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## Academic Positions

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School, Department of Business Economics and Public Policy  
Assistant Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy, 2024-  
Harvard University  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Opportunity Insights, 2023-2024

## Academic Affiliations

Policy Impacts  
Co-Director, 2020-  
Opportunity Insights, Harvard University  
Research Associate, 2024-

## Education

Harvard University  
Ph.D. Economics, 2017 to 2023  
A.B. Economics, *summa cum laude*, 2015  
University of Oxford  
MPhil Economics, 2017

## Publications

“A Welfare Analysis of Tax Audits Across the Income Distribution” (with William C. Boning, Nathaniel Hendren and Ellen Stuart). *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 2025; 140(1), 63-112.

“A Unified Welfare Analysis of Government Policy.” (with Nathaniel Hendren). *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 2020; 135(3), 1209-1318.

## Working Papers

“A Welfare Analysis of Policies Impacting Climate Change” (with Robert Hahn, Nathaniel Hendren, and Robert Metcalfe). *NBER Working Paper, No. 32728*

“The Economic Geography of Lifecycle Human Capital Accumulation: The Competing Effects of Labor Markets and Childhood Environments” (with Sonya Porter). *Job Market Paper*

“State Taxes, Migration, and Capital Gains Realizations” (with Lucas Goodman).  
*Revision Requested, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*

“The Radius of Economic Opportunity: Evidence from Migration and Local Labor Markets” (with Nathaniel Hendren and Sonya Porter). *Center for Economic Studies Working Paper Series, US Census Bureau, CES-22-27*

## **Research Notes**

“The Case for the MVPF in Empirical Welfare Analysis” (with Nathaniel Hendren). *NBER Working Paper #30029*

## **Seminars & Conferences (Including Scheduled)**

University of Michigan, Public Finance Seminar, March 2025

University of Virginia, Public Workshop, February 2025

Tri-State Public Finance Conference, Princeton University, January 2025

AEA Annual Meetings, January 2025

Tulane University, November 2024

National Tax Association, Annual Meeting, November 2024

NBER Public Economics Spring Program Meeting, October 2024

Harvard University, Environmental Economics and Policy, October 2024

Brookings Institution and Tax Policy Center Conference on New Doctoral Research in Tax Policy & Public Finance, October 2024

Congressional Budget Office, October 2024

World Bank, Infrastructure Group, October 2024

Urban Economics Association, Annual North American Meeting, September 2024

NBER Summer Institute, Real Estate/Urban Joint Session, July 2024

NBER Summer Institute, Public Economics, July 2023

University of Kentucky, Martin School Seminar Series, February 2022

NBER Summer Institute, Labor Studies, July 2022

NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics, July 2022

Annual Conference on Taxation, National Tax Association, November 2019 and November 2020

## **Fellowships & Awards**

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, National Tax Association, 2023

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 2022

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2017-2020

Rhodes Scholar, 2015

Sophia Freund Prize (top GPA in graduating class), Harvard University, 2015

World Universities Debating Champion, 2014

## **Research Grants**

Support for Policy Impacts, Spiegel Family Foundation, 2020-2027

## **Teaching**

Microeconomics for Managers: Foundations, BEPP 6110, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2024

Public Economics and Fiscal Policy II, Harvard University, Teaching Fellow for Professor Nathaniel Hendren, Spring 2022

## **Academic Service**

Referee for: *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*