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Education

Ph.D. in Economics and Public Policy, University of Michigan, *Expected May 2025*

M.A. in Economics, University of Michigan, 2020

B.S. in Economics (*summa cum laude*), Arizona State University, Barrett Honors College, 2015

Minors in Mathematics and French

CIEE Arts and Culture, Dakar, Senegal 2014

London School of Economics, Summer Institute Public Finance and Political Economy, 2012

Research fields

Labor economics, public economics, applied econometrics, experimental economics

Dissertation

1. **Job market paper:** “Penalties in the Safety Net: Effects of Work Requirement Enforcement on Program Participation and Labor Supply” (w/ Lea Bart)
2. “Monthly spending of the least financially liquid: Effects of SNAP and TANF issuance frequency”
3. Pilkauskas, N., Jacob, B., Rhodes, E., Richard, K. and Shaefer, H.L. (2023) [“The COVID Cash Transfer Study: The Impacts of a One-Time Unconditional Cash Transfer on the Wellbeing of Families receiving SNAP in Twelve States”](#) *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

Publications

1. Aladangady, A., Aron-Dine, S., Cashin, D., Dunn, W., Feiveson, L. Lengermann, P. Richard, K. and Sahm, C. (2023) [“Spending Responses to High-Frequency Shifts in Payment Timing: Evidence from the Earned Income Tax Credit”](#) *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*
2. Jacob, B. Pilkauskas, N., Rhodes, E., Richard, K. and Shaefer, H.L. (2022) [“The COVID-19 Cash Transfer Study II: The Hardship and Mental Health Impacts of an Unconditional Cash Transfer to Low-Income Individuals”](#) *National Tax Journal*
3. Jacob, B. Pilkauskas, N., Rhodes, E., Richard, K. and Shaefer, H.L. (2022) [“The COVID Cash Transfer Studies: Key Findings and Future Directions”](#) *University of Michigan Poverty Solutions Research Brief*

Works in Progress

1. “Effects of Reducing Safety Net Screening Complexity on Access and Retention” (w/ Julia Yates)
2. “Effects of Nutritional Education on the SNAP Benefit Cycle” (w/ Mel Stephens & Arushi Sharma)

Research Presentations

<i>Upcoming</i>	NTA Fall Conference, Southern Economics Association Conference
2024	Michigan Labor Seminar and Lunch, Eastern Economics Association Conference
2023	NTA Fall Conference, Michigan Public Finance Seminar and Lunch, Michigan Labor Lunch Federal Reserve Board Applied Micro Seminar, Michigan Tax-Invitational (M-TAXI)
2022	Michigan Labor Lunch, Michigan Graduate Student Seminar
2018-2021	APPAM Fall Research Conference, Society for Government Economists Conference

Honors & Awards

2024	University of Michigan Department of Economics Research Fellowship
2024	Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Dissertation Award
2023	AEA Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
2023	Ford School of Public Policy Fellowship (2018, 2023)
2018-2023	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2014-2015	Spirit of Service Scholar, Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions
2011-2015	Flinn Scholarship

Research Experience and Other Employment

2025	University of Michigan Poverty Solutions <i>Doctoral Graduate Research Funding</i>
2020-2022	University of Michigan Poverty Solutions <i>Research Associate</i>
2015-2018	Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Fiscal Analysis Section <i>Research Assistant</i>
Summer 2014	National Academy of Social Insurance <i>Economic Security Research Intern</i>
Summer 2013	Center for American Progress <i>Economic Policy Intern</i>
2013	Arizona House of Representatives, <i>Ways & Means and Transportation Research Staff</i>

Teaching Experience

University of Michigan Graduate Student Instructor	
Fall 2021	<i>Experiments in Economics (ECON 490)</i> for Basit Zafar
Winter 2022	<i>"Capitalisms" (ECON 492)</i> for Jim Adams
Federal Reserve Board Education Outreach Instructor	2015-2018

Professional Service

2022	University of Michigan Graduate Student Summer Seminar Coordinator
2019-2021	University of Michigan Graduate Women in Economics Coordinator
2019, 2020	Ford School of Public Policy Doctoral Admissions Committee
2017-2018	Federal Reserve Board Education Outreach Coordinator
Referee Service	American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, National Tax Journal

References

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Ross School of Business
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Professor Mel Stephens, *Co-Chair*
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Professor Basit Zafar
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LANGUAGE SKILLS: ENGLISH (FLUENT), FRENCH (ADVANCED), WOLOF (BASIC)

COMPUTER SKILLS: STATA, R, MATLAB, SQL, QUALTRICS, LATEX, MICROSOFT OFFICE

CITIZENSHIP: UNITED STATES

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