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Employment & Affiliations

Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Cleveland, OH

Senior Research Economist, 2025 – present

Lab for Economic Opportunities, Notre Dame, IN

Faculty Affiliate, 2024 – present

Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Washington, DC

Senior Fellow and Research Advisor, 2024 – 2025

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN

Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute Visiting Scholar, 2022 – 2023

White House Council of Economic Advisers, Washington, DC

Senior Economist, 2021 – 2022

Staff Economist, 2013 – 2014

U.S. Census Bureau, Suitland, MD

Economist, 2016 – 2024

Education

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

Ph.D., Economics, 2016

M.A., Economics, 2013

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

B.A., Economics and Mathematics, 2010

Publications

“The Earnings and Labor Supply of U.S. Physicians,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 140(2), May 2025, 1243–1298 (with Joshua Gottlieb, Maria Polyakova, Hugh Shiplett, and Victoria Udalova)

“The Effect of Emergency Financial Assistance on Mobility, SNAP Receipt, and Presence of Dependents,” *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 115, May 2025, 85–89 (with Daniel Hungerman, David Phillips, James Sullivan, and David Wasser)

“Granular Income Inequality and Mobility using IDDA: Exploring Patterns across Race and Ethnicity” (with Illenin Kondo, Natalie Gubbay, Brandon Hawkins, John Voorheis, and Abigail Wozniak) in *Race, Ethnicity and Economic Statistics for the 21st Century*, ed. Randall Akee, Lawrence Katz, and Mark Loewenstein, forthcoming

“Did Timing Matter? Life Cycle Differences in Effects of Exposure to the Great Recession,” *Journal of Labor Economics* 40(3), July 2022, 703–735.

“Labor Market Concentration, Earnings, and Inequality,” *Journal of Human Resources* 57(S), April 2022, S251–S283

“Beyond the Classroom: The Implications of School Vouchers for Church Finances,” *Review of Economics and Statistics* 101(4), October 2019, 588–601 (with Daniel Hungerman and Jay Frymark)

“Political Campaigns and Church Contributions,” *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 155, November 2018, 403–426 (with Daniel Hungerman, Tim Weninger, and Chunggeun Yoon)

Working Papers

“Where Does Voucher Funding Go? How Large-Scale Subsidy Programs Affect Private-School Revenue, Enrollment, and Prices,” *Journal of Public Economics* 136, April 2016, 62–85 (with Daniel Hungerman)

“The Rise of Healthcare Jobs” (with Joshua Gottlieb, Neale Mahoney, and Victoria Udalova)

“The Effect of Emergency Financial Assistance on Employment and Earnings” (with Daniel Hungerman, David Phillips, and James Sullivan; revisions requested, *Journal of Public Economics*)

“Re-examining Regional Income Convergence: A Distributional Approach” (with John Voorheis)

“Easing for Whom? Central Bank Asset Purchases and Household Inequality” (with Robert Lester and Ronald Mau)

“Income and the Take-Up of Means Tested Programs” (with Amanda Eng)

“The Distributional Effects of Minimum Wages: Evidence from Linked Survey and Administrative Data” (with John Voorheis)

“Labor Market Effects of the Affordable Care Act: Evidence from a Tax Notch” (with Kavan Kucko and Benjamin Solow; revisions requested, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*)

“Undone by the Market? The Effects of School Vouchers on Educational Inputs”

“The Effects of ‘Right to Work’ Laws on Wages: Evidence from the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947”

In Progress

A shock by any other name? Reconsidering the impacts of local demand shocks (with Sean Bassler, David Wasser, and Abigail Wozniak)

Unemployment insurance generosity and the wages of new hires (with David Wasser)

Hospital mergers and the distribution of earnings (with Jonathan Kowarski, Ellie Prager, David Wasser, and Wes Yin)

Long-term effects of Medicaid (with Zoey Chopra, Atul Gutpa, Amanda Kowalski, Rebecca McKibben, and David Wasser)

Long-term effects of exposure to the Great Recession (with David Wasser and Danny Yagan)

Long-term effects of minimum wages (with John Coglianese and David Wasser)

Other Projects & Reports

Income Distributions and Dynamics in America: Version 1.0 [Dataset], 2023 (with Illenin Kondo, Brandon Hawkins, John Voorheis, Andrew Goodman-Bacon, Natalie Gubbay, and Abigail Wozniak)

“Understanding Unemployment Insurance Claims and Other Labor Market Data During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” April 2020

“Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics (NES-D): Exploring Longitudinal Consistency and Sub-national Estimates (with Adela Luque, Michaela Dillon, Julia Manzella, James Noon, and Victoria Udalova), December 2019

“Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics (NES-D): Using Administrative and Census Records Data in Business Statistics” (with Adela Luque, Renuka Bhaskar, James Noon, and Victoria Udalova), January 2019

