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DESIRED RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

PRIMARY	SECONDARY
Labor Economics	Urban Economics
Public Finance	Real Estate

DISSERTATION TITLE: "Essays in Labor and Public Economics"

Expected Date of Completion:	May 2026
Principal Advisor:	Professor Pat Kline
Other References:	Professors David Card and Emmanuel Saez

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES	DEGREE	DATE	FIELD
London School of Economics	M.S.	2018	Environmental Economics
Stanford University	B.S.	2012	Earth Systems

WORKING PAPERS

<u>Parental Death, Inheritance, and Labor Supply in the United States</u> **(Job Market Paper)**
    with John Voorheis

Does parental death influence the next generation's labor supply? To what extent is this response mediated by inherited wealth? Answering these questions advances our understanding of household earnings dynamics and wealth accumulation as well as aggregate wealth inequality. We are the first to study how inheritances affect labor supply in the U.S. using large-scale administrative data. Leveraging federal tax and Social Security records, we estimate event studies around parental death to investigate impacts on adult children. We find that parental death causes sizable gains in investment income—our main proxy for inheritances—and proportionate reductions in labor supply, with annual per-adult investment income at the tax unit level increasing by about $300 (45 percent) and annual per-adult wage earnings decreasing by $600 (2 percent) on average. These earnings responses are large relative to the implied wealth transfer. Income effects are the dominant channel through which parental death reduces earnings, with children of wealthier parents exhibiting larger earnings reductions. Over six years, inheritances slightly equalize the distribution of investment income.

<u>Winners and Losers from Mileage-Based Reforms to the Gas Tax</u>

An increasingly common policy proposal is to tax vehicle miles driven rather than consumption of motor fuels. This paper investigates the distributional consequences of an efficiency-enhancing policy reform in which a gasoline tax is replaced or supplemented by a mileage tax. The main finding is that the household burdens from a gas to mileage tax swap are even less predictable than those from an initial gas tax. This result arises because demographic and geographic covariates are poorly predictive of household fuel economy. Consequently, most losers cannot be compensated. While such reforms may therefore be considered unfair from the perspective of compensation, a revenue-equivalent tax swap is not regressive.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

<u>Access to Opportunity with Overlapping Generations</u>

Does Private Local Governance Benefit Neighborhoods? Evidence from Homeowner Associations
    with Manisha Padi

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH

Research Assistant, UC Berkeley Law School (2023-2024)
    Professor Manisha Padi

Research Assistant, Energy Institute at Haas, UC Berkeley (2019-2022)
    Professors Max Auffhammer, Lucas Davis, and Jim Sallee

TEACHING

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley (Spring 2022)
    Urban Economics

Graduate Student Instructor, Energy and Resources Group, U.C. Berkeley (Fall 2018)
    Climate Change Economics

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2025	Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics Research Grant
2025	UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Family Hub Grant
2024-25	Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics Mini-Grant
2023-25	UC Berkeley Law, Economics, and Politics Center Fellowship
2024	UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Dissertation Fellowship
2024	Lincoln Institute of Land Policy C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship
2024	UC Berkeley Opportunity Lab Research Grant
2021	J-PAL Jobs and Opportunities Initiative Proposal Development Award
2021	J-PAL King Climate Action Initiative Proposal Development Award
2021-23	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2018-20	National Science Foundation "Data Science for the 21st Century" Research Traineeship
2017-18	US-UK Fulbright Fellowship (London School of Economics)

OTHER INFORMATION

Affiliations: U.S. Census Bureau (Special Sworn Status)
Languages: English (native), Turkish (native), Spanish (fluent)
Citizenship: U.S.A, Turkey