audience 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*.

Technical Skills

R for Everything:

Data preparation (cleaning & wrangling), visualization, statistical analysis, and econometrics applications with R (frequent use of tidyverse, lfe, & broom)

Reproducible and replicable presentation/paper generation with R Markdown (L^AT_EXwrapper)

Version control using Git and Github integrated with Rstudio

Website development and management with R blogdown, Hugo, Netlify (& occasional HTML code)

Other (non-R) Technical Skills:

STATA, Adobe Photoshop

Research Assistant (RA) Experience

Empirical Research Fellow for Professor John Donohue, Stanford Law School	2014 - 2016
Research Fellow for Professor Yong Suk Lee, Williams College	2013
Research Assistant for Professor Sarah Jacobson, Williams College	2013