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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, Economic History, Social Economics

## 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

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

## Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Law and Economics Fellows Writing Prize, Harvard Law School	2019
Inequality in America Initiative Grant (with James Feigenbaum and Nathan Nunn)	2019
Terence M. Considine Fellow in Law and Economics, Harvard Law School	2018 - 2019
James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar, Harvard Kennedy School	2018 - Present
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 Internet Institute 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, *Research in Social, Labor, & Applied Microeconomics* 2018 - 2019

### *Stanford Law School*

Empirical Research Fellow, Professor John Donohue 2014 - 2016  
Teaching Assistant, *Guns, Drugs, Prisons: Empirical Debates in Law and Policy* 2014

### *Williams College*

Research Fellow, Professor Yong Suk Lee 2013  
Research Assistant, Professor Sarah Jacobson 2013  
Teaching Assistant, Calculus I 2011-2012

## Invited Talks and Presentations

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

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

2017: Enterprise Applications of the R Language Conference

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

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

## Academic Service

Harvard Grad Women in Economics Tech/Media Manager	2017 - Present
Developer and manager of <a href="http://harvardgwe.com">harvardgwe.com</a>	
Harvard Economics Peer Mentor	2017 - 2018
MIT INSPIRE Judge	2017

## Technical Workflow

### *R for Everything*

Data preparation (cleaning and wrangling) and statistical analysis/exploratory visualization with R Markdown (advanced dplyr and ggplot2 package applications)

Reproducible and replicable presentation and paper generation with R Markdown

Version control using Git and Github with Rstudio

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

### *Other (non-R) Technical Skills*

Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Adobe Photoshop, MS Excel and Powerpoint