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EMPLOYMENT

- Department of Economics, Pennsylvania State University
- The Strumpf Early Career Associate Professor of Economics (with Tenure) (2025-)
 - The Strumpf Early Career Assistant Professor of Economics (2023-2025)
 - Assistant Professor of Economics (2021-2023)
- Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- The Hal Varian Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics (Jan-June 2025)

AFFILIATIONS

- National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)
- Research Associate, Labor Studies (2025-)
 - Faculty Research Fellow, Labor Studies (2022-2025)
- OECD: Academic Lead of the LinkEED 2.0 Project (2025-)
- Rockwool Foundation Berlin: Research Fellow (2025-)

EDUCATION

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics, University of Chicago (2017-2021)
- Ph.D., Department of Economics, University of Chicago (2017)
- M.A., Department of Economics, University of Chicago (2012)
- B.S., Mathematics and Philosophy, Honors College, University of South Carolina (2010)

FIELDS

- Primary: Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics
Secondary: Industrial Organization, Spatial and Trade Economics

PUBLICATIONS

1. “Disability Receipt, Consumption Insurance, and Family Labor Supply”
David Autor, Andreas Kostol, Magne Mogstad, and Bradley Setzler
American Economic Review 109(7), 2019.
2. “The Effects of Foreign Multinationals on Workers and Firms in the United States”
Bradley Setzler and Felix Tintelnot
Quarterly Journal of Economics 136(3), 2021.
3. “Imperfect Competition, Compensating Differentials and Rent Sharing in the US Labor Market”
Thibaut Lamadon, Magne Mogstad, and Bradley Setzler
American Economic Review 112(1), 2022.
4. “How Much Should we Trust Estimates of Firm Effects and Worker Sorting?” Stephane Bonhomme, Kerstin Holzheu, Thibaut Lamadon, Elena Manresa, Magne Mogstad, Bradley Setzler
Journal of Labor Economics 41(2), lead article, 2023.
5. “Imperfect Competition and Rents in Labor and Product Markets: The Case of the Construction Industry” Kory Kroft, Yao Luo, Magne Mogstad, and Bradley Setzler
American Economic Review 115(9), 2025.
6. “Places versus People: The Ins and Outs of Labor Market Adjustment to Globalization”
David Autor, David Dorn, Gordon Hanson, Maggie R. Jones, and Bradley Setzler
Handbook of Labor Economics Volume 6, 2025.

WORKING PAPERS

7. “Labor and Product Market Power, Endogenous Quality, and the Consolidation of the US Hospital Industry” Bradley Setzler.
Econometrica, revise and resubmit. First draft: August 2025. Latest draft: October 2025.
8. “Conduct in US Labor Markets”
Michael Rubens, Bradley Setzler, and Chen Yeh. *Preliminary draft now available to present.*

IN PROGRESS
(SELECTED)

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9. "The Children of the China Shock"
David Autor, David Dorn, Gordon Hanson, Maggie R. Jones, Bradley Setzler, John Voorheis.
 10. "What Policies Can Attenuate the Negative Impacts of Trade Shocks on Local Labor Markets?"
Daniel Haanwinckel and Bradley Setzler.
 11. "The Local Impacts of Structural Change"
Bradley Setzler and the OECD LinkEED Team.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2026: ASSA (IO Society session on “Conduct Testing”), UEA (conference), NBER Industrial Organization (Spring Meeting), Tilburg (department seminar), NBER Health Economics (Spring Meeting), Penn State (Ag Econ seminar), WashU Olin Business School (department seminar)
- 2025: Brandeis (department seminar), ASSA (session: “Firms, Wage-Setting & Employment”), Boston College (department seminar), Boston University (Trade Day mini-conference), Princeton (seminar in IO), Ohio State (seminar in Applied Micro), Stanford (seminar in Labor), Leuven (conference on market power), Michigan (seminar in Labor), Cornell (IO conference), NBER Megafirms (conference), UEA (conference session: Local Labor Markets), NBER Labor Studies (Fall Meeting), MIT (seminar in IO & Labor), MIT (guest lecture in PhD IO, guest lecture in PhD labor, guest lecture in PhD trade)
- 2024: U of Oslo (department seminar), BI Norwegian Business School (department seminar), ASSA (discussant: “Monopsony and Labor Markets”, “Workers and Firms: Imperfect Markets”), Wisconsin (seminar in IO), Carnegie Mellon (labor lunch), Oslo Labor Workshop (conference), Duke (joint seminar in Labor & Trade), Queen’s University (seminar in Quantitative)
- 2023: NBER Industrial Organization (Spring Meeting), Federal Reserve Board (seminar in Macro & Monetary), Carnegie Mellon and U of Pittsburgh (joint seminar in Applied Micro), Maryland (seminar in IO), Columbia Business School (Junior Micro/Macro Labor conference)
- 2022: U of British Columbia (seminar in Macro), CESifo Area Conference (Labor Economics), London School of Economics (seminar in Capabilities, Competition & Innovation), Texas A&M (Labor & Public conference), Arizona State (guest lecture in PhD labor), Cornell (IO conference), Equitable Growth (discussant for Wages session)
- 2021 (online-only): MIT (joint seminar in Dev, IO, Labor, Public & Trade), UChicago (brownbag in IO), Penn State (department seminar), UToronto/Bank of Canada (seminar in IO)
- 2020 (online-only): NBER Summer Institute (Labor Studies), Stanford (SITE Labor Markets), NBER Labor Studies (Spring Meeting), UChicago (brownbag in Trade), UEA (Labor)
- 2019: NBER Trade (Fall Meeting), UChicago (brownbag in Trade), ASSA (discussant)
- 2018: ASSA (session: “Trade & Technology Diffusion”), UChicago (Junior Faculty brownbag), Empirical Investigations in International Trade (conference)
- 2017: Econometric Society EWM (Econometrics), UChicago (brownbag in Econometrics)

