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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. *Conditionally Accepted, American Economic Review*.

“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)

AEA Annual Meetings, Recent Developments Series, January 2026
University of Notre Dame, Applied Microeconomics Seminar, December 2025
National Tax Association, Annual Meeting, November 2025
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

Wharton Teaching Excellence Award, 2025
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, Fall 2025
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 Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Political Economy*