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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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California Policy Lab UCLA, Post-Doctoral Scholar	<i>July 2020-present</i>
UCLA California Center For Population Research, Affiliate	<i>July 2021-present</i>

## EDUCATION

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Harvard University, PhD in Economics <i>Dissertation:</i> “Essays on Income Inequality” <i>Committee:</i> Nathaniel Hendren, Raj Chetty, Lawrence Katz, and Elie Tamer	<i>May 2020</i>
Brown University, ScB in Computer Science and Economics	<i>May 2013</i>

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Team-Specific Capital and Innovation” (with Xavier Jaravel and Neviana Petkova). 2018. *American Economic Review*, 108(4-5):1034-73.

“Who Becomes an Inventor in America? The Importance of Exposure to Innovation” (with Raj Chetty, Xavier Jaravel, Neviana Petkova, and John van Reenen). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Volume 134, Issue 2, May 2019, Pages 6477-13.

“Do Tax Cuts Produce More Einsteins? The Impacts of Financial Incentives vs. Exposure to Innovation on the Supply of Inventors” (with Raj Chetty, Xavier Jaravel, Neviana Petkova, and John van Reenen), *Journal of the European Economic Association* Volume 17 (3): 65177, 2019.

“Estimating the Cumulative Impact of the Pandemic on Workers Using Administrative Unemployment Insurance Data” (with TJ Hedin, Peter Mannino, Roozbeh Moghadam, Carl Romer, Geoffrey Schnorr, and Till von Wachter), *American Economic Association: Papers & Proceedings*. 112(May):2022.

“Disparities in Access to Unemployment Insurance During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons from U.S. and California Claims Data” (with TJ Hedin, Peter Mannino, Roozbeh Moghadam, Geoffrey Schnorr, and Till von Wachter), *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*. May 2023, 9 (3) 78-109.

“UI Benefit Generosity, Labor Supply, and Job Outcomes from 2002-2020: Evidence from California UI records” (with Geoff Schnorr, TJ Hedin, and Till von Wachter). Conditionally Accepted, *Journal of*

WORKING PAPERS

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“The Long-Term Impacts of Mentors: Evidence from Experimental and Administrative Data” (with Neviana Petkova)

“Job Amenities and Earnings Inequality”

“Pricing Neighborhood Amenities: A Proxy Based Approach” (with Sophie Calder-Wang and Shusheng Zhong)

SELECTED POLICY WRITING

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“Early evidence on federal government income supports for U.S. individuals, workers, and families during the COVID-19 pandemic.” *The Recovery Reports: Socioeconomic Impacts of COVID Relief*. Washington Center for Equitable Growth, December 2022.

“Disparities in Access to Unemployment Insurance During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons from U.S. and California Claims Data” (with Thomas J. Hedin, Roozbeh Moghadam, Geoffrey Schnorr, and Till von Wachter), report to the US Department of Labor issued February 2022.

“Analysis of Unemployment Insurance Claims in California During the COVID-19 Pandemic” (with Thomas J. Hedin, Roozbeh Moghadam, Geoffrey Schnorr, and Till von Wachter) (*Ongoing Series, Last Updated 2022*)

SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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Laura & John Arnold Foundation	2022
Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation (Co-PI)	2022
US Dept. of Labor Summer Data Equity Challenge	2021
Washington Center for Equitable Growth Doctoral Grant	2018
Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Knowledge Challenge	2018
Weatherhead Initiative on Gender Inequality Fellowship	2017
NBER Health & Aging Economics Fellow	2016
Inequality & Social Policy Fellow at Malcolm Weiner Center for Social Policy	2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Volunteer high-school equivalency tutor, MCI - Framingham	2016-2018
Senior Thesis Mentor, Harvard, Weatherhead Center for International Studies	Summer 2018
Graduate Labor Economics, Harvard, TF for Prof. Roland Fryer	Fall 2017

- Certificate of Distinction in Teaching from Bok Center
- Undergrad. Intro. Econometrics, Harvard, TF for Dr. Gregory Bruich *Spring 2017*
- Certificate of Distinction in Teaching from Bok Center
- Development Economics, Brown, TA for Prof. Andrew Foster *Spring 2013*
- Database Management Systems, Brown, TA for Prof. Stan Zdonik *Spring 2012*

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Referee: *AEJ: Applied, AEJ: Policy, AER: Insights, Econometrica, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies*
- Member, CA Policy Lab Race Equity Working Group *2020-present*
- Volunteer Mentor, CA Policy Lab Undergraduate Summer Institute *2020*
- Organizer, Harvard Economics Peer Mentoring Program *2016-2018*
- Chair, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Harvard Graduate Economics Association *2019-2020*

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CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2024: AEA/ASSA Meeting (chair); Cornerstone Research; Georgia State University Andrew Young School of Policy Studies (Economics); Louisiana State University (Economics); Stanford Hoover Institution Conference On Collaborative State & Local Policy Research;\* University of Rochester (Economics/GIDS); US Census (virtual)
- 2023: AEA/ASSA Meeting;\* APPAM Meeting; Econometrics Society NASM; EEA/ESEM Congress; Southern Economic Association; UCLA Economics; UCLA California Center for Population Research; Urban Economics Association;\* NBER Spring Childrens Meeting
- 2022: AEA/ASSA Meeting (virtual)\*; APPAM Meeting
- 2021: APPAM Meeting (virtual); National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Workshop on Women in Entrepreneurship (virtual); Equitable Growth: People and Research Advancing Economic Evidence in Washington, DC; Kauffman Foundation Entrepreneurship Issue Forum: The Great Resignation and Entrepreneurship (moderator); Russell Sage Foundation Conference on the Socioeconomic Impacts of Covid-19; US Department of Labor Conference on Equity and Underserved Communities (virtual)
- 2020: Equitable Growth: People and Research Advancing Economic Evidence (virtual); Kauffman Foundation Early Stage Research Showcase (virtual); UCLA California Policy Lab; University of Bath (Economics); University of Essex (Economics); University of Nottingham (Economics); University of South Alabama (Economics); VentureWell Webinar on Advancing Equity in Innovation
- 2019 (and earlier): AEA/ASSA Meetings in Philadelphia and San Francisco;\* Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay Board of Directors; Harvard University Econometrics Clinic; Harvard University Gender Inequality Workshop; Harvard University Labor/Public Workshop; Harvard University IO

Workshop; Inventing America 2017 Conference; National Inventors Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony; National Inventors Hall of Fame Webinar: Supporting Next-Generation Inventors with STEM Learning; NBER SI Labor Studies;\* NBER SI Innovation;\* NBER SI Productivity, Development, and Entrepreneurship;\* Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting

\* Indicates co-author presentation

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