

# MICHELLE F. BLAIR

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Public Economics • Labor Economics • Economics of Education  
Economics of Certifiers • Economics of Certifications

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## EDUCATION

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Stanford, CA  
Doctoral Student in [Economics of Education PhD Program](#) Sept 2023 – Present

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, College Park, MD  
Master of Arts in Mathematical Statistics, awarded 2019

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA  
Master of Public Administration, awarded 2004

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, NY  
Bachelor of Arts in English, awarded 2000

MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOL, Montclair, NJ

## OTHER TERTIARY ENROLLMENTS

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY • CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK • COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY •  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE • DUKE UNIVERSITY

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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| <b>Research Assistant to Susanna Loeb</b>               | Sept 2025 – Present   |
| <b>Research Assistant to Eric P. Bettinger</b>          | Sept 2024 – June 2025 |
| <b>Research Assistant to Susanna Loeb</b>               | June 2024 – Aug 2024  |
| <b>Research Assistant to Astrid Marie Jorde Sandsør</b> | Sept 2023 – June 2024 |

“SOCIAL SECURITY POLICY DESIGN AND RACIAL WEALTH DISPARITIES,” RETIREMENT AND  
DISABILITY RESEARCH CENTER (PROJECT W123-09), CENTER FOR FINANCIAL SECURITY,  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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| <b>Research Assistant to Samuel L. Myers, Jr.</b> | May 2023 – Sept 2023 |
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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT GOVERNING BOARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Assistant Director for Assessment Development</b> | July 2016 – June 2021 |
| <b>Senior Research Associate</b>                     | July 2009 – June 2016 |
| <b>Research Associate</b>                            | Sept 2007 – June 2009 |

EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTER, OPTIMAL SOLUTIONS GROUP LLC

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| <b>Research Analyst</b> | Sept 2006 – Aug 2007 |
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## **ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

“Economic Policy Analysis for Policymakers”, SCHOOL OF THE HUMANITIES & SCIENCES,  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY

**Teaching Assistant to Eric P. Bettinger**

Apr 2026 – June 2026

“Proseminar 3”, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

**Teaching Assistant to Candace Thille**

Mar 2025 – June 2025

“Statistical Analysis in Education: Regression”, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION,  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY

**Teaching Assistant to Fernando Carnauba**

Jan 2025 – Mar 2025

“Economics of Higher Education”, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & GRADUATE SCHOOL  
OF BUSINESS, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

**Teaching Assistant to Eric P. Bettinger**

Sept 2024 – Dec 2024

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, New York, NY

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Pompano Beach, FL

CITIZEN SCHOOLS, Boston, MA

CENTER FOR EDUCATION REFORM, Washington, DC

ARNOLD & PORTER, New York, NY

SCHOLASTIC, INC., New York, NY

THE CHILDREN’S PLACE, Wayne, NJ

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, NY

CONNIE CLAUSEN & ASSOCIATES LITERARY AGENCY, New York, NY

LORD & TAYLOR, Wayne, NJ

UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, Montclair, NJ

MERITECH CO., Montclair, NJ

## **SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS**

“Educational Attainment Requirements in U.S. Job Vacancy Advertisements”

“Selective Enforcement”

## **RESTING PAPERS**

“The Great Recession and STEM Employment: Spatial Peer Effects in Occupational  
Choice,” July 2021.

“Network Economics and the Importance of Eigenvalues” with Karim Adnane, July 2021.

“Application of Markov Decision Processes to High School Mathematics Course-Taking,”  
May 2019.

“College Preparation in High School: Defining It, Examining It, and Measuring It,”  
November 2004.

"Fiscal Incentives and the Elasticity of Special Education Rates in Texas," January 2004.  
"Awareness, the Fatal Panacea: A Discussion of Carnivore and ECHELON in Light of Current Policy," January 2003.

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION 2015 ANNUAL MEETING, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.: "Student Engagement in High School Mathematics and the Constrained Curriculum Hypothesis."  
EUROPEAN SOCIAL SIMULATION ASSOCIATION 2012 SUMMER SCHOOL, Toulouse, France: "How Do Student Identity Characteristics and School Community Characteristics Interact to Affect Students' Achievement?"

### **CURRENT AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE**

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, OFFICE OF THE VICE PROVOST FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION, EDGE Student Mentor  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, Doctoral Student Mentor  
AMERICAN ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION, Member  
NATIONAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION, Member  
AMERICAN ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION, COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF MINORITIES IN THE ECONOMICS PROFESSION, MENTORING PROGRAM, Mentee  
PHD PROJECT, FINANCE AND ECONOMICS DOCTORAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION, Executive Board Member  
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON MEASUREMENT IN EDUCATION, Member  
AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, Member

### **PRIOR SERVICE**

SISTERS IN THE ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, Leader  
AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, Program Chair  
ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN MATHEMATICS (AWM), Executive Board Member  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK, UNIVERSITY SENATE, Senator  
HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL STUDENT GOVERNMENT, Class Representative  
HARVARD JOURNAL OF AFRICAN AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY, Executive Board Member  
ROBERT PURCELL COMMUNITY CENTER, Co-Chair

### **OTHER PRIOR ACTIVITIES**

AMERICAN ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION SUMMER PROGRAM (AEASP) 2021 — HOSTED BY HOWARD UNIVERSITY, Scholar  
MY SUMMATION, Author  
COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND CAREER HELP (COACH) PROGRAM, Advisor  
HARLEMLIVE.ORG, Fundraiser & Advisor  
PEEL, Writer  
AWARENESS NEWSLETTER, Editor

ETHOS YEARBOOK, Editor  
UMOJA SASA, Editor  
WVBR, Producer  
CORNELL DAILY SUN, Writer

### **SELECTED RECOGNITION**

EDGE FELLOW, Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Stanford University

### **LANGUAGES**

English.

Stata, R, Python, MATLAB, Julia, C++, Mathematica, LaTeX, HTML.

### **ACTIVE & PENDING CERTIFICATIONS**

Business School Instruction

### **INACTIVE & RETIRED CERTIFICATIONS**

Magazine Publishing • Bartending • Capoeira

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Voter Registration: Independent

Marital Status: Single