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## Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Houston, 2023

*Dissertation:* Essays on Hispanic Identity

*Committee:* Chinhui Juhn (*co-chair*), Vikram Maheshri (*co-chair*), Willa Friedman, Yona Rubinstein

M.A. Economics, University of Houston, 2020

B.S. Economics, Arizona State University, 2017

*Minors:* Mathematics and International Relations

*Honors:* Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Golden Key International Honour Society

## References

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## Fields of Interest

Primary: Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics

Topics: Discrimination, Race, Identity, Mental Health, Immigration

## Research

### *Working Papers*

"The Effect of Racial and Ethnic Attitudes on Hispanic Identity in the U.S." *Job Market Paper* [[link](#)]

*Abstract:* In this paper, I study the determinants of the choice to identify as Hispanic among those who could—those whose parents, grandparents, or selves were born in a Spanishspeaking country. I find that individuals with Hispanic ancestry are significantly less likely to self-identify as Hispanic if they live in states with high levels of implicit ethnic bias. A one standard deviation increase in bias decreases self-reported Hispanic identity by seven and 13 percentage points for first and second-generation Hispanics, respectively. These effects are more prominent among second-generation immigrants whose mothers and fathers were born in a Spanish-speaking country than among children of inter-ethnic parents. These findings have implications for the interpretation of economic research on racial and ethnic gaps in a variety of contexts, including labor market outcomes, redistributive policies, and political representation.

**"Democratic Institutions and Their Effect on Ethnic Favoritism: Evidence from Saharan Africa"** [\[link\]](#)

*Abstract:* What is the effect of democracy on ethnic favoritism? I estimate the relationship between co-ethnicity and five outcomes of public good provision – education, infant health, wealth, access to clean drinking water and access to electricity – using data from twenty-one African countries. Following previous research, I use variation in co-ethnicity across ethnic groups and over time. I first estimate the relationship between these five outcomes and co-ethnicity in the full sample and then split the analysis between anocracies and democracies. I find mixed evidence of ethnic favoritism in the full sample. I find more evidence of co-ethnic targeting when comparing within democracies only and within anocracies only.

**"The Impact of Hispanic Last Names and Identity on Labor Market Outcomes"** [\[link\]](#)

*Abstract:* In this paper, I compare the children of inter-ethnic marriages to study the impact of having a Hispanic last name. While males born to Hispanic father-White mothers earn less than those born to White father-Hispanic mothers, the gap could be completely explained by educational differences. I also study the effect of identifying as Hispanic on earnings. I find that men that identify as Hispanic earn significantly less than those that do not, even after controlling for educational differences.

## *Works in Progress*

"The Spillover Effect of Mental Illness on Risk, Academic Achievement and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from a Longitudinal Dataset"

"Endogenous Hispanic Identity and Ethnic Gaps in the U.S."

"Discrimination and the Black-White Arrests Gap", with Vikram Maheshri

"Effects of Gun Control Laws on Suicide", with Gael Compta

## Research Experience

Research Assistant, [Vikram Maheshri](#), May 2021–August 2021

Research Assistant, [Steve Craig](#), June 2020–May 2022

Research Assistant, [Vegard Mogleiv Nygaard](#), August 2019–August 2020

## Teaching Experience

*University of Houston, Department of Economics*

*As Instructor*

Instructor, Principles of Microeconomics, Summer 2021, Spring 2022, and Summer 2022

*As Teaching Assistant*

Teaching Assistant, Political Economy, Gergely Ujhelyi, August 2022–present

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics, Piruz Saboury, August 2021–January 2022

Teaching Assistant, Principles of Microeconomics, Joel Melendez Lugo, August 2020–May 2021

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Macroeconomics and Capital Market Economics, Islam Rizvanoghlu,  
August 2018–August 2019

## Professional Activities

Member, American Economic Association, 2017–Present.

Conferences and workshops attended:

**2023:** Stata Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference

**2021:** [Southern Economic Association](#), Houston, Texas

**2020:** [Working Group in African Political Economy](#), University of California, Berkeley (*workshop*)

## Professional Experience

*Congressional Campaign for Alex Triantaphyllis for Congress*

Data Analyst and Researcher, August 2017– March 2018.

## Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

Best Graduate Student Poster, 2023 Stata Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference.

Doctoral Student Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston, 2017–2023.

The Phi Beta Kappa Society, 2017–Present

Golden Key International Honor Society, 2012–Present

Arizona State University Grant, Spring 2016–Spring 2017

Dean's List, Arizona State University, 2016–2017

## Miscellaneous

*Computer Skills:* R, Stata, Python, QGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

*Languages:* English (native), Arabic (native), French (beginner), Spanish (beginner)

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