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## Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Economics, Northwestern University, 2022–  
Postdoctoral Fellow, SIEPR, Stanford University, 2021–2022

## Affiliations

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)  
Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University  
Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

## Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Princeton University, 2015–2021  
M.A. in Economics, Princeton University, 2017  
B.S. in International Economics (*summa cum laude*), Georgetown University, 2009–2013

## Research Fields

Primary	Labor economics, public economics
Secondary	Economic history, economics of crime, health economics

## Peer-reviewed Publications

“Law-Abiding Immigrants: The Incarceration Gap Between Immigrants and the US-born, 1870–2020”  
with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan, Santiago Pérez, and Juan David Torres,  
Conditionally accepted at *American Economic Review: Insights* (NBER WP #31440)

“Intergenerational Mobility of Immigrants in the US over Two Centuries”  
with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan, and Santiago Pérez,  
*American Economic Review* 111(2): 580–608. 2021 (NBER WP #26408)

“The Effect of Immigration Enforcement on Crime Reporting: Evidence from Dallas.”  
*Journal of Urban Economics*, Vol. 128. 2022

## Working Papers

“Mobility for All: Representative Intergenerational Mobility Estimates over the 20th Century”  
with Ilyana Kuziemko and Suresh Naidu,  
Revise & resubmit at *Journal of Political Economy* (NBER WP #29289)

“Immigration Enforcement and Public Safety”  
with Felipe Gonçalves and Emily Weisburst

“Mental Health and Criminal Involvement: Evidence from Losing Medicaid Eligibility”

“The Effect of Mass Incarceration on Black Women”

## Professional Activities

Referee for *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *The Journal of Law and Economics*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Eastern Economic Journal*, *Labour Economics*, *Crime, Law, and Social Change*, *World Development*

Organizer, “Women in Empirical Microeconomics” Conference, 2024

Organizer, “Interactions: Bringing Together Econometrics and Applied Microeconomics” Conference, 2023

Organizer, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Migration Conference, 2022

U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status, 2019–present

Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) Research Fellow, 2018–present

Becker Friedman Institute Price Theory Camp, 2019

Graduate Student Summit for Diversity in Economics, 2018

## Grants, Awards, & Fellowships

Northwestern IPR Seed Grant, 2023

Russell Sage Foundation Grant, 2021–2023

UCLA Ziman Center for Real Estate Grant, 2020–2021

Fellowship of SPIA Scholars, 2019–2021

Marimar and Cristina Torres Prize for Best Third Year Paper, 2018

Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans Finalist, 2017

Princeton University Graduate Fellowship, 2015–present

Industrial Relations Section Graduate Fellowship, 2015–2017

William F. Notz Medal for Economics, 2013

Phi Beta Kappa, 2013

## Conferences & Invited Seminars

2024 ASSA, Northwestern IPR, Northwestern Law, MIT, UC Santa Barbara

2023 ASSA (discussant), Notre Dame, McMaster, NBER Immigrants and the U.S. Economy Conference, Harvard Economics, Inter-American Development Bank, NBER Labor Studies Program Spring Meeting (discussant), University of Toronto’s Bissell-Heyd Conference on Race, Equity and Public Policy, BFI-LSE Conference on the Economics of Crime and Justice, Princeton Industrial Relations Section Centenary Symposium, Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference, Explorations in Economic History (discussant), Purdue, University of Illinois Chicago, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2022 ASSA, UC Merced, UC Berkeley, University of Chicago Becker Applied Economics, APPAM, MIT Economics, BU/MIT/Harvard Health Economics Seminar, SITE Migration, Gothenburg, Stockholm SOFI, NYU Stern, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, UC Denver, Michigan, Yale

- 2021 NBER Health Care Meeting, NTA Conference, Iowa State University, Brookings Institution, NYU, Niskanen Center's Summer Panel Series, Policy Impacts Inaugural Conference, NBER Summer Institute, SIEPR Postdoctoral Fellows Conference, Northwestern University, Stanford University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Oxford, Yale School of Management, UC Santa Cruz, Chicago Harris, UCLA Anderson School of Management, University of Zurich, Cornell University, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, UC Berkeley, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, UT Austin, University of British Columbia, Institute for Fiscal Studies, Brown University, Duke University, U.S. Treasury
- 2019 Social Science History Association

## Research Experience

- Research Assistant for Prof. Ilyana Kuziemko, 2016–2017
- Research Assistant for Profs. Katharine Abraham and Melissa Kearney, 2016
- Policy Coordinator and Senior Research Assistant, The Hamilton Project, Brookings Institution, 2013–2015
- Research Assistant, The World Bank Group, 2012

## Teaching Experience

- Graduate Labor Economics, Northwestern Department of Economics, Spring Quarter, 2023–
- Economic Writing and Stata Workshop Instructor, Undergraduate Junior Independent Work, 2017–2019
- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Leah Boustan, Undergraduate Junior Independent Work, 2017–2018
- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Martin Evans, Introduction to Econometrics, 2012–2013
- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Carol Rogers, Principles of Macroeconomics, 2012
- Calculus Tutor for Mathematics Department, 2010–2011
- Guest lectures:* Prof. Ran Abramitzky's Graduate Economic History course at Stanford (Feb. 2022), Prof. Aaron Chalfin's Seminar in Criminal Justice course at University of Pennsylvania (April 2021), Prof. Heather Sarsons' Graduate Labor Economics course at UBC (Jan. 2023, Jan. 2024), Prof. Felipe Gonçalves' Graduate Labor Economics course at UCLA (Feb. 2024)

## Other Publications

- “Profiles of change: Employment, earnings, and occupations from 1990–2013” (with Melissa S. Kearney and Brad Hershbein). The Hamilton Project, 2015.
- “Ten Economic Facts about Crime and Incarceration in the United States” (with Melissa S. Kearney, Benjamin H. Harris, and Lucie Parker). The Hamilton Project, 2014.
- “A Dozen Facts about America's Struggling Lower-Middle Class” (with Melissa Kearney, Benjamin Harris, and Lucie Parker). The Hamilton Project, 2013.

## Languages and Skills

- Languages:** Spanish (native), English (native), French (working proficiency)
- Programming languages:** Stata, Matlab, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, ArcGIS

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