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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

"Free To Go: The Effects of Eliminating Financial Bail"

"Does Bias Training Change Bail Decisions?"

## Conference Talks 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 2021  
Topic: Mechanism Design for Vulnerable Populations

### 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

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard Bok Center 2020  
J-PAL Criminal Justice Reform Proposal Development Grant (*w/ Alley Edlebi*) 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 (*w/ James Feigenbaum & Nathan Nunn*) 2019  
Inequality in America Initiative Grant (*w/ James Feigenbaum & Nathan Nunn*) 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 *Research in Applied Microeconomics & Law and Economics* 2020 - 2021  
Head of undergraduate economics thesis writer seminar  
Teaching Fellow for *Research in Social/Labor Economics & Applied Microeconomics* 2018 - 2019  
Head of undergraduate economics thesis writer seminar  
Teaching evaluation mean: 4.9/5

Stanford Law School

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

2014

## 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, descriptive analysis, and econometrics applications with R (frequent use of tidyverse, lfe, lubridate, broom, & many more)

Reproducible and replicable paper writing with R Markdown (L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>Xwrapper) and slide deck crafting with xaringan

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