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## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

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**Postdoctoral Associate**, John Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University      July 2023 -current

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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**Primary Fields:** Labor and Public Economics (primary); Regional Economics (secondary)

## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Nebraska-Lincoln</b> Ph.D. in Economics	Lincoln, NE 2023
<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b> M.S. in Economics	College Station, TX 2016
<b>Tajik State University of Law, Business and Politics</b> B.S. in International Economics	Khujand, Tajikistan 2007

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Gender Differences in Graduate Student Views on the Professional Climate in Economics** (*with Ann Mary May and Mary G. McGarvey*). Forthcoming at *Contemporary Economic Policy*

**Infrastructure System Obstacles and Technology Adoption by Firms in Transition Countries** (*with John E. Anderson*). Forthcoming at *Comparative Southeast European Studies*

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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### Are Low-Skilled Immigration and Coresidence Substitutes? Evidence from Secure Communities

This paper studies the effect of Secure Communities (SC), an immigration enforcement program that removed a large number of non-citizens from the United States, on the living arrangements of elderly U.S.-born individuals. Using U.S. Census data and exploiting spatial and temporal variation in the implementation of the program, I estimate a two-way fixed-effect difference-in-differences model. I find that Secure Communities increased the likelihood of coresidence among single elderly by about 3.6 percent. Furthermore, I provide suggestive evidence that the single elderly's coresidence with an unemployed person increased by 11.9 percent following Secure Communities. Empirical tests suggest that the increased price of household services due to the reduction of immigrants' labor supply is the key mechanism generating these effects. Taken together, these findings suggest that strict immigration enforcement policies could have a large impact on the living arrangements and labor market outcomes of U.S.-born persons.

*The latest version is available [here](#)*

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Automation, Career Trajectory, and Education** (*with Marina Lovchikova*)

**Households Spatial Sorting Impacts of the Housing and Financial Crisis** (*RDC project with John E. Anderson and Kyle Kopplin*)

## GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Research Assistant for Dr.Anderson  
*University of Nebraska-Lincoln* Fall 2019-Spring 2022
- Research Assistant at Bureau of Business Research  
*University of Nebraska-Lincoln* Fall 2018-Spring 2019

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Teaching Instructor (3 courses, full responsibility)  
*Principle of Microeconomics* 2020-2022
- Teaching Instructor (full responsibility)  
*Principle of Macroeconomics* Fall 2021
- Teaching Assistant  
*Econometrics I, Ph.D.* Spring 2021
- Teaching Assistant  
*Principle of Macroeconomics, Principle of Microeconomics* Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2020

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- McConnell Dissertation Fellowship, UNL 2022-2023
- Ogle Research Fellowship, UNL 2018-2023
- Fulbright Scholarship 2014-2016
- Edmund Muskie Fellowship 2015

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Midwest Economic Association 2023
- Midwest Economic Association 2022
- 8th Annual Conference of the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeastern European Studies (IOS) 2021
- Western Economic Association International 2021
- Microeconomics Working Group (UNL) 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

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- Research Consultant, Ministry of Economic Development of Tajikistan (financed by the World Bank) 2017
- Economist/Intern, DevTech SYSTEMS Inc, Arlington, VA 2015

## SERVICE

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**Refereeing:** World Development Journal, Comparative Economics Studies

Undergraduate Economics Student Association at UNL

- Graduate Student Representative (2021-2022)

Economics Graduate Student Association at UNL

- President (2020-2021), Vice-President (2019-2020)

Fulbright Student Association at Texas A&M University

- Vice-President (2015-2016)

## OTHER

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- Security Clearance: U.S. Census Special Sworn Status
- Programming: STATA, R-program, SQL, LaTeX, SAS, MS Office
- Languages: English (fluent), Tajik (native), Russian (fluent)

## REFERENCES

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- **John Anderson (chair)**

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