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## EMPLOYMENT

Princeton University	2023-	Assistant Professor of Economics
Yale University	2022-2023	Assistant Professor of Economics, Yale School of Management
Harvard University	2021-2022	Postdoctoral Fellow, Opportunity Insights
Federal Reserve Bank of New York	2013-2015	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

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. Revision requested at **Nature**.

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

- 2024** Seminars: Congressional Budget Office, National Science Foundation, Princeton, UPenn Biology, USC Marshall.  
Conferences: AERA, ASSA, NBER Higher Ed\*, Nebraska Labor Summit, Opportunity Insights, Vanderbilt Econ History.  
Invited Presentations: Cradle-to-Career California, Harvard GSE Strategic Data Project, UC Berkeley.
- 2023** Seminars: BFI-China, Cleveland Fed, Maryland, MD4SG Inequality Group, New York Fed, NYU Politics, Princeton, Québec (UQAM), Rutgers, Stanford Ed, 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 Ed, UC Berkeley Goldman, 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 Harris, Harvard, Hitotsubashi, Microsoft Research, New York Fed, Northwestern, Opp. Insights, Princeton, UC Berkeley, UC Berkeley Haas, West Point, Yale, Yale SOM.  
Conferences: EAAMO, ECINEQ, IZA Econ of Ed, Northeast Econ of Ed Workshop, SEA, WEAI.
- 2015-20** Seminars: Georgia Ed, 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, UCOP IRAP, UCSF Library, UC VPDUE.

Seminars in Departments of Economics unless otherwise specified. \* Discussant only.

## 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 <sup>†</sup>still enrolled or employed)

David Bodovski<sup>†</sup>

Thomas Sweeney<sup>†</sup>

UNDERGRADUATE RAs

Jongnam Ahn<sup>†</sup>

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<sup>†</sup>

Divya Dhar | Analyst, Nielsen

Matthew Forbes | Public Policy PhD, Pardee RAND

Nicole Gandre | Econ PhD, Berkeley

Eve Grobman<sup>†</sup>

Crystal Guo | Health Policy PhD, Harvard

Koda Gursoy<sup>†</sup>

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 | Education PhD, Stanford

Danny Miller | Marketing, Universal Music

Sakthi Ponnuswamy | Consultant, BCG

Diksha Radhakrishnan | Analyst, Cornerstone

Sowgandhi Rayapudi | Analyst, Facebook

Alexandra Roberts<sup>†</sup>

Kendra Singh | Data Science MS, NYU

Tiana Smith | Analyst, Adobe

Julie Song | Strategy, Ernst & Young

Shinrea Su<sup>†</sup>

Mason Thieu<sup>†</sup>

Jimmy Tran | Analyst, First Republic Bank

Mark Vandre | Econ MA, UCLA

Jiwook Yoo | Econ PhD, Duke

Jae Ho Yoon | JD, Vanderbilt

DOCTORAL ADVISING (with grad. year and first job, or <sup>†</sup>still enrolled)

Jessica Min<sup>†</sup>

## 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)