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Academic Appointments:

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Delaware, 2024 –
Watson Institute Postdoctoral Fellow, Brown University, 2022 – 2024

Education:

Ph.D. in Public Policy, University of Chicago, 2016 – 2022
Committee: Anjali Adukia, Marianne Bertrand, Dan Black
B.A. Economics and B.A. Sociology, University of Chicago, 2009 – 2013

Research Fields:

Labor and Public Economics, Innovation, Inequality, Education, Gender

Publications:

“Old Boys' Clubs and Upward Mobility Among the Educational Elite”
with Joseph Price and Seth D. Zimmerman
Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2022

Working Papers:

“Sex, Drugs, and R&D: Missing Innovation from Regulating Female Enrollment in Clinical Trials”
with Lucy Msall

“Rewarding Degrees or Distorting Retention? Teacher Salary Reform in North Carolina”

Selected Work in Progress:

“Snob Appeal: Quotas and Competition in Early 20th Century College Admissions”
with Florian Caro, Guillermo Carranza Jordan, and Seth Zimmerman

“Cheaper by the Dozen: Parental Time Use and Returns to Scale in Raising Children”
with Todd Jones and Ezra Karger

Pre-Doctoral Publications and Policy Briefs:

“The Struggle to Pass Algebra: Online vs. Face-to-Face Credit Recovery for At-Risk Urban Students”

with Jessica B. Heppen, Nicholas Sorensen, Elaine Allensworth, Kirk Walters, Jordan Rickles, and Suzanne Stachel Taylor

Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness, 2017

“The Back on Track Study: Using Online Courses for Credit Recovery”

with Jessica B. Heppen, Nicholas Sorensen, Elaine Allensworth, Kirk Walters, Peggy Clements, Suzanne Stachel Taylor (American Institutes for Research and The Consortium on Chicago School Research, 2016)

“The Educational Attainment of Chicago Public Schools Students: A Focus on Four-Year College Degrees”
with Kaleen Healey and Jenny Nagaoka (The Consortium on Chicago School Research, 2014)

Teaching Experience:

Brown University:
Inequality, Policy, and Economics, Instructor, Spring 2023, Fall 2023
University of Chicago:
The Firm and the Non-Market Environment (MBA), TA for Marianne Bertrand, Spring 2019
Applied Econometrics II (PhD), TA for Koichiro Ito, Spring 2018
Global Energy & Climate Challenge (Undergrad), TA for Michael Greenstone, Fall 2017

Other Employment:

Research Analyst, The Consortium on Chicago School Research, 2013 – 2016

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

NBER Dissertation Fellowship on Gender in the Economy, 2021 – 2022
Institute for Educational Sciences (IES) Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, 2016 – 2021

Professional Service:

Referee: American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, World Development
Co-chair: Association for Education Finance and Policy Doctoral Community Group, 2021 – 2022

Conferences and Invited Presentations:

2023: ASSA Annual Meeting; Boston University Technology & Policy Research Initiative IP Day; University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Brandeis University
2022: Georgetown University; University of Delaware; Rochester University; Columbia University; University of Nebraska – Lincoln; Yale School of Management; MIT Sloan Applied Economics; Boston University Questrom MPPL; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Syracuse University; Association for Education Finance and Policy; Becker Friedman Institute Health Economics Initiative; NBER Summer Institute Innovation†; Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics Gender; Becker Friedman Institute Women in Applied Microeconomics, Brown University
2021: NBER Fall Economic Mobility Conference†
2020: NBER Fall Labor Studies†; UChicago Workshop on Education
2015: Association for Education Finance and Policy
2014: Illinois Education Research Symposium; Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness
† co-author presented (partial list)