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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023– Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
2022–23 Postdoctoral Fellow, Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, New York University

AFFILIATIONS

2025– Research Affiliate, CESifo, Munich
2024– Faculty Affiliate, Ralph W. Voorhees Center for Civic Engagement, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
2023– Research Affiliate, Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, New York University

EDUCATION

2022 PhD Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Dissertation title: *The Economic Effects of Public Housing Programs*
Advisors: Amy Finkelstein, James Poterba, Rebecca Diamond
2016 MS Economics, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics
2015 BA Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2013 BA Laws, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Publications

Knocking it Down and Mixing it Up: The Impact of Public Housing Regenerations (with L. Neri), *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, Accepted

Can Fair Share Policies Expand Neighborhood Choice? Evidence from Bypassing Exclusionary Zoning under Massachusetts Chapter 40B (with N. Sportiche, D. M. Cutler, M. Daeppe, and E. M. Graves). *Housing Policy Debate*, 35(2), 210–242, 2025

Pecuniary Effects of Public Housing Demolitions: Evidence from Chicago. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 98, 2023

Working papers

There Goes the Neighborhood? The Local Impacts of State Policies that Override Municipal Zoning (with N. Sportiche), *Revise and Resubmit, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

Discrimination Against Housing Vouchers: Evidence from Online Rental Listings (with J. Song)

Research in Progress

Neighborhood Change and Local Economic Activity (with L. Neri)

Segregated Welfare: The Effects of Federal Public Housing (with L. Perdoni)

Spillover Effects from Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning (with L. Neri)

The Impact of Massachusetts' Chapter 40B on Affordable Housing Beneficiaries: Evidence from Housing Lotteries (with N. Sportiche, D. M. Cutler, and Sabhya Gupta)

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS (scheduled*, discussant[†])

2026 Universitat de Barcelona*

2025 University of North Texas, ifo Big Data Seminar, NBER Summer Institute[†], University of Pennsylvania–Wharton (Real Estate)*

2024 AREUEA National, IEB Urban Economics Workshop, Rutgers-Bloustein, Southern Economic Association, UEA 13th European Meeting, UEA 18th North American Meeting

2023 AREUEA National, ASSA Annual Meetings-NTA, Lincoln Institute, NBER Summer Institute, Opportunity Insights Conference on Economic Mobility, Rutgers-Newark

2022 APPAM, AREUEA National, Cornell University (SC Johnson College of Business), Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, IEB Urban Economics Workshop, MIT Center for Real Estate, National Bank of Ukraine, NBER Summer Institute, Nova School of Business and Economics, NYU Furman Center, Ratio Institute, Rutgers University, Syracuse University, UEA 11th European Meeting, UEA 16th North American Meeting

2021 MIT PF/Labor Workshop, UEA 15th North American Meeting, UEA PhD Workshop

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024-26 Russell Sage Foundation, Principal Investigator

2020-21 Jerry A. Hausman Dissertation Fellowship, MIT

2019-21 George and Obie Shultz Fund, Research grant, MIT

2016-18 MIT Fellowship

2016-18 La Caixa Foundation Graduate Fellowship

2015 Catalunya-La Pedrera Foundation Graduate Fellowship

2013 Collaboration Fellowship, Spanish Ministry of Education

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023, 24 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *AER: Insights*

2023 Lincoln Institute Scholars Program

2022 National Tax Association Dissertation Prize, Finalist

2022 APPAM Best Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention

2022 IV Nada es Gratis Job Market Paper Award

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Journal Referee

American Economic Review: Insights, Cities, Contemporary Economic Policy, Housing Policy Debate, Health Affairs, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Policy

Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Development Economics, Review of Economic Studies

Grant/Fellowship Referee

National Science Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation

Seminar/Workshop Organization

RUSH (Regional/Urban/Spatial/Housing) Graduate Brownbag, co-organizer (2023)

MIT Public Finance Lunch, organizer (2019-2020)

Departmental Service

Applied Microeconomics Seminar, co-organizer (2024, 2025)

Applied Microeconomics Breakfast, organizer (2024, 2025)

Economics Department Recruiting Committee (2024)

Economics Department Graduate Admissions Committee (2024, 2025)

Dissertation Committee

Sarah Strohach (third reader), NYU Wagner, 2025, *Essays on the Housing Choice Voucher Program*

Hsi-Ling Liao (third reader), NYU Wagner, 2023, *Essays on Migration, Urban, and Housing Economics*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rutgers University

2025 Urban Economics, 431 (undergraduate)

2024 Public Economics, 624 (graduate)

2023-25 Econometrics, 322 (undergraduate)

MIT, Teaching Assistant (undergraduate)

2022 Psychology and Economics, 14.13

2020 Introduction to Microeconomics, 14.01

2019 The Challenge of World Poverty, 14.73

2018 Introduction to Microeconomics, 14.01

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Teaching Assistant (undergraduate)

2016 Advanced Macroeconomics II

2016 International Economics I