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EMPLOYMENT

Princeton University	2023-	Assistant Professor of Economics
Yale University	2022-23	Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Management
Harvard University	2021-22	Postdoctoral Fellow, Opportunity Insights
Federal Reserve Bank of New York	2013-15	Senior Research Analyst

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley	2021	Ph.D. in Economics (David Card, chair)
Amherst College	2013	B.A. in Philosophy, Economics, and Math (<i>magna cum laude</i>)

AFFILIATIONS

National Bureau of Economic Research	2024-	Faculty Research Fellow in Labor, Education, and Public Econ.
Harvard University	2021-	Faculty Affiliate, Opportunity Insights
University of California, Berkeley	2016-	Research Associate, Center for Studies in Higher Education

JOURNAL ARTICLES

GENERAL INTEREST

Affirmative Action, Mismatch, and Economic Mobility after California's Proposition 209. 2022. **Quarterly Journal of Economics** 137(1): 115–160.

Will Studying Economics Make You Rich? A Regression Discontinuity Analysis of the Returns to College Major, with Aashish Mehta. 2022. **American Economic Journal: Applied Economics** 14(2): 1-22 (*Lead Article*).

FIELD-SPECIFIC INTEREST

Affirmative Action and Its Race-Neutral Alternatives. 2023. **Journal of Public Economics** 220: 104839.

Echoes of Rising Tuition in Students' Borrowing, Educational Attainment, and Homeownership in Post-Recession America, with M. Brown, D. Lee, and W. van der Klaauw. 2021. **Journal of Urban Economics** 122: 103298.

Long-Run Net Distributionary Effects of Federal Disaster Insurance: The Case of Hurricane Katrina, with Wilbert van der Klaauw. 2019. **Journal of Urban Economics** 110: 70-88.

Intended College Attendance: Evidence from an Experiment on College Returns and Costs, with Basit Zafar. 2018. **Journal of Public Economics** 157: 184-211.

BOOKS

Metrics that Matter: Counting What's Really Important to College Students, with Mukul Kumar, Aashish Mehta, Christopher Muellerleile, and Christopher Newfield. 2023. Baltimore: **Johns Hopkins University Press**.

WORKING PAPERS

College Major Restrictions and Student Stratification, with Aashish Mehta.

Top Percent Policies and the Return to Postsecondary Selectivity.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022** AEFPP Jean Flanigan Outstanding Dissertation Award in Education
- 2021** W.E. Upjohn Institute Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention
APPAM Award for Best Dissertation in Public Policy and Management, Honorable Mention
- 2020** Best Paper Award, 2020 Mechanism Design for Social Good (MD4SG) Conference
Emerging Scholar Award for Excellence in Research and Public Policy, UC Center Sacramento
- 2019** National Academy of Education / Spencer Dissertation Fellowship
- 2018** UC Humanities Research Institute Residential Research Fellowship (at UC Irvine)
- 2016** INET Prize for Best First-Year Paper in Economics (UC Berkeley)
- BA** James R. Nelson Prize in Economics, Gail Kennedy Memorial Prize in Philosophy, Walker Competition Prize in Mathematics, Consulate General Prize for Achievement in German, and Schupf Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS *Discussant only.

