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**EDUCATION**

**University of Maryland** College Park, MD

PhD, Department of Economics On leave 2022-2023

**University of California, Berkeley** Berkeley, CA

MPP, Goldman School of Public Policy May 2020

**Reed College** Portland, OR

BA, Economics May 2014

**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

**White House Council of Economic Advisors** Washington, DC

Staff Economist Ongoing

**California Policy Lab** Berkeley, CA

Research Fellow 2019 – 2020

**Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center** Washington, DC

Research Associate 2016 – 2018

Research Assistant 2014 – 2016

**PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS**

“Cyclicality of the U.S. Safety Net: Evidence from the 2000s and Implications for the COVID-19 Crisis.” 2020. *National Tax Journal* 73(3): 759-780. With Marianne Bitler and Hilary Hoynes.

“Effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on State Individual Income Taxes.” 2019. *Washington Journal of Law and Policy*, 59: 205-229. With Erin Huffer, Frank Sammartino, and David Weiner.

“Do State Excise Taxes Reduce Alcohol-Related Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes?” 2019. *Economic Inquiry,* 57(4): 1921-1941. With Robert McClelland.

**WORKING PAPERS**

“Measuring Take-up of the California EITC using Administrative Data.” July 2021. California Policy Lab Working Paper No. 2021-3. With Taylor Mackay and Matt Unrath. *Revise and resubmit, Journal of Public Economics.*

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Senior Income Tax Breaks and Interstate Elderly Migration.” With Karen Conway and Jon Rork.

**UNPUBLUSHED WORK**

“CalEITC Falls Far Short of Its Full Reach: Measuring the CalEITC Take-up Gap among CalFresh enrollees” 2021. California Policy Lab. With Taylor Mackay, Aparna Ramesh, and Matt Unrath.

“Taxes and Retirement Decisions among Women and Secondary Earners” 2019. Tax Policy Center. With Robert McClelland, Kevin Pierce, and Philip Stallworth.

“Analysis of the Giving Potential of High-Income Donors in the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Region”. 2018. Urban Institute. With Joycelyn Ovalle, Brice McKeever, and Benjamin Soskis.

“Safely Expanding Research Access to Administrative Tax Data: Creating a Synthetic Public Use File and a Validation Server.” 2018. Tax Policy Center. With Leonard Burman, Alex Engler, Surachai Khitatrakun, James Nunns, Sarah Armstrong, Graham MacDonald, and Philip Stallworth.

“Infrastructure, the Gas Tax, and Municipal Bonds.” 2017. Tax Policy Center. With Richard Auxier.

“Assessing Fiscal Capacities of States: A Representative Revenue System - Representative Expenditure System Approach, Fiscal Year 2012”. 2016. Tax Policy Center. With Tracy Gordon and Richard Auxier.

“Tax Compliance Costs and Business Formation." 2016. Kauffman Foundation: New Entrepreneurial Growth Agenda, Section 7: Policy. With Leonard Burman.

"Should We Tax Unhealthy Foods and Drinks?" 2015. Tax Policy Center. With Donald Marron and Maeve Gearing.

"An Analysis of Governor Bush’s Tax Plan." 2015. Tax Policy Center. With Leonard Burman, William Gale, James Nunns, Jeffrey Rohaly, Joseph Rosenberg, and Roberton Williams.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Open Public Finance Seminar, Graduate Student Workshop (Virtual). April 2022.

**RESEARCH AND RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

Teaching Assistant, Prof. Jessica Goldberg, Econ 417: Estimating Policy and Program Impact, University of Maryland, College Park, 2022

Teaching Assistant, Prof. Judith K. Hellerstein, Econ 470: Labor Economics, Theory and Evidence, University of Maryland, College Park, 2021

Research Assistant, Prof. Hilary Hoynes, University of California, Berkeley, 2019 – 2020

**GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Departmental Fellowship, Goldman School of Public Policy, 2018-2020

Member of Phi Beta Kappa, 2014

The Gerald M. Meier Award for Distinction in Economics, Reed College, 2014

**CERTIFICATES AND OTHER EXPERIENCE**

Graduate Certificate in Applied Data Science, University of California, Berkeley’s School of Information. 2020.

**DATA ACCESS**

Sworn Secret Status, US Census Bureau.

Access to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) data as a Student Volunteer (previously via an IntergovernmentalPersonnel Act (IPA) assignment).

**SKILLS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Skills: Stata, SAS, SQL, R, Python, Microsoft Office.

Activities:

Member, Economics Graduate Student’s Association, University of Maryland, 2021-2022.

Co-President, Queer and Trans in Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley. 2019.

Volunteer Tax Preparer, Community Tax Aid at Jubilee Jobs, Washington DC. 2017-2018.