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RESEARCH INTERESTS: Public Economics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Research Assistant to Susanna Loeb Sept 2025 – Present

Research Assistant to Eric P. Bettinger Sept 2024 – June 2025

Research Assistant to Susanna Loeb June 2024 – Aug 2024

Research Assistant to Astrid Marie Jorde Sandsør Sept 2023 – June 2024

“SOCIAL SECURITY POLICY DESIGN AND RACIAL WEALTH DISPARITIES,” RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY RESEARCH CENTER (PROJECT WI23-09), CENTER FOR FINANCIAL SECURITY, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Research Assistant to Samuel L. Myers, Jr. May 2023 – Sept 2023

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT GOVERNING BOARD, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Assistant Director for Assessment Development July 2016 – June 2021

Senior Research Associate July 2009 – June 2016

Research Associate Sept 2007 – June 2009

EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTER, OPTIMAL SOLUTIONS GROUP LLC

Research Analyst Sept 2006 – Aug 2007

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

Teaching Assistant to Eric P. Bettinger Apr 2026 – Jun 2026

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

Teaching Assistant to Candace Thille

Mar 2025 – Jun 2025

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

Teaching Assistant to Fernando Carnuba

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

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, NY

CONNIE CLAUSEN & ASSOCIATES LITERARY AGENCY, New York, NY

UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, Montclair, NJ

MERITECH CO., Montclair, NJ

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Training Choices of the U.S. STEM Workforce”

“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

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, Advisor

PEEL, Writer

AWARENESS NEWSLETTER, Editor

ETHOS YEARBOOK, 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, HTML.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Voter Registration: Independent

Marital Status: Single