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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. *Revision Requested, 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)**

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*