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EMPLOYMENT

Research Scientist at Opportunity Insights, Harvard University, 2021-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 2021

B.A. Economics and Mathematics, Williams College, 2012

PUBLISHED PAPERS

“Job Displacement and Earnings Losses: The Role of Joblessness” (with Bruce Fallick, John Haltiwanger, and Erika McEntarfer), 2025, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*

“Cyclical Worker Flows: Cleansing vs. Sullying” (with John Haltiwanger, Henry Hyatt, and Erika McEntarfer), 2025, *Review of Economic Dynamics*

“The Children of HOPE VI Demolitions: National Evidence on Labor Market Outcomes” (with John Haltiwanger, Mark Kutzbach, Giordano Palloni, Henry Pollakowski, and Daniel Weinberg), 2024, *Journal of Public Economics*

“Female Executives and the Motherhood Penalty” (with Seth Murray and Danielle Sandler), 2023, *Journal of Human Resources*

WORKING PAPERS

“Neighborhood Revitalization and Residential Sorting” (with Giordano Palloni and John Voorheis), 2024, *Revise and Resubmit at American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*

“The Intergenerational Transmission of Employers and the Earnings of Young Workers,” 2025

“When Children Rule: Parenting in Modern Families” (with Sebastian Galiani and Gustavo Torrens), 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Applied Econometrics, University of Maryland, Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics, University of Maryland, Fall 2014

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2025: Harvard University
- 2024: NBER Economics of Mobility Fall Meeting, UC Irvine, Linnaeus University, Institute for International Economic Studies at Stockholm University, UCLA Conference on Low-Income Housing Supply and Housing Affordability, ASSA Annual Meeting, Society of Labor Economics Conference, Purpose Built Communities National Conference, LinkedIn
- 2023: University of Michigan: Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics, McGill University, RAND, North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, NBER Labor Studies Spring Meeting, Nebraska Labor Summit, APPAM Annual Fall Research Conference, NBER Economics of Mobility Fall Meeting (discussant),
- 2022: Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics: Housing & Urban Economics, Society of Labor Economics Conference, NBER Children's Spring Meeting, University of Southern California, ASSA Annual Meeting
- 2021: Brown University, City University of New York, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Federal Reserve Board, University of Rochester
- 2020: Washington Center for Equitable Growth Grantee Conference, Society of Labor Economics Conference
- 2019: 20th Anniversary LED Workshop, BLS-Census Workshop (poster), Society of Labor Economics Conference (poster)
- 2018: Population Association of America Annual Meeting
- 2017: Society of Economics of the Household Annual Meeting

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Research Assistant, Prof. John Haltiwanger, U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2021
- Research Assistant, Prof. Jessica Goldberg, University of Maryland, Spring 2015
- Research Fellow, Economic Policy Research Institute, Cape Town South Africa, 2013-2014
- Quantitative Research Analyst, Dr. William G. Bowen, Ithaca S+R, 2012-2013
- Research Assistant, Prof. David Zimmerman, Williams College, Spring 2012

HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Dissertation Scholar, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, 2020-2021
- Roger and Alicia Betancourt Fellowship in Applied Economics, University of Maryland, 2020
- Vernon E. Jordan Jr. Fellowship Award, Economic Club of Washington D.C, 2019
- Doctoral Research Grant, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, 2018
- Poster Competition (First Prize), Dept. of Economics, University of Maryland, 2018
- Kauffman Dissertation Fellowship, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, 2017
- Allan Gruchy Graduate Fellowship, Dept. of Economics, University of Maryland, 2016
- Melville J. Ulmer Graduate Fellowship in Economics, University of Maryland, 2016
- BSOS Dean's Research Initiative Pre-Candidacy Research, University of Maryland, 2016
- Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, University of Maryland, 2016
- Graduate Research Fellowship (Honorable Mention), National Science Foundation, 2016
- Poster Competition (Honorable Mention), Dept. of Economics, University of Maryland, 2016
- Allan Gruchy Graduate Fellowship, Dept. of Economics, University of Maryland, 2015

BSOS Dean's Research Initiative Pre-Candidacy Research, University of Maryland, 2015
Williams in Africa Research Fellowship, Economic Policy Research Institute, 2013-2014
Goldberg Award for Senior Mathematics Colloquium, Williams College, 2012
Dean's List, Williams College, Fall '08, Spring '09, Fall '09, Fall '10, Fall '11, Spring '12
Williams College Alumni Sponsored Grant, Williams College, 2011

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

2024: Opportunity Insights Conference on Economic Mobility, Opportunity Insights lunch seminar
2023: Opportunity Insights Conference on Economic Mobility, Cambridge-Area Junior Applied Micro Seminar, Opportunity Insights lunch seminar
2022: Opportunity Insights Conference on Economic Mobility, Cambridge-Area Junior Applied Micro Seminar, Opportunity Insights lunch seminar
2021: Opportunity Insights lunch seminar

REFEREE SERVICE

Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Labour Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Urban Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Oxford Economic Papers

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Advisory committee member for the Washington Center for Equitable Growth's economic mobility newsletter, 2024