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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).

## 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 Barış Alan\*. “Democratic Institutions and Their Effect on Ethnic Favoritism: Evidence from Saharan Africa” [[Link](#)].

\* = Student co-author at time of writing.

Hadah, Hussain and Gael Compta<sup>\*</sup>. “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 Balfe<sup>\*</sup>, and Tran Nguyen-Phuong<sup>\*</sup>. “Sexual orientation discrimination in mortgage lending: an audit field experiment.”

Patrick Button, Hadah, Hussain, Douglas Harris, and Barbara Lundebjerg<sup>\*</sup>. “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<sup>\*</sup>

### *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<sup>\*</sup>

### *Internal Funding*

2025. \$2,500 Connolly Alexander Institute for Data Science (CAIDS) at Tulane University.

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

## 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; Southern Economic Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

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

<sup>\*</sup> = Student co-author at time of writing.

- 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.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### *Research Assistant*

- May 2021–August 2021. [Vikram Maheshri](#).
- June 2020–May 2022. [Steve Craig](#).
- August 2019–August 2020. [Vegard Mogleiv 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

## 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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