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## Current Position

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### Harvard University

*Doctoral Student in Public Policy (Economics Track)*  
Fields: Public and Labor Economics

Cambridge, MA  
2021–

## Education

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### Australian National University

*Bachelor of Economics (w/ First Class Honors)*

Canberra, Australia  
2017

### Australian National University

*Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics*

Canberra, Australia  
2014–2016

## Publications and Working Papers

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Chetty, R., M. O. Jackson, T. Kuchler, J. Stroebe, N. Hendren, R. Fluegge, S. Gong, F. Gonzalez, A. Grondin, M. Jacob, D. Johnston, M. Koenen, E. Laguna-Muggenberg, F. Mudekereza, T. Rutter, N. Thor, W. Townsend, R. Zhang, M. Bailey, P. Barbera, M. Bhole, and N. Wernerfelt. (2022b). [Social capital II: determinants of economic connectedness](#). *Nature*, 608: 122–134

Chetty, R., M. O. Jackson, T. Kuchler, J. Stroebe, N. Hendren, R. Fluegge, S. Gong, F. Gonzalez, A. Grondin, M. Jacob, D. Johnston, M. Koenen, E. Laguna-Muggenberg, F. Mudekereza, T. Rutter, N. Thor, W. Townsend, R. Zhang, M. Bailey, P. Barbera, M. Bhole, and N. Wernerfelt. (2022a). [Social capital I: measurement and associations with economic mobility](#). *Nature*, 608: 108–121

Honigsberg, C. and M. Jacob. (2021). [Deleting misconduct: The expungement of BrokerCheck records](#). *Journal of Financial Economics*, 139(3): 800–831

Jacob, M. (2018). [Optimal Non-linear Taxation and the Design of Education Policy](#). Working paper

## Select Awards

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### Linda G. Hammett Ory Fellow

*Research fellow at the EdRedesign Lab, Harvard Graduate School of Education*

Harvard  
2022

### Economic Society Prize for Economics IV Honours

*For the highest Economics Honours grade*

ANU  
2017

### Bob Gregory Honours Scholarship

*For the top undergraduate student entering the Honours program (declined)*

ANU  
2017

### Prize for First Year Economics

*Awarded to the most distinguished first year undergraduate student in economics*

ANU  
2015

### Chancellor's Letter of Commendation

*Awarded to top-performing undergraduate students*

ANU  
2015

### Tuckwell Scholarship

*Prestigious [scholarship](#) awarded to 25 Australians each year to attend the ANU*

ANU  
2014

## Research and Teaching Experience

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### Opportunity Insights

*Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow*

Research on inequality, intergenerational mobility and social capital

Cambridge, MA

2018–2021

### Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research

*Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow*

Research on financial advisor misconduct and debt collection reform

Stanford, CA

Jan–Jun 2018

### Grattan Institute

*Budget Policy Research Assistant (remote)*

Research on tax reform and political donations in Australia

Melbourne, Australia

Feb–Nov 2017

### Australian National University

*Teaching Assistant for Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON3101)*

Responsible for sections, office hours and grading

Canberra, Australia

Feb–Jun 2017

### Reserve Bank of Australia

*Payments Policy Cadet*

Analysis of concentration in the market for OTC derivatives clearing

Sydney, Australia

Nov–Jan 2017

## Conferences and Seminars

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e61 Research Seminar – January, 2024

Stone Center Summer Institute – July, 2023

ANU Tax and Transfer Policy Institute Seminar – June, 2021

MIT Sloan Accounting Seminar – November, 2018

Harvard Research Seminar in Law, Economics & Organization – November, 2018

## Affiliations

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ANU Crawford School of Public Policy — [Research Affiliate at Tax and Transfer Policy Institute](#)

Meta — Contingent Worker in Core Data Science Team

Opportunity Insights — [Graduate Student Affiliate](#)

## Leadership and Service

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### HKS Badminton and Squash Club

*President*

Harvard

2023

### Harvard Kennedy PhD Student Association

*Social Committee Co-Chair, First-Year Mentor*

Harvard

2022

## Skills

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**Programming:** R, Python, STATA, SQL, Git and  $\text{\LaTeX}$

**Languages:** English (native), Malayalam (spoken)