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EDUCATION	University of California, Santa Barbara PhD Candidate in the Department of Economics	Aug 2019 – Present
	Wellesley College , Wellesley, Massachusetts B.A. in International Relations & Economics	2011– 2015
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Primary fields: Labor, History Secondary field: Race, Gender & Inequality. Applied econometrics.	
VISITING POSITIONS	Northwestern University , Evanston, Illinois Visiting Graduate Student to the Center for Economic History	Sep 2023 – Mar 2024
	The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago , Chicago, Illinois American Economic Association (AEA) Summer Fellow	Jun 2023 – Sep 2023
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	UC Santa Barbara , Santa Barbara, CA Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Econometrics	Mar 2023 – Jun 2023
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	UC Santa Barbara , Santa Barbara, California Research Assistant to Professor Youssef Benzarti	Spring 2021
	Abt Associates Inc. , Cambridge, Massachusetts Programmer Analyst in the Social and Economic Policy Division	2015–2018
	The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab , Cambridge, Massachusetts Undergraduate Research Assistant to Esther Duflo	2015
AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Travel Support for Archival Data Collection (\$1,000), 2021, AEA Mentoring Program▪ Diversity Initiative Fellowship, 2021, UC Office of the President▪ Graduate Research Fellowship, 2019, The National Science Foundation▪ Doctoral Scholars Fellowship, 2019, UC Santa Barbara Graduate Division▪ Peggy Howard Fellowship, 2019, Wellesley College Department of Economics▪ President’s Award for Outstanding Talent Development Leadership, 2018, Abt Associates▪ Natalie Bolten Prize for Best Econometrics Paper, 2015, Wellesley College▪ Global Engagement Grant, 2014, Wellesley College	
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	Broom Center for Demography University of California, Santa Barbara <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Graduate Associate	2020 – Present
ACTIVITIES	Toastmasters UCSB Campus chapter of Toastmasters International, a nonprofit educational organization that promotes communication, public speaking and leadership. Serving as Vice President of Education since 2021.	2020–Present
	We are Economics at Santa Barbara, “WeSB” Student-led organization promoting diversity and inclusion within our own Department of Economics. As president, I lead one event per month, (i.e. interviews with female economists in department, social hours, etc.) catering to the interests among my fellow graduate students.	2020 –2022
	Harvard Square Homeless Shelter Cooking and serving breakfast to roughly fifteen guests a week every Friday morning from November until April; Conducting “Street Team” outreach to Harvard Square community of people who sleep on the street	2015–2018
LANGUAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ English: Native language.▪ Spanish: Limited working proficiency.	

SKILLS

Stata (advanced), SAS (intermediate) , R (intermediate), ArcGIS (novice), Python (novice). GitHub, MS Office, L^AT_EX.

POLICY REPORTS

- [1] J. Geyer, L. Freiman, J. Lubell, and M. Villarreal (2018). Using the Family Self-Sufficiency Program to Help Families with Housing Assistance Improve Earnings, Credit Score, and Debt Levels: A Quasi-Experimental Analysis. *Journal of Consumer Affairs*.
- [2] J. Ash, A. Nichols, M. Villarreal, A. Beach, and D. Collier (2018). What is the impact of a first-year experience course and mentoring program on early postsecondary outcomes? Experimental evidence from the Broncos FIRST program. Funded by a First in the World grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates. (Presented at SREE March 2019)
- [3] S. Dastrup, L. Freiman, J. Lubell, M. Villarreal and D. Weiss (2017). Interim Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Compass Family Self- Sufficiency (FSS) Program. Conducted for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates.
- [4] J. Geyer, L. Freiman, J. Lubell, and M. Villarreal (2017). Evaluation of the Compass Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Programs Administered in Partnership with Public Housing Agencies in Lynn and Cambridge, Massachusetts. Conducted under contract RP-15-MA-002 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates.

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