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EDUCATION

- 2023. Ph.D. Economics, University of Houston.
Dissertation “*Essays on Hispanic Identity*”.
Committee: Chinhui Juhn (co-chair), Vikram Maheshri (co-chair), Yona Rubinstein, and Willa Friedman.
- 2020. M.A. in Economics. University of Houston.
- 2017. B.S. in Economics. Arizona State University.
Minors: Mathematics and International Relations.
Honors: Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023-present. Postdoctoral Fellow. Department of Economics, School of Liberal Arts, and the Murphy Institute. Tulane University.

RESEARCH AREAS

Econ. Fields: Labor, Education, Urban, Health

Topics: Economics of discrimination, Identity, Race, Ethnicity, Peer effects, Mental health, Audit Studies, Policy Evaluation

You can read my detailed research statement [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS

Hadah, Hussain. (2025). “The Impact of Hispanic Last Names on Labor Market and Educational Outcomes.” *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*. DOI: [10.1007/s41996-025-00177-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s41996-025-00177-3)

Hadah, Hussain. (2024). “The effect of racial and ethnic attitudes on Hispanic identity in the United States.” *Southern Economic Journal*. DOI: [10.1002/soej.12749](https://doi.org/10.1002/soej.12749).

WORKING PAPERS

Hadah, Hussain. “Peer Effects in Adolescent Mental Health” [\[Link\]](#).

Hadah, Hussain. “Democratic Institutions and Their Effect on Ethnic Favoritism: Evidence from Saharan Africa” [\[Link\]](#).

Hadah, Hussain. “The Effect of Anti-Asian Attitudes on Asian Identity in the U.S.”, *Revise and Resubmit Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* [\[Link\]](#).

Hadah, Hussain and Gael Compta^{*}. “The Effects of Waiting Periods on Firearm Suicides in the U.S.” [\[Link\]](#).

Hadah, Hussain “The Effect of Immigration Enforcement on Suicide Rates Among Hispanic Youth” (Draft available soon.)

^{*} = Student co-author at time of writing.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Button, Patrick, Hussain Hadah, David Schwegman, Javiera Selman, Cathy Balfe*, and Tran Nguyen-Phuong*. “Sexual orientation discrimination in mortgage lending: an audit field experiment.”

Patrick Button, Hadah, Hussain, Douglas Harris, and Barbara Lundebjerg*. “Parent’s Choice or School’s Choice? Discrimination Against Students in Admission to Private, Charter, and Traditional Public Schools.”

Button, Patrick, Clare Daniel, Hussain Hadah, Julie Hernandez, Mirya Holman, and Anna Mahoney. “Auditing Crisis Pregnancy Centers: Racial biases, misinformation, and the misallocation government resources.” (tentative title)

Hadah, Hussain. “Endogenous Hispanic Identity and Ethnic Gaps in the U.S”. (Using census administrative data with the RDC).

Denteh, Augustine and Hussain Hadah. “Immigration Enforcement and Hispanic Children Outcomes.”

Denteh, Augustine and Hussain Hadah. “Assimilation of Hispanics and Arabs in America.” (Using census administrative data with the RDC).

GRANTS

Internal Funding

2025. \$2,500 Connolly Alexander Institute for Data Science (CAIDS), the Center for Community-Engaged Artificial Intelligence (CEAI), and the Center for Public Service (CPS) at Tulane University.

2023. \$3,000 Seed Grant. Murphy Institute. Tulane University.

Grants Received, External

2025. \$140,746.6 J-PAL Social Policy Research Initiative / Racial Equity Special Topic RFP - “Parent’s Choice or School’s Choice? Discrimination Against Students in Admission to Private, Charter, and Traditional Public Schools” with Patrick Button and Doug Harris (Co-PIs), and Barbara Lundebjerg

Invited for a Full Proposal or Under Review

2025. \$126,437 Russell Sage Foundation - “Parent’s Choice or School’s Choice? Discrimination Against Students in Admission to Private, Charter, and Traditional Public Schools” with Patrick Button and Doug Harris – Co-PIs, and Barbara Lundebjerg

CONFERENCES AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

2025. The Defense Resources Management Institute (DRMI), Monterey, CA; Northwestern’s School of Education and Social Policy (SESP); American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, Nashville; J-PAL Racial Equity Design with Reach (DWR); Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM), Seattle.

2024. Murphy Institute Health Policy Seminars; Southern Economic Association Conference, DC.

2023. Stata Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference; Tulane University; European Society for Population Economics (ESPE); Southern Economic Association Conference, New Orleans ($\times 2$).

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2021. [Southern Economic Association](#), Houston, Texas
2020. [Working Group in African Political Economy](#), University of California, Berkeley (*workshop*).

ACADEMIC HONORS

2024. Best Graduate Student Poster, Stata Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference
- 2017–2023. Doctoral Student Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston.
- 2017–present. The Phi Beta Kappa Society.
2017. Arizona State University Grant.
- 2016–2017. Graduated Summa Cum Laude, 4.00 GPA. BS in Economics. Arizona State University.
- 2016–2017. Dean’s List, Arizona State University.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

- May 2021–August 2021. [Vikram Maheshri](#).
- June 2020–May 2022. [Steve Craig](#).
- August 2019–August 2020. [Vegard Mogleiv Nygaard](#).

TEACHING

You can read my detailed teaching statement [here](#). Instructor

- Spring 2024. Urban Economics, Undergraduate. Tulane University.
- Summer 2022. Principles of Microeconomics. University of Houston.
- Spring 2022. Principles of Microeconomics. University of Houston.
- Summer 2021. Principles of Microeconomics. University of Houston.

Teaching Assistant

- 2022–2023. Political Economy. Gergely Ujhelyi. University of Houston.
- 2021–2022. Intermediate Microeconomics. Piruz Saboury. University of Houston.
- 2020–2021. Principles of Microeconomics. Joel Melendez Lugo. University of Houston.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- 2017–2018. Data Analyst and Researcher. Congressional Campaign for Alex Triantaphyllis for Congress.

LANGUAGES

English (native), Arabic (native), French (beginner), Spanish (beginner).

PROGRAMMING

R, Stata, Python, QGIS, \LaTeX .

REFeree ACTIVITY

Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Special Sworn Status with the U.S. Census Bureau.

ADVISING AND MENTORING AT TULANE

Ph.D. Students

2024-present. Rayna Gasik, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

Undergraduate Students

2025-present. Anjali Hunt-Kasturi.

REFERENCES

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