- 2025** Seminars: Chicago, FGV São Paulo, Harvard, Insper, NYU, RNIM, Stanford, UC Berkeley.
Conferences: ASSA, UCL Workshop on Econ of Ed.
- 2024** Seminars: BYU, Columbia, Congressional Budget Office, National Science Foundation, Peking, Simon Fraser, Tsinghua, UPenn, UC San Francisco, US Department of Education, USC Marshall, Vanderbilt.
Conferences: AERA, ASSA, CEPR Labor, CESifo Econ of Ed, Exeter Human Capital Workshop, LSE-WU-ZEW Econ Mobility Workshop, NBER Higher Ed*, NBER History SI, NBER Labor+Education SI, Nebraska Labor Summit, Opportunity Insights, Toulouse Econ of Ed, Vanderbilt Econ History.
Invited Presentations: G20 Education Dialogue (Beijing), Harvard GSE Strategic Data Project, International Forum on Higher Education (Beijing), Princeton Old Guard, UC Berkeley, UPenn Wharton.
- 2023** Seminars: BFI-China, Cleveland Fed, Maryland, MD4SG Inequality Group, New York Fed, NYU, Princeton, Québec (UQAM), Rutgers, Stanford, UC Berkeley, Washington, Yale, Yale Law.
Conferences: APPAM, ASSA, Economics for Inclusive Prosperity, EIEF Applied Micro, Leuven Summer Event, Northeast Econ of Ed, Opportunity Insights, SOLE, Workshop on Econ of Ed in Valle Nevado.
Invited Presentations: Carnegie Foundation, Future Trends Forum, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, Maryland Board of Ed, Mellon Foundation, Michigan, National Summit on Equal Opportunity in Higher Ed, Russell Sage Foundation, Spencer Foundation, Urban Institute, White House Domestic Policy Council.
- 2022** Seminars: Bergen, BU, Chicago Booth, Chicago Fed, Columbia, Harvard, MIT, NYU Stern, Oslo, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, UT Austin, Virginia, Yale, Yale SOM.
Conferences: AEFPP, AERA, ASSA*, Banff Empirical Micro Workshop, CESifo Econ Evaluation of School Reforms, Cowles Labor/Public, EAAMO, EEA, NBER Ed, NBER Labor SI, Princeton NLS-E.
Invited Presentations: UC BOARS, US Department of Education, Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance.
- 2021** Seminars: Brookings, Chicago, Harvard, Hitotsubashi, Microsoft Research, New York Fed, Northwestern, Opportunity Insights, Princeton, UC Berkeley, West Point, Yale, Yale SOM.
Conferences: EAAMO, ECINEQ, IZA Econ of Ed, Northeast Econ of Ed Workshop, SEA, WEAI.
- 2015-20** Seminars: Georgia, Georgia State, New York Fed, San Francisco State, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC Santa Cruz, US Housing and Urban Development.
Conferences: AEFPP, AERA, All-UC Econ History (Davis), DH Summer Colloquium (Victoria), EGSC, EMCON, HathiTrust UnCamp (Berkeley) Higher Ed in the Age of Metrics (UCSB), Limits of the Numerical (Irvine), LSE Spatial Economics, MD4SG, NBER Econ Mobility, TextXD (Berkeley), WEAI.
Invited Presentations: Amherst College, Berkeley AEPE, Berkeley Foundation, Berkeley Goldman Board of Advisors, California Digital Library, UC Center Sacramento, UC Leadership Forum (Riverside), UC Regents, UC Office of the President, UC San Francisco, UC VPDUE.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Similarity Data: Biblical Translations, with Pieter Kroonenberg. 2021. In *Multivariate Humanities*, by Pieter Kroonenberg. London: **Springer Nature**, 133-141.

Old Testament, New Tricks: Using Biblical Translation to Examine Word Sense and Popular Belief. 2017.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

PREDOCTORAL FELLOWS (with grad. degree or first job, or [†]still enrolled or employed)

David Bodovski | Econ PhD, Harvard Kennedy
Luke Mouracade[†]
Maya Satchell[†]

Thomas Sweeney | Econ PhD, NYU Stern
Ariel Zhao[†]

UNDERGRADUATE RAs

Jongnam Ahn[†]
Aslihan Akalin | MS in CS, Berkeley
Akcan Balkir | Econ PhD, Berkeley
Margaret Chen | Econ PhD, Chicago
Sahil Chinoy | Econ PhD, Harvard
Tomas Villena Concha | Analyst, Deloitte
Amelia Davidson | Journalist, Politico
Divya Dhar | Analyst, Nielsen
Matthew Forbes | Public Policy PhD, Pardee RAND
Nicole Gandre | Econ PhD, Berkeley
Eve Grobman[†]
Crystal Guo | Health Policy PhD, Harvard
Koda Gursoy[†]
Joseph Hernandez | Analyst, Albourne
Elizabeth Holland | RA, Mathematica
Evey Huang | CS PhD, Northwestern
Yuri Jeon | Engineer, Epic
Aarjav Joshi | RA, Council of Economic Advisers

Hoyun Kim | Education PhD, Berkeley
Marcus Wei Zhe Lee | Engineer, Amazon
Frankie Lin | Econ PhD, Wisconsin-Madison
Dan Ma | Econ PhD, Harvard Kennedy
Danny Miller | Marketing, Universal Music
Sakthi Ponnuswamy | Consultant, BCG
Diksha Radhakrishnan | Analyst, Cornerstone
Sowgandhi Rayapudi | Analyst, Facebook
Alexandra Roberts[†]
Kendra Singh | Data Science MS, NYU
Tiana Smith | Analyst, Adobe
Julie Song | Strategy, Ernst & Young
Shinrea Su[†]
Mason Thieu[†]
Jimmy Tran | Analyst, First Republic Bank
Mark Vandre | Econ MA, UCLA
Jiwook Yoo | Econ PhD, Duke
Jae Ho Yoon | JD, Vanderbilt

TEACHING

Princeton University	2024-	ECO 313: Econometric Applications (UG)
	2024-	ECO 532: Topics in Labor Economics (PhD)
Yale University	2023	MGT 868: Education in the Economy (MBA)