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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.

2025-present. Consultant. Research and Innovation for Social and Economic Inclusion (RISEI)
Lab, Northwestern 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).

REVISE AND RESUBMIT

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](#)].

WORKING PAPERS

- Hadah, Hussain. "Peer Effects in Adolescent Mental Health" [Link].
- Hadah, Hussain and Bariş Alan*. "Democratic Institutions and Their Effect on Ethnic Favouritism: Evidence from Saharan Africa" [Link].
- Hadah, Hussain and Gael Compta*. "The Effects of Waiting Periods on Firearm Suicides in the U.S." [Link]
- Hadah, Hussain "Immigration Enforcement, Sanctuary Cities, and Rising Hispanic Suicide Rates" [Link]
- Denteh, Augustine and Hussain Hadah. "Immigration Enforcement and Hispanic Identity." [Link]

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Button, Patrick, Hussain Hadah, Javiera Selman, Cathy Balfé*, 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." *Funded by \$140,747 grant from JPAL*
- 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).

GRANTS

Grants Received, External

2025. \$140,747 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*

Internal Funding

2025. \$2,500 Connolly Alexander Institute for Data Science (CAIDS) at Tulane University.
2023. \$3,000 Seed Grant. Murphy Institute. Tulane University.

* = Student co-author at time of writing.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

2025. The Defense Resources Management Institute (DRMI), Monterey, CA; Northwestern's School of Education and Social Policy (SESP); Tenth Annual Conference on Network Science in Economics, Stanford University, CA; American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, Nashville; J-PAL Racial Equity Design with Reach (DWR); Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM), Seattle; Southern Economic Association Conference, Tampa, FL; NBER Race and Stratification Working Group, Cambridge, MA.
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 ($\times 2$).
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.

TEACHING

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

Instructor

- Fall 2025. Urban Economics, Undergraduate. Tulane University.
- 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.

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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

May 2021–August 2021.	Vikram Maheshri.
June 2020–May 2022.	Steve Craig.
August 2019–August 2020.	Vegard Mokleiv Nygaard.

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 AND SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE

R, Stata, Python, QGIS, L^AT_EX.

REFEREE ACTIVITY

Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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

ADVISING AND MENTORING

Ph.D. Students

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

2024-present.Baris Alan, Political Science.

Undergraduate Students

2025-present.Anjali Hunt-Kasturi.

REFERENCES

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