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EMPLOYMENT

Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California	Assistant Professor	2024 -
Census Bureau	Chief, Income Statistics Branch	2022-2024
	Economist	2021-2022

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley	PhD, Public Policy	2021
University of California, Berkeley	MPP	2016
Boston College	BA, International Studies	2009

PUBLICATIONS

Measuring Take-up of the Earned Income Tax Credit Using State Administrative Data
with John Iselin and Taylor Mackay
Journal of Public Economics, Vol 227, November 2023

Can Nudges Increase Take-up of the Earned Income Tax Credit?: Evidence from Multiple Field Experiments
with Elizabeth Linos, Allen Prohofsky, Aparna Ramesh, and Jesse Rothstein
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Vol. 14, No. 4, November 2022

Measuring the Labor Market at the Onset of the COVID-19 Crisis
with Alexander W. Bartik, Marianne Bertrand, Feng Lin, and Jesse Rothstein
Brookings Papers on Economic Activity, Summer 2020

WORKING PAPERS

Work Requirements and Child Tax Benefits
with Jacob Goldin, Tatiana Homonoff, Neel Lal, Ithai Lurie, and Katherine Michelmore

Targeting, Screening, and Retention: Evidence from California's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

National Experimental Wellbeing Statistics
with Adam Bee, Joshua Mitchell, Nikolas Mittag, Jon Rothbaum, Carl Sanders and Lawrence Schmidt

Filling in the Blanks: Improving SNAP Retention through Pre-Population?
with Pamela Herd, Donald Moynihan, and Gwen Rino

Married... with Children?: Assessing Alignment between Tax Units and Survey Households

Beating the Clock: Using Year-end Changes to Identify Labor Supply Responses to Taxation

AFFILIATIONS

2021-	Affiliated Expert, California Policy Lab

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2017-2021	California Policy Lab
2019-2020	W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research
2016-2017	UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025	Instructor, Methods for Equity Analysis
2024	Instructor, Foundations of Public Policy Analysis
2016, 2018	Lecturer, Quantitative Methods, Public Policy & International Affairs Program
2015-2017	Graduate Student Instructor, Introductory Statistics and Econometrics
2015	Graduate Student Instructor, Wealth and Poverty

PRESENTATIONS

2024	National Tax Association, Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA)/Society of Government Economists (SGE) Meeting, Society of Labor Economists, NAS Committee on Federal Policy Impacts on Child Poverty
2023	Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA)/Society of Government Economists (SGE) Meeting
2022	Western Economic Association (WEAI) Conference; Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) Research and Policy Conference; Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference
2021	National Tax Association (NTA) National Conference
2020	UC Berkeley Economics Department; UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy
2019	Association for Public Policy and Administration (APPAM) National Conference

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2025	UW Madison Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Extramural Large Grant for Poverty and Economic Mobility Research, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research Early Career Scholar Grant
2024	US Department of Commerce Bronze Medal
2023	National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Fellowship on Economic Measurement
2020	National Institute of Aging (NIA) and UC Berkeley Demography Training Grant, UC Berkeley IRLE Fellowship, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, Trustee's Award, UC Center Sacramento Emerging Scholar Award, Honorable Mention
2019	UC Berkeley Opportunity Lab Labor Science Initiative Research Grant
2018	UW Madison IRP Researcher-Practitioner Partnership Program; UC Berkeley IRLE Research Grant
2017	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee	*Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Milbank Quarterly*, *Health Affairs*