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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Assistant Professor of Economics**, University of Colorado Denver, 2025–Present

## AFFILIATIONS

**Faculty Affiliate**, CU Population Center (CUPC), 2025–Present

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. in Economics**, University of Michigan, 2025

**M.A. in Economics**, University of Colorado Denver, 2017

**M.S. in Finance and Risk Management**, University of Colorado Denver, 2017

**B.A. in Economics/Mathematics**, Western Washington University, 2015

## PUBLICATIONS

**Gender Differences in Political Career Progression** with Ryan Brown, Hani Mansour, and Stephen D. O'Connell, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 230: 106806, 2025.

**Voting and Political Participation in the Aftermath of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic** with Hani Mansour, *Journal of Human Resources*, 59(6): 1769-1794, 2024.

**JUE Insight: Condominium Development Does Not Lead to Gentrification** with Leah P. Boustan, Robert A. Margo, Matthew M. Miller, and Justin P. Steil, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 133: 103524, 2023.

## WORKING PAPERS

**The Direct and Intergenerational Effects of Criminal History-Based Safety Net Bans in the U.S.** with Michael Mueller-Smith, Kevin Schneppel, and Caroline Walker, *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Political Economy*.

**Parental Job Loss and Geographic Mobility** with Andrew Joung.

**Multitasking, Incentives, and Police Officer Behavior**

**Measuring Discrimination using Natural Experiments** with Nikhil Rao.

**Agency Incentives and Disparate Revenue Collection: Evidence from Chicago Parking Tickets** with Elizabeth Luh and Benjamin Pyle, *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Public Economics*.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

**The Socioeconomic Consequences of Misdemeanor Conviction** with Nikhil Rao.

**Examining Interventions to Improve the Outcomes of Justice-Involved Individuals** with Nikhil Rao, *FSRDC Project #2957*.

**Great Recession Exposure and Criminal Justice Involvement: Evidence from Linked Administrative Data** with Andrew Joung, *FSRDC Project #2854*.

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Policy Impacts Early Career Scholars Grant, 2026

Arnold Ventures Grant (x2), 2025-2029

John E. Parker Memorial Prize in Labor Economics and Human Resources, 2025

Department of Economics Outstanding Third Year Paper Award, 2022

Department of Economics Summer Research Award, 2020, 2021

Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund Predoctoral Fellow, 2019 – 2020

University of Colorado Denver CLAS Outstanding M.A. Graduate Student, 2017

Settemeyer Family Scholarship, 2013

Western Washington University College of Business and Economics Distinguished Scholar, 2012

Western Washington University President's Scholar, 2012

## PRESENTATIONS

**2026:** (*including scheduled*) UC San Diego, San Diego State University CHEPS, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting

**2025:** Cowles Foundation (Yale) - Labor and Public, Texas Economics of Crime Workshop (TxECW), Virtual Crime Economics Seminar (ViCE), University of Colorado Denver, University of Michigan, University of Texas at San Antonio

**2024:** NBER Children & Families Spring Meeting, Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Workshop (Wisconsin), UW-UM-MSU-UWO Labo(u)r Day, American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, Western Economic Association Annual Meeting

**2023:** Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, Midwestern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Kennesaw State University

**2020:** Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

## TEACHING

**University of Colorado Denver**, 2025–Present

Department of Economics

Law and Economics

Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

Seminar in Applied Economics (PhD/MA)

## PRIOR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **University of Michigan**, 2020 – 2025

Criminal Justice Administrative Records System  
Graduate Student Research Assistant

### **Princeton University**, 2017 – 2019

Industrial Relations Section  
Research assistant for Leah Boustan, Will Dobbie, and Alan B. Krueger

## REFEREE SERVICE

*American Journal of Health Economics, American Law and Economics Review, Review of Economics of the Household, Economic Analysis and Policy, Quarterly Journal of Economics*

## OTHER

Citizenship: U.S.

United States Census Bureau, Special Sworn Status, 2020 – Present

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