GRANTS & AWARDS

Postdoctoral:

- NSF Grant SES-1851808 (with Magne Mogstad), \$180,000 (2019-2022)
- BFI Pilot Grant (with Ali Hortaçsu and Felix Tintelnot), \$5,000 (2020-2021)
- Washington Center for Equitable Growth (with Magne Mogstad), \$76,000 (2017-2019)

Doctoral:

- NIH National Institute on Aging Predoctoral Fellowship (2015-2016)
- Esther and T.W. Schultz Dissertation Fellowship (2015-2016)
- University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Fellowship (2010-2015)
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (2010-2013)

Undergraduate or earlier:

- *Summa cum laude*, with honors from the Honors College (2010), Phi Beta Kappa (2009)
- Jeong S. Yang Award in Mathematics (2010), Josiah Morse Award in Philosophy (2010)
- Eagle Scout (2004), Univ. of South Carolina’s Outstanding New Student Leader (2006)

REFEREE SERVICE
 TOP 5: 63x
 OTHERS: 37x

QJE (22x), AER (13x), JPE (17x), REStud (8x), ECMA (3x)
 JOLE (6x), AER:I (2x), AEJ:AE (2x), AEJ:EP (4x), REStat (7x), JEEA (4x), EJ (2x)
 JIE (3x), JPE:Micro (2x), JPubE (1x), JBES (1x), JLE (1x), JMBC (1x), NSF (1x)

SERVICE

Conferences

- Program Committee, North American Meeting, Urban Economics Association (2025, 2026)

Seminars

- Organizer, Trade & Development Seminar, Penn State (2022-2024)
- Organizer, Faculty Brownbag Seminar, Penn State (2022-2023)

University Committees

- Member, Junior Hiring Committee, Penn State (2023-)
- Member, Academic Program Committee, Penn State (2022-2024)

TEACHING

Pennsylvania State University:

PhD Courses:

- Advanced Topics in Labor Economics (PhD)
 - Year (student rating): 2025 (5.0/5), 2024 (5.0/5), 2023 (5.0/5), 2022 (7.0/7).
- Empirical Methods in Economics (PhD)
 - Year (student rating): 2026 (in progress), 2024f (5.0/5), 2024s (5.0/5), 2023 (7.0/7).

Undergraduate Courses:

- Labor Economics and Labor Markets (BA)
 - Year (student rating): 2024 (4.0/5), 2023 (6.0/7), 2022 (7.0/7), 2021 (5.5/7).

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Undergraduate Courses:

- Microeconomic Theory and Public Policy (BA 2025, student rating 5.5/7)

University of Chicago:

PhD Courses:

- Co-Instructor (with Ali Hortaçsu), Practical Computing Colloquium (PhD 2015, 2016)
- Teaching Assistant (to James Heckman), Labor Markets & Inequality (PhD 2014, 2015)

Undergraduate Courses:

- Instructor, Elements of Economic Analysis I (BA 2014, student rating 4.6/5)

STUDENT ADVISING

Pennsylvania State University:

- Mehrdad Pourghasem (committee member, in progress)
- Karahan Keskiner (chair of committee, in progress)
- Jiaqi Ren (committee member, in progress)
- Eric San Miguel (chair of committee, in progress)
- Elif Basaran (committee member, in progress)
- Yedilkhan Baigabulov (committee member, 2024 placement: Instacart)

PERSONAL

Born 1987 (age 38). From Newberry, South Carolina. Citizenship: USA.