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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, Political Economy, Economic History

## Working Papers

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

“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*)

## Work in Progress

“More Money Bail, More Problems? Evidence from Kentucky’s Administrative Release Program”

“Can Judge Bias Training Reduce Racial Disparities in Bail Decisions?”

## Invited Talks and Presentations

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

## Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

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| 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 &amp; Nathan Nunn</i> ) | 2019           |
| Inequality in America Initiative Grant ( <i>with James Feigenbaum &amp; Nathan Nunn</i> )         | 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           |

## 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

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| Teaching Fellow for <i>Research in Social, Labor, &amp; Applied Microeconomics</i> | 2018 - 2019 |
| Course leader for undergraduate economics thesis writers                           |             |
| Instructor evaluation mean: 4.9/5.0  |             |

### Stanford Law School

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| Empirical Research Fellow for Professor John Donohue                                    | 2014 - 2016 |
| Teaching Assistant for <i>Guns, Drugs, Prisons: Empirical Debates in Law and Policy</i> | 2014        |

### Williams College

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| Research Fellow for Professor Yong Suk Lee      | 2013 |
| Research Assistant for Professor Sarah Jacobson | 2013 |

Teaching Assistant for Calculus I

2011-2012

## Referee Service

*Quarterly Journal of Economics*

## Academic Community Service

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| Harvard Grad Women in Economics Member  | 2017 - Present |
| Website Manager & Developer: <a href="http://harvardgwe.com">harvardgwe.com</a> | 2018 - Present |
| Treasurer   | 2019 - 2020    |
| Harvard Economics Peer Mentor   | 2017 - 2018    |
| MIT INSPIRE Competition Judge   | 2017           |

## 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 (`LATEX`wrapper)  
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