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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Higher Education, Inequality, Workforce Development
EDUCATION	<p>Harvard University, Cambridge, MA <i>Ph.D. in Education</i>, Education Policy and Program Evaluation 2020 - 2026 (<i>expected</i>) Advisor: Peter Q. Blair Training in quantitative and qualitative policy and program evaluation. Courses in econometrics, microeconomic theory, machine learning, and big data analysis.</p> <p>University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA <i>Master of Science in Education</i>, Higher Education 2019 - 2020 Training in quantitative analysis and international higher education. Courses in network analysis and quasi-experimental design.</p> <p>RTU Riga Business School, Riga, Latvia <i>Master of Business Administration</i>, Finance Specialization 2016 - 2019 Training in management, accounting, financial investing, and statistics.</p> <p>Riga Stradins University, Riga, Latvia <i>Bachelor's Degree</i>, European Economics and Business 2013 - 2016 Training in statistics, microeconomic theory, economic research methodology, macroeconomics, and European Union law</p>
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<p>The Project on Workforce at Harvard <i>Doctoral Researcher</i> 2021 - Ongoing Conducting data analysis using administrative data on workforce training and preparation programs and their participants. Writing a report detailing and analyzing public jobs training in the US. Working on analyzing the match of college degree growth to changes in the labor market.</p> <p>Harvard University <i>Researcher</i>, BE-Lab 2020 - Ongoing</p> <p>University of Pennsylvania <i>Research Assistant</i>, Institute for Research on Higher Education 2019 - 2020 Researching the performance of Californian higher education, using federal- and state-level education data sets to review the performance of the system and institutions.</p>
AFFILIATIONS	<p>Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University <i>Graduate Student Affiliate</i></p> <p>Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University <i>Graduate Student Affiliate</i></p> <p>Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University <i>Graduate Student Associate</i></p>
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia <i>Senior Expert</i> 2021, 2022 - 2025</p>

Conducting analysis of educational and labor market outcome data for postsecondary education. Drafting and validating with stakeholders a conceptual report on the reformation of Latvia's higher education funding system.

RTU Riga Business School Education Innovation Lab

Research Director

2022 - Ongoing

Supporting evidence-based educational development and conducting process and impact evaluations of programs designed for supporting innovation development and training digital skills.

REPORTS	Navigating Public Job Training <i>with David Deming, Alexis Gable, and Rachel Lipson</i>	<i>2023</i>
	Report on Estonian and Nordic Experience in Implementing Free Higher Education <i>with Sandis Kārkliņš, funded by the Latvian Parliament</i>	<i>2020</i>
PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS	University of California Summer School on the Economics of Migration <i>The Race Between Brain Drain and Brain Gain</i>	<i>2025</i>
	World Latvian Economics and Innovations Forum <i>Overview of Human Capital in Latvia</i>	<i>2025</i>
	Stockholm School of Economics in Riga Open Workshop <i>The Impact of the Removal of Barriers to Labor Mobility on Investment in Human Capital</i>	<i>2024</i>
	<i>The Effectiveness of Tuition Waivers and Further Stipends to Students</i>	<i>2023</i>
	Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Conference <i>Returns to Federally Funded Job Training, with Julian Hayes</i>	<i>2023</i>
	Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference <i>Returns to Federally Funded Job Training, with Julian Hayes</i>	<i>2023</i>
	<i>Waiving Tuition vs Providing Direct Aid to Students During Their Studies</i>	<i>2023</i>
AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS	Jens Aubrey Wenstegard Scholarship Harvard University, Jens Aubrey Westengard Fund for Study in Europe, Britain, or South America	<i>2025</i>
	Frederick Sheldon Travel Fellowship Harvard University, Frederick Sheldon Travel Fellowship to research College Access and Its Labor Market and Civic Consequences for Low-Achieving High-School Graduates in Latvia.	<i>2024</i>
	Merit Scholarship University of Pennsylvania	<i>2019</i>
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SKILLS	Programming Languages: R, L ^A T _E X Statistical and Data Analysis Software: Stata, PowerBI, Tableau, Shiny Languages: Latvian, English, Russian	
