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## **Academic Positions**

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School, Department of Business Economics and Public Policy  
Assistant Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy, 2024-  
Harvard University  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Opportunity Insights, 2023-2024

## **Academic Affiliations**

Policy Impacts  
Co-Director, 2020-  
Opportunity Insights, Harvard University  
Research Associate, 2024-

## **Education**

Harvard University  
Ph.D. Economics, 2017 to 2023  
A.B. Economics, *summa cum laude*, 2015  
University of Oxford  
MPhil Economics, 2017

## **Publications**

“A Unified Welfare Analysis of Government Policy.” (with Nathaniel Hendren). *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 2020; 135(3), 1209-1318.

## **Working Papers**

“The Economic Geography of Lifecycle Human Capital Accumulation: The Competing Effects of Labor Markets and Childhood Environments” (with Sonya Porter). *Job Market Paper*

“A Welfare Analysis of Tax Audits Across the Income Distribution” (with William C. Boning, Nathaniel Hendren and Ellen Stuart). *Revision Requested, Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

“State Taxes, Migration, and Capital Gains Realizations” (with Lucas Goodman). *Revision Requested, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*

“The Radius of Economic Opportunity: Evidence from Migration and Local Labor Markets” (with Nathaniel Hendren and Sonya Porter).

## **Research Notes**

“The Case for the MVPF in Empirical Welfare Analysis” (with Nathaniel Hendren). *NBER Working Paper #30029*

**Seminars & Conferences (Including Scheduled)**

Tulane University, October 2024  
NBER Summer Institute, Real Estate, July 2024  
NBER Summer Institute, Public Economics, July 2023  
University of Kentucky, Martin School Seminar Series, February 2022  
NBER Summer Institute, Labor Studies, July 2022  
NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics, July 2022  
Annual Conference on Taxation, National Tax Association, November 2019 and November 2020

**Fellowships & Awards**

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, National Tax Association, 2023  
Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 2022  
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2017-2020  
Rhodes Scholar, 2015  
Sophia Freund Prize (top GPA in graduating class), Harvard University, 2015  
World Universities Debating Champion, 2014

**Research Grants**

Support for Policy Impacts, Spiegel Family Foundation, 2020-2027

**Teaching**

Public Economics and Fiscal Policy II, Harvard University, Teaching Fellow for Professor Nathaniel Hendren, 2022

**Academic Service**

Referee for: *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*