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Employment

Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis 2022-
Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Institute

Research Fellow, Stanford Law School 2014-2016

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard University 2022

A.M. in Economics, Harvard University 2019

B.A. in Mathematics and Economics with Highest Honors, Williams College 2014

Research

Working Papers

“No Money Bail No Problems? Evidence from Kentucky’s Automatic Release Program”

“The Hidden Effects of Algorithmic Recommendations”

“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, Fellowships

Abrams Family Economics Dissertation Fellowship (Harvard) 2022

Irving Louis Horowitz Award (*most outstanding dissertation project*) 2021

Horowitz Foundation Dissertation Prize 2021

James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar (Harvard Kennedy School) 2018-22

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (*4 times*) (Harvard) 2018-21

Law and Economics Fellows Writing Prize (Harvard Law) 2019

Terence M. Considine Fellow in Law and Economics (Harvard Law) 2018-21

Foundations of Human Behavior Grant (with James Feigenbaum & Nathan Nunn) 2019

Inequality in America Grant (with James Feigenbaum & Nathan Nunn) 2019

Bradley Foundation Research Grant 2019

Christophe Baron Prize (American Association of Wine Economists) 2016

Best Lightning Talk Presenter (Oxford Connected Life Conference) 2015

Carl Van Duyne Prize in Economics (*top thesis prize*) (Williams College) 2014

Professional Activities

Invited Seminars

2024 (including scheduled): Northwestern University, San Diego State University

2023: Clemson University, Williams College, St. Olaf College, University of Minnesota (ISyE), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, São Paulo School of Economics (FGV EESP), Insper, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)

2022: Louisiana State University, Macalester College, London School of Economics (*virtual*), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (*virtual*), Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (*virtual*), Rutgers University (*virtual*), Department of Justice (*virtual*), RAND (*virtual*), Mathematica (*virtual*)

2021: Vancouver School of Economics (*virtual*)

2020: Economics of Crime Online Seminar Series (*virtual*)

Conference Presentations

2024 (including scheduled): American Economics Association (San Antonio), Society of Labor Economists' Annual Meeting (Portland)

2023: Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference (UChicago), Society of Labor Economists' Annual Meeting (Philadelphia), Texas Economics of Crime Workshop (*discussant*) (UT Austin), Women in Federal Reserve System Economic Research Conference (Kansas City Fed), Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars (Northeastern University)

2022: NBER Summer Institute (Crime Session)

2021 (all *virtual*): NBER Decentralization Conference (*discussant*), ACM Conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization, Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars

2020 (all *virtual*): Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, 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), American Association of Wine Economists Conference (Université de Bordeaux), Connected Life Conference (Oxford University)

Invited Guest Lectures

2023: Dr. Shawn Bushway's "Economics of Crime" Winter Study Course at Williams College, Professor Sebastian Tello-Trillo's "Causal Inference" Course at University of Virginia

2022: Professor Amanda Agan's "Evidence-Based Crime Policy" Course at Rutgers University

2021: Professor Louis Kaplow & Steve Shavell's "Law and Economics" Course at Harvard Law

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

Press Coverage

2021: The New York Times, CNN, TIME Magazine, CNBC, NBER Digest, Black Enterprise, The Root, Business Insider

2019: WIRED, Axios

Policy Talks

2022: Niskanen Center Webinar Series on Prosecution Reform (2 times)

2020: Judicial Council of California Seminar

Podcast Interviews

2022: Probable Causation (host: Jennifer Doleac)

Professional Service

Referee Service

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics and Statistics: Short Papers, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economics: Short Papers, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Urban Economics: Insights, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Justice Quarterly

Conference and Seminar Service

Coordinator, Institute Seminar Series (Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis)	2023-2024
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Co-Organizer, Institute Fall Welcome Conference (Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis)	2023
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Program Committee Member, FAccT (ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability and Transparency)	2023
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Co-Organizer, "Heterogeneity by Gender: Evidence from Job Market Papers" (Harvard Economics Department Event)	2020
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Community Service

Panelist, UBC Women in Economics Job Market Event	2022
Founding Member, Harvard Graduate Women in Economics	2017-21
Master of Ceremonies, Harvard Economics Holiday Party	2018 & 2020

<i>Invited Speaker, R-Ladies Boston</i>	2018
<i>Peer Mentor, Harvard Economics Department</i>	2017-18

Teaching

<i>Seminar Leader, Undergraduate Thesis Writer Seminar, Harvard Economics</i>	2020-21
<i>Seminar Leader, Undergraduate Thesis Writer Seminar, Harvard Economics</i>	2018-19
<i>Teaching Assistant, Empirical Debates in Law and Policy, Stanford Law School</i>	2014

Publications Outside Economics

Data Journalism

“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.