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## EDUCATION BACKGROUND

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

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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GSU Dept. of Economics, Assistant Professor *2024-present*  
California Policy Lab UCLA, Post-Doctoral Scholar *2020-2024*  
UCLA California Center For Population Research, Affiliate *2021-2024*

## 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 647713.

“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 Labor Economics*

#### 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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PhD Labor Economics, GSU	<i>Fall 2024</i>
Volunteer high-school equivalency tutor, MCI - Framingham	<i>2016-2018</i>
Senior Thesis Mentor, Harvard, Weatherhead Center for International Studies	<i>Summer 2018</i>
PhD Labor Economics, Harvard, TF for Prof. Roland Fryer - Certificate of Distinction in Teaching from Bok Center	<i>Fall 2017</i>
Undergrad. Intro. Econometrics, Harvard, TF for Dr. Gregory Bruich - Certificate of Distinction in Teaching from Bok Center	<i>Spring 2017</i>
Development Economics, Brown, TA for Prof. Andrew Foster	<i>Spring 2013</i>
Database Management Systems, Brown, TA for Prof. Stan Zdonik	<i>Spring 2012</i>

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Referee: <i>AEJ: Applied, AEJ: Policy, AER: Insights, Econometrica, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies</i>	
Member, CA Policy Lab Race Equity Working Group	<i>2020-2024</i>
Volunteer Mentor, CA Policy Lab Undergraduate Summer Institute	<i>2020</i>
Organizer, Harvard Economics Peer Mentoring Program	<i>2016-2018</i>
Chair, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Harvard Graduate Economics Association	<i>2019-2020</i>

## CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

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2024: AEA/ASSA Meeting (chair); Cornerstone Research; Georgia State University Andrew Young School of Policy Studies (Economics); Keio University (Economics); Louisiana State University (Economics); NBER SI Real Estate;\* NBER SI Science of Science Funding (discussant); Osaka University (ISER); Stanford Hoover Institution Conference On Collaborative State & Local Policy Research;\* University of Rochester (Economics/GIDS); US Census Bureau (virtual); World Congress for Social Economics

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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