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EDUCATION

Northwestern University Ph.D. Student in Human Development and Social Policy <i>Dissertation Committee: Kirabo Jackson (chair), Rajeev Darolia, Ofer Malamud, Simone Ispa-Landa</i>	September 2021 - June 2027 (<i>Expected</i>)
Amherst College B.A. in Economics, English (<i>with Honors</i>)	August 2015 - May 2019

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Publications

- Darolia, R. and **J. Turner**. (2025). “[Apprenticeships in the United States: Emerging Opportunities and Evidence Gaps](#)” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 45, no. 1.
- Schanzenbach, D., **J. Turner**, and S. Turner. (2024). “[Raising State Minimum Wages, Lowering Community College Enrollment](#)” *Forthcoming, Review of Economics and Statistics*.

Working Papers

- “[Community College Bachelor’s Degrees: How CCB Graduates’ Earnings Compare to AAs and BAs](#)” (with Riley K. Acton [\(r\)](#), Camila Morales [\(r\)](#), Kalena Cortes [\(r\)](#), and Lois Miller [\(r\)](#))
- “[Universal Pre-K as Economic Stimulus: Evidence from Nine States and Large Cities in the U.S.](#)” (with Kirabo Jackson and Jacob Bastian)

Works in Progress

- “Understanding Student Debt Relief: Insights from SAVE”
- “Long-run Impacts of CCB Introduction and Expansion: Evidence from Washington State”
- “Bachelor’s Degrees at Community Colleges: An Interview Study of Student Decision-Making”
- “Estimating the Value of a New Postsecondary Credential: An Audit Study of Community College Bachelor’s Degrees” (with Riley Acton, Kalena Cortes, Lois Miller, and Camila Morales)
- “Theoretical Foundations of the Minimum Wage and Post-Secondary Investment”

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia , Consumer Finance Institute Dissertation Fellow	2025 - 2026
National Science Foundation , NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	2021 - 2024
Amherst College Economics Department , James R. Nelson Prize	2019
Amherst College Economics Department , Undergraduate Research Fellowship	2018

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Office of the Chief Economist, Department of Education PhD Intern	Washington, DC August 2024 - May 2025
Council of Economic Advisers Staff Economist	Washington, DC July 2023 - August 2024
Blueprint Labs at MIT Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow (Josh Angrist, David Autor, Amanda Pallais)	Cambridge, MA April 2019 - August 2021
Amherst College Economics Department Undergraduate Research Assistant (Jessica Reyes)	Amherst, MA June 2017 - Jan 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Quantitative Methods III (HDSP 412, Required Graduate Course)

Teaching Assistant to Ofer Malamud, Spring 2023

Graduate Quantitative Methods I (HDSP 410, Required Graduate Course)

Teaching Assistant to Hannes Schwandt, Fall 2022

Introduction to Statistics and Research Methodology (SESP 210, Required Undergraduate Course)

Co-Instructor with Sugat Dabholkar, Spring 2022

Economics of Health, Human Capital, and Happiness (SOCPOL 333, Undergraduate Course)

Teaching Assistant to Hannes Schwandt, Winter 2022, Winter 2023

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

2026: Strada Education Foundation, Duke Labor Reading Group, AEFP 2026

2025: Brookings Institute, Department of Education, NBER Summer Institute, APPAM Fall Research Conference, MidSouth Education Policy Workshop, Midwest Sociology of Education Conference

2023: IZA Labor Summer School

2019: Williams College (Women in Economic Research)

GRANTS RECEIVED

2025: JPAL North America Racial Equity Grant: “Estimating the Value of a New Post-Secondary Credential: An Audit Study of Community College Baccalaureate Degrees” (Co-PI with Riley Acton, Kalena Cortes, Lois Miller, and Camila Morales), \$44,575 + Research Management Support of \$28,804.99

2025: Texas A&M University Bush School Seed Grant: “Estimating the Value of a New Post-Secondary Credential: An Audit Study of Community College Baccalaureate Degrees” (Co-PI with Riley Acton, Kalena Cortes, Lois Miller, and Camila Morales), \$11,530

2025: Texas Higher Education Foundation: “PSEO Research Grant” (Co-PI with Riley Acton, Kalena Cortes, Lois Miller, and Camila Morales), \$15,000

2025: Texas Higher Education Foundation: “PSEO Research Grant” (Co-PI with CJ Libassi), \$15,000

SERVICE

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal for Policy Analysis and Management, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*

Student co-organizer, SESP Brown Bag Seminar

2024-2026

SELECTED OTHER WRITING

- “[Study Guide: Public Service Loan Forgiveness](#)” with Kathryn J. Blanchard (PEER Center, September 2025)
- “[Debt and Earnings in Graduate School: Moving Beyond Standard Measures for the Typical Student in the Short Term](#)” with CJ Libassi (Report for the PSEO Coalition, June 2025)
- “[Where Do Borrowers Who Benefit from Public Service Loan Forgiveness Work?](#)” with Kathryn Blanchard and Rajeev Darolia (Office of the Chief Economist (OCE), Department of Education, January 2025)
- “[A First Look at 2024-2025 FAFSA Race and Ethnicity Data](#)” with Brent Evans and Rajeev Darolia (OCE, Department of Education, January 2025)
- “[Educational institutions poised to meet the workforce generated by the Investing in America agenda](#)” with Matthew Guzman, Shaun Dougherty, Rajeev Darolia (OCE, Department of Education, November 2024)