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EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

Senior Economist, U.S. Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies, 2026-present.

Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), 2026-present.

External Faculty Affiliate, University of Maryland Population Research Center, 2025-present.

Research Fellow, American Institute for Boys and Men, 2025-present.

Economist, U.S. Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies, 2020-2026.

Research Analyst, International Monetary Fund, Fiscal Affairs Department, 2011-13.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Michigan, 2020.

M.A. Economics, University of Michigan, 2016.

B.A. Mathematics and Economics, Williams College, 2011, Cum Laude.

RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Demography

PUBLICATIONS

"Is the Gender Pay Gap Largest at the Top?" (with Amanda Eng, Kendall Houghton, and Andrew Foote). *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 2024. [link]

"When Sarah Meets Lawrence: The Effects of Coeducation on Women's College Major Choices" (with Avery Calkins, Dana Shaat and Brenden Timpe). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2023. [link]

"Comparing the 2019 American Housing Survey to Contemporary Sources of Property Tax Records: Implications for Survey Efficiency and Quality" (with Emily Molfino and John Voorheis). In *JSM Proceedings*, Survey Research Methods Section, 2022. [link]

"Is There a Male Breadwinner Norm? The Hazards of Inferring Preferences from Marriage Market Outcomes" (with David Lam). *Journal of Human Resources,* 2022. [link]

"Rising Inequality in Mothers' Employment Statuses: The Role of Intergenerational Transmission." *Demography*, 2021. [link]

"The Declining Labor Market Prospects of Less-Educated Men" (with John Bound). *Journal of Economic Perspectives,* 2019. [link]

"Inflation and Public Debt Reversals in the G7 Countries" (with Bernardin Akitoby and Takuji Komatsuzaki). *Journal of Banking and Financial Economics*, 2017. [link]

"A Modern History of Fiscal Prudence and Profligacy" (with Paolo Mauro, Rafael Romeu and Asad Zaman). *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 2015. [link]

WORKING PAPERS

"Gender Convergence in Couples' Time Use Following the COVID-19 Pandemic." Submitted. [link]

"Lands of Opportunity: Differences in the Geography of Wealth and Income Mobility in the United States" (with Max Risch and John Voorheis). *Forthcoming in the NBER CRIW Volume on Measurement of Housing and the Housing Sector.* [link]

"Housing Capital and Intergenerational Mobility in the United States" (with Max Risch and John Voorheis). Submitted. [link]

"Where to Build Affordable Housing? Evaluating the Tradeoffs of Location" (with Cody Cook and Pearl Z. Li). Submitted. [link]

"Variation in the Gender Pay Gap across a Diverse Sample of Postsecondary Graduates" (with Amanda Eng, Kendall Houghton, and Andrew Foote). *Reject and Resubmit, Journal of Human Resources*. [link]

"Race and Mobility in U.S. Marriage Markets: Quantifying the Role of Segregation" (with Marta Murray-Close and Caroline Walker). *Revise and Resubmit, Labour Economics.* [link]

"The Effect of Declining Marriage Prospects on Young Men's Labor-Force Participation Rate." [link]

REPORTS AND BRIEFS

"The Gender Convergence Restarts, Led by Dads" (with Ben Smith: AIBM Research Summary). [link]

"The College-Graduate Workforce in the Transition to a Post-Pandemic Labor Market: Trends in Employment, Professional Engagement, and Work Arrangements" (NSF report in collaboration with Census). [link]

"Acreage Administrative Records Data Research for the American Community Survey" (with many coauthors: ACS Research and Evaluation Report). [link]

"Opportunities for Marriage, Partnership Shape Women's Family Incomes" (with Marta Murray-Close, Caroline Walker, and Jonathan Eggleston). [link]

"Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Employment, Earnings, and Professional Engagement: Insights from the 2021 National Survey of College Graduates" (with Michaela Dillon, Lynn Milan, and Kelly Phou: National Science Foundation InfoBrief). [link]

"The Within-Gender Gap: Employment Inequality among U.S. Mothers." [link]

WORK IN PROGRESS

"The Link between Fertility and Retirement and its Implications for Family Policy" (with Paula Calvo, Long Hong, Brian C. Fujiy, and Joanna Venator)

"Place-Based Policies and Upward Mobility: Evidence from 30 Years of Federal Empowerment Zones" (with Eric Chyn, Rob Collinson, Cody Cook, Winnie van Dijk, and John Voorheis)

"Expanding the Window on Childhood: New Estimates of Intergenerational Income Mobility in the US Using Population-wide Tax Data from 1979 to 2024" (with Bhashkar Mazumder and Gamaliel de la Torre)

AWARDS

Research Fellowship, American Institute for Boys and Men, 2025.

George Katona Economic Behavior Research Award, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, 2020.

William Haber Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, 2019.

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Pre-Doctoral Training Fellowship, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, 2015-16, 2017-18, 2018-19.

EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

2025-2026: American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting, Washington Area Labor Economics Symposium (WALES), Society of Government Economists (SGE) Annual Meeting, University of Maryland College Park, NBER Summer Institute (SI)—Conference on Research in Income and Wealth, NBER SI—Real Estate,[1] Anza Mortgage Insurance Corporation, IRS-Census Workshop,[2] University of Nebraska Labor Summit, BLS-Census Workshop, Brookings Institution.

2023-24: Stockholm University, Federal Statistical Research Data Center (FSRDC) Users Conference, Federal Conference on Statistical Methods (FCSM) Annual Meeting, AEA Annual Meeting, SGE Annual Meeting, WALES, University of Nebraska Labor Summit, Federal Reserve Board, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference.

2021-22: FCSM Annual Meeting, Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), Society of Labor Economists (SoLE) Annual Meeting, Western Economic Association International Meetings.

2019-20: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Trade Commission, Inter-American Development Bank, Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting,[3] U.S. Census Bureau, Urban Institute, Williams College.

2017-18: Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, IZA Workshop on Gender and Family Economics, PAA Annual Meeting, PSID Annual Users Conference, Society of the Economics of the Household (SEHO) Annual Meeting, SoLE Annual Meeting, University at Buffalo, University of Michigan H2D2 Research Day.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

University of Michigan Population Studies Center Alumni Advisory Board Member

APPAM Fall Research Conference Program Committee Member

Center for Economic Studies Dissertation Mentor

Federal Statistical Research Data Center Proposal Reviewer

Hiring Committee Co-Chair

Reviewer for *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Demography, Economic Journal, Health Economics, International Economic Review, International Review of Economics and Finance, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of*

[1] Co-author presented due to family leave conflict.
[2] Cancelled due to government shutdown.
[3] Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Journal of Population Economics, Labour Economics, Population Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Social Forces, Southern Economic Journal.

Russell Sage Foundation Grant Proposal Reviewer