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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Economist, RAND Corporation, Aug 2021 – Present
Research Assistant, University of Maryland, Feb 2017 – July 2019
Associate/Senior Associate, Deloitte, August 2013 – July 2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, May 2021
B.A. Economics, Harvard University, May 2013

RESEARCH PAPERS

Zuo, George W. 2021. "Wired and Hired: Employment Effects of Subsidized Broadband Internet for Low-Income Americans." *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 13 (3): 447-82.

Pope, Nolan G. and George W. Zuo. 2023. "Suspending Suspensions: The Education Production Consequences of School Suspension Policies." *The Economic Journal* (pre-print).

"Getting Beneath the Hood of Effective Place-Based Policies: Evidence from the Community Development Block Grant", work in progress

"Constructing Moves to Opportunity: Evidence from the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit" with Henry Downes and John Soriano, work in progress

"From Hot Spots to Safe Spots: The Impact of WiFi-Connected Community Centers on Youth Crime", with Taylor Landon, work in progress

"The Impacts of Criminal Sentencing Reform on Mortality" with Nancy Nicosia and Beau Kilmer, work in progress

"Giving Teachers a Break? Impacts of Teacher Preparation Periods on Student Achievement and Teacher Turnover" with Nathan Petek, Nolan Pope, and Sebastian Montano Correa, work in progress

DISSERTATION

Bridging Economic and Educational Disparities in America

Committee: Melissa Kearney (Chair), Judith Hellerstein, Nolan Pope, Katharine Abraham

- Winner of Best PhD Dissertation, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- Honorable Mention, W.E. Upjohn Institute Dissertation Award

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Haller, Melissa, Jeffrey Wenger, Melanie Zaber, and George Zuo. 2022. "A Consumption-Based Definition of the Middle Class." *Social Indicators Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-022-02977-8>.

Zuo, George, Alice Huguet, and Elizabeth Steiner. "Principal Perspectives on School Staffing Struggles: Findings from the 2022 Learn Together Survey." Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation.

Prado Tuma, Andrea, George Zuo, Joshua Eagan, Julia H. Kaufman, Sy Doan, Sabrina Lee, and Aarya Suryavanshi. 2022. "What K–12 English Language Arts and Mathematics Instructional Materials Were Newly Purchased and Used for the 2021–2022 School Year? Findings from the 2022 American Instructional Resources Survey." Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Workrise Foundation (Urban Institute)	11/2022-10/2023
"Byte Back: A Pilot RCT on Digital Upskilling for Low-Tech Workers"	\$188,066
Role: Principal Investigator	

Irvine Foundation	10/2022-9/2023
"Measuring Firm Investments in Workers: Early Evidence from SEC Human Capital Disclosure Mandates"	\$250,000
Role: Co-Principal Investigator	

Robin Hood Foundation	10/2022-6/2023
"Increasing Housing Affordability in New York City"	\$185,000
Role: Co-Principal Investigator	

Michigan Retirement and Disability Research Center	10/2022-10/2023
"The Impact of Affordable and Accessible Broadband on SSDI and SSI Receipt"	\$125,000
Role: Principal Investigator	

AWARDS

Honorable Mention, Upjohn Institute Dissertation Award
Best PhD Dissertation, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), 2021
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, 2018-2021
Dean's Research Initiative, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS), University of Maryland, 2020
Faculty-Student Research Award, BSOS, University of Maryland, 2019
Third Year Paper Award, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 2019
Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, BSOS, University of Maryland, 2018
Melville J. Ulmer Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 2018
Hilda Moskowitz Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 2017-18
Abell Award in Urban Policy, Abell Foundation, 2017
Thomas T. Hoopes Undergraduate Thesis Prize, Harvard University, 2013

COMMENTARIES

Zuo, George. "The Inflation Pain You Don't See". *The Wall Street Journal*. December 19, 2022.
Zuo, George. "Renters' last chance for pandemic aid before evictions resume". *The Los Angeles Times*. September 24, 2022.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2022: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. 2021: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. 2020: NBER Education Fall Program Meeting (presenter), Federal Communications Commission Economic Seminars Program. 2019: Southern Economics Association (invited), Association for Public Policy and Management Regional Student Conference

LANGUAGES

English (native), Mandarin Chinese (fluent)