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Research Fields Labor economics, urban economics

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**EDUCATION** University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI USA

Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy & Department of Economics

Ph.D. Student, Public Policy & Economics (expected graduation date: May 2027)

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Basit Zafar

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M.A., Economics, May 2023

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts USA

Department of Economics and Department of Sociology

B.A. (summa cum laude w/ departmental honors), Economics & Sociology, May 2018

Honors and Eckstein Prize for Interdisciplinary Research and Policy Analysis, 2024 AWARDS

Outstanding 3rd Year Paper Award, Michigan Department of Economics, 2024 (for "Distributional Consequences of Supply Expansions in Homeownership Market")

Highest Distinction, Microeconomics and Macroeconomics PhD Preliminary Exams, 2021

Presidential Scholarship, Boston University, 2014-2018

Funding and National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP) Fellowships

Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

Sarri Family Fellowship for Research on Educational Attainment of Children in Low Income Families,

Michigan Institute for Social Research (ISR) - \$6,000

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2024 - \$2,500

Graduate Student Research Grant, Michigan Rackham Graduate School, 2024 and 2025 - \$4,500

Graduate Research Grant, Michigan Department of Economics, 2023 and 2024 - \$12,000

Professional University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI USA EXPERIENCE

2022-2025

Research Assistant

- Basit Zafar (2024-2025)
- Brian A. Jacob (2022-2025)
- Sara Heller & Ashley Craig (2022)

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD USA

2018-2021

Research Assistant

• PI: Lauren Hersch Nicholas

Massachusetts Office of the Treasurer and Receiver General, Boston, MA USA

Research Intern

• Office of Economic Empowerment

## Papers in Progress

"Is Upzoning Good For Children?" (job market paper)

"Do Faculty Affect Their Students' Political Beliefs?" (with José Joaquín Endara Cevallos, Anneliese Paulson)

"School Reporting Cultures" (with E. Jason Baron, Joseph J. Doyle, Jr., Maria D. Fitzpatrick, Brian A. Jacob, Joseph Ryan)

"Peer Socioeconomic Mismatch and Student Expectations and Achievement' (with Nikhil Rao)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Baum, M. Y., & Jacob, B. A. (2024). Racial differences in parent response to COVID schooling policies. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 121(3), e2307308120. (NBER WP #31765).

Brockman, S. L., Camo-Biogradlija, J., Ratledge, A., O'Donoghue, R., Baum, M. Y., & Jacob, B. (2023). Forging a path to college persistence: An experimental evaluation of the Detroit Promise Path program. *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, 01623737241230474.

Nicholas, L. H., Halpern, S. D., Weir, D. R., Baum, M. Y., Nolan, M., Gallo, J., & Langa, K. M. (2023). Decision Making for Patients With Severe Dementia Versus Normal Cognition Near the End of Life. *Innovation in Aging*, 7(7), igad081.

Baum, M. Y., Gallo, J. J., Nolan, M. T., Langa, K. M., Halpern, S. D., Macis, M., & Nicholas, L. H. (2021). Does it matter who decides? Outcomes of surrogate decision-making for community-dwelling, cognitively impaired older adults near the end of life. *Journal of pain and symptom management*, 62(6), 1126-1134.

Matta, S., Hsu, J. W., Iwashyna, T. J., Baum, M. Y., Langa, K. M., & Nicholas, L. H. (2021). Identifying cohabiting couples in administrative data: evidence from Medicare address data. *Health Services and Outcomes Research Methodology*, 21, 238-247.

Nicholas, L. H., & Baum, M. Y. (2020). Wills, public policy, and financial well-being among surviving spouses. *The Journal of the Economics of Ageing*, 16100211.

Nicholas, L. H., Done, N., & Baum, M. (2020). Lifetime job demands and later life disability. *The Journal of the Economics of Ageing*, 17100184.

#### Presentations

2025: Michigan Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar (CIERS), Institute for Humane Studies Summer Graduate Conference

2024: AREUEA Annual Conference, Congressional Budget Office, Michigan CIERS, Michigan H2D2 student seminar, Michigan Labor Lunch

2023: Michigan CIERS, AEFP Annual Conference

## Professional Service

Referee Service: The Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics

Michigan PhD Program in Public Policy & Economics: Admissions Committee (2023)

Michigan Graduate Economics Society: Social Chair (2023)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI USA

Economics of Education Winter 2024

- Upper-level undergraduate research writing course
- Average student evaluation: 4.9 / 5.0

Intermediate Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics I Fall 2023

- Upper-level undergraduate course in econometrics
- $\bullet$  Average student evaluation: 4.8 / 5.0

The Commodore John Rodgers Elementary School, Baltimore, MD USA

K-3 reading tutor 2020-2021

• AmeriCorps Literacy Lab

 $\mathbf{Mifflin\ High\ School},\ \mathrm{Columbus},\ \mathrm{OH\ USA}$ 

English and Math teacher, tutor, and mentor 2013-2014

• AmeriCorps City Year

SOFTWARE Stata, R, Python, Matlab, GIS

CITIZENSHIP United States of America, United Kingdom

OTHER Special Sworn Status (US Census Bureau)