Presentations

2026 (*scheduled*): ASSA
2025 (*scheduled*): Upjohn Institute, North Carolina State University, Society of Government Economists, *Federal Reserve System Committee on Regional Analysis Conference*
2024: Washington Area Labor Economics Symposium, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Cleveland Fed
2023: NBER Public Economics Program Meeting, Washington Area Labor Economics Symposium, University of Notre Dame, Minneapolis Fed, Washington DC Urban Economics Day
2021: ASSA
2020 (*canceled due to COVID-19*): Washington Area Labor Economics Symposium, Junior Health Economics Summit, EALE/SOLE/AASLE World Conference, *Society of Government Economists*, *NBER Public Economics Program Meeting*, *University of Mississippi*, Southern Economic Association
2019: ASSA, Miami University, Richmond Fed, BLS-Census workshop, NBER Summer Institute (Labor Studies)
2018: U.S. Military Academy, NBER Public Economics Program Meeting, Census-IRS Income Measurement Workshop, Society of Government Economists, Society of Labor Economists, Urban Institute, NBER Summer Institute (CRIW), Sundance Conference on Monopsony in Labor Markets, Colby College, APPAM, Bureau of Labor Statistics
2017: BLS-Census workshop, Society of Government Economists, Western Economic Association, APPAM
2012–2016: Joint Committee on Taxation, U.S. Census Bureau, Midwest Economics Association (2x)

Policy Writing

Founded [Briefing Book](#), a newsletter about economic policy; contributing writer 2023–2025
[What is austerity, and how does it affect the broader U.S. labor market?](#) (with Ernie Tedeschi), August 2025
[Tariffs pose real risks to the U.S. labor market](#), May 2025
[Why do some jobs pay better than others? Think about what workers do](#) (with Chris Bangert-Drowns and Chiara Chanoi), May 2025
[What makes a job ‘good’? How U.S. labor market data can provide insight to improve workers’ economic conditions](#) (with Chiara Chanoi), March 2025
[As the U.S. labor market stabilizes, is nominal wage growth now too hot?](#), February 2025
[Digging into post-election partisan shifts in consumer sentiment](#) (with Leo Feler and Jack Chylak), January 2025
[The U.S. labor market keeps beating projections](#), November 2024
[Changing earnings requirements for Unemployment Insurance could improve access and better support U.S. workers](#), October 2024
[Talking shop: The way forward on child care](#) (with Chloe Gibbs and Aaron Sojourner), September 2024
[The upcoming U.S. election’s most important policy effects are under the radar](#), September 2024

	<p>New labor market data suggest that U.S. wage growth may be cooling too much, August 2024</p> <p>CPS sample size cut may save some money but would cost policymakers, July 2024</p> <p>Border crossings aren't what they used to be, June 2024</p> <p>What is going on with wage growth in the United States?, May 2024</p> <p>Proposed CMS data changes risk major research fallout (with Joshua Gottlieb), March 2024</p> <p>The labor market is primed for a soft landing, January 2024</p> <p>Limiting abusive employment practices requires new data, October 2023</p> <p>Disability prevalence is rising alongside employment, September 2023</p> <p>The long shadow of the 2001 recession, August 2023</p> <p>Blocking the Low Road and Paving the High Road: Management Practices to Improve Productivity (with Heather Boushey), April 2022</p> <p>Supporting Labor Supply in the American Jobs Plan and the American Families Plan (with Heather Boushey and Lisa Barrow), May 2021</p> <p>The Economic Benefits of Extending Permanent Legal Status to Unauthorized Immigrants (with Cecilia Rouse, Lisa Barrow, and Evan Soltas), September 2021</p> <p>Why Local Labor Market Concentration Is Lower Than It Used to Be, Even As National Concentration Increases, January 2019</p> <p>How large-scale subsidy programs affect private school revenue, enrolment, and prices (with Daniel Hungerman), May 2016</p>
Organized Sessions	<p>2021: ASSA (through LERA) – Why and how do labor markets differ?</p> <p>2018: APPAM – Distributional and Long-Term Effects of Minimum Wages</p>
Grants & Awards	<p>Grant from Arnold Ventures: “The Study of Market Power in Health Care,” (co-PI, with Wesley Yin, Elena Prager, Nicholas Tilipman, David Wasser, and Jonathan Kowarski, \$466,444), 2025</p> <p>U.S. Census Bureau Bronze Medal Award, 2021</p> <p>Grant from the Washington Center for Equitable Growth: “How local barriers to migration shape relocation and earnings in the wake of China trade shocks,” (co-PI, with Abigail Wozniak, \$67,120), 2017</p>
Professional Activities	<p>Member, American Economic Association</p> <p>Reviewer for <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i>; <i>American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics</i>; <i>American Economic Review</i>; <i>Contemporary Economic Policy</i>; <i>Economic Inquiry</i>; <i>ILR Review</i>; <i>Journal of Human Resources</i>; <i>Journal of Labor Economics</i>; <i>Journal of Labor Research</i>; <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>; <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i>; <i>Labour Economics</i>; <i>Metroeconomica</i>; <i>Regional Science and Urban Economics</i>; <i>Regulation & Governance</i>; <i>Research in Labor Economics</i>; <i>Review of Economic Studies</i>; <i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i>; <i>Review of Industrial Organization</i>; <i>Southern Economic Journal</i>; <i>Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics</i>; MIT Press; National Science Foundation; Roosevelt Institute; Washington Center for Equitable Growth</p>

Miscellany	Special Sworn Status, U.S. Census Bureau, 2024–present Favorably adjudicated for Top Secret security clearance, February 2022
References	Available upon request