

HEMA SHAH

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EDUCATION

Duke University	2026 (Expected)
Ph.D., Economics	
Dissertation Committee: Peter Arcidiacono (chair), Jason Baron, Lisa Gennetian, Arnaud Maurel, Pengpeng Xiao	
University of Virginia	2020
B.A. with Highest Distinction, Mathematics and Economics	GPA: 3.925
Echols Scholar, College Science Scholar	

RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Public Economics, Applied Microeconometrics

WORKING PAPERS

High School Teachers and College-Relevant Skill Production: Evidence from ACT Score Value Added

College Admissions Testing and Learning about Ability: Evidence from Strategic ACT and SAT Taking

Income Support, Marriage, and Family Stability: Evidence from Unconditional Cash Transfers
(with Lisa A. Gennetian, Katherine Magnuson, and Kimberly G. Noble)

Money or Time? Heterogeneous Effects of Unconditional Cash on Parental Investments
(with Lisa A. Gennetian, Katherine Magnuson, Hirokazu Yoshikawa, Laura Stilwell, Kimberly G. Noble, and Greg J. Duncan)
NBER Working Paper w33737.

The Impact of Monthly Unconditional Cash on Food Security, Spending, and Consumption Among Families with Low Income and Young Children
(with Lisa A. Gennetian, Matthew Maury, Laura Stilwell, Katherine Magnuson, Kimberly G. Noble, Greg J. Duncan, Nathan Fox, Sarah Halpern-Meekin, and Hirokazu Yoshikawa)
SSRN Working Paper 4781670.

PUBLICATIONS

Shah, Hema & Lisa A. Gennetian. (2024). Unconditional Cash Transfers for Families with Children in the U.S.: A Scoping Review. **Review of Economics of the Household**, 22(2), 415-450.
NBER Working Paper w30965.

Shah, Hema. (2020). A Glass Escalator for Female UVA Graduates? Gender Gaps Across the Starting Salary Distribution. **Atlantic Economic Journal**, 48(4), 539-541.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Course Withdrawals and the Path to College Dropout (with Tom Ahn and Peter Arcidiacono)

Class Rank and Student Disability Classification (with Marie Hull and Maria Zhu)

POLICY WRITING

Gennetian, Lisa A., **Hema Shah**, Luis E. Basurto, Laura Stilwell, Hirokazu Yoshikawa, Silvana Freire, Katherine Magnuson, Kimberly G. Noble, Greg J. Duncan, Nathan A. Fox, & Sarah Halpern-Meekin. (2025). *Effects of Monthly Unconditional Cash Starting at Birth Among Latina Families with Low Income*. National Center for Research on Hispanic Children & Families.

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

Peter Arcidiacono (Duke University) 2021-Present

Lisa Gennetian (Duke University), *Baby's First Years Project* 2022-Present

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Sarah Turner (University of Virginia) 2020

Sandip Sukhtankar (University of Virginia) 2018-2019

Summer Analyst

Cornerstone Research, Washington, DC 2019

TEACHING

Invited Guest Lecturer

ECON 204: Econometrics and Data Science Summer 2025

Instructor: Julie Bennett (Duke University)

ECON 490: Economics of Gender and Family Spring 2025

Instructor: Pengpeng Xiao (Duke University)

ECON 4070: Gender and Economics Spring 2024

Instructor: Amalia Miller (University of Virginia)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

ECON 707: PhD Econometrics II Spring 2022

Instructors: Adam Rosen and Andrew Patton (Duke University)

ECON 703: PhD Econometrics I Fall 2021

Instructor: Matt Masten (Duke University)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

ECON 3559: Economics, Sustainability, and the Environment Fall 2019

Instructor: William Shobe (University of Virginia)

STAT 2120: Introduction to Statistical Analysis Spring 2018

Instructor: Jeffrey Woo (University of Virginia)

PRESENTATIONS

2025: Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Well-Being, Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Meeting (poster session), Triangle Applied Microeconomics Conference, Triangle Economics of Education Workshop, Demography Daze (scheduled), Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (scheduled), Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (scheduled)

2023: Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

2020: International Atlantic Economic Society (Virtual)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Program for Advanced Research in the Social Sciences (PARISS) Fellowship 2023-2024

Duke University Social Science Research Institute

Interdisciplinary fellowship awarding full funding to one economics PhD student each academic year

Finalist, Best Undergraduate Paper Contest <i>International Atlantic Economic Society</i>	2020
Best Distinguished Majors Thesis Award <i>University of Virginia Department of Economics</i>	2020

SERVICE

Co-Organizer, Duke Economics Student Labor/Public Workshop <i>Duke University</i>	2023-2024
Co-Chair, Duke Graduate Mentorship Program <i>Duke University</i>	2023-2024
Mentor, Duke Graduate Mentorship Program <i>Duke University</i>	2022-Present
Co-Chair, Economics Graduate Student Council <i>Duke University</i>	2021-2023
Graduate Student Liason, Duke Graduate School <i>Duke University</i>	2021-Present
Member, Echols Scholars Program Advisory Committee <i>University of Virginia</i>	2020-Present

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata, R, MATLAB, L^AT_EX