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Academic Employment

Assistant Professor of Economics, Davidson College, July 2019 – present

Education

University of California, Davis	PhD, Economics	2019
	Dissertation: "Essays in Labor Economics"	
	Fields: Labor, Public, Applied microeconomics	
Wellesley College	BA (<i>cum laude</i>), Economics	2010

Research Interests

Family Economics, Infant Health, Fertility, Incarceration, Intergenerational Mobility,

Published Work

The Effect of Increased Sentencing Severity on Fertility and Family Formation
Forthcoming at the *Journal of Law & Economics*. [Working paper version](#).

Does the Delivery of Primary Health Care Improve Birth Outcomes? Evidence from the Rollout of Community Health Centers, with Esra Kose and Maria Rosales-Rueda
Forthcoming at the *Journal of Human Resources*, featured in the NBER Bulletin on Health: No. 2, June 2022: [Summary](#)

Head Start Access: No Evidence of Changes to Lifetime Fertility, with Esra Kose and Maria Rosales-Rueda
AEA Papers and Proceedings 115: 108–13, 2025.

Old Immigrants, New Niches: Russian Jewish Agricultural Colonies and Native Workers in Southern New Jersey, 1880 – 1910, with Sarah Quincy
Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences, Vol. 4 (1): 20–38, 2018.

Working Papers

Tasks and Black-white Inequality over the Long Twentieth Century, with Rowena Grey, Sarah Quincy, and Zachary Ward
Conditionally accepted at the *Journal of Human Resources*
Available as [NBER Working Paper 32545](#).

Birth order in the very long-run: Estimating first-born premiums between 1850 and 1950, with Angela Cools, Jared Grooms, Krzysztof Karbownik, Joseph Price, and Anthony Wray.

Available as [NBER Working Paper 32407](#).

Coverage: [Marketplace](#)

Work in Progress

The Intergenerational Effects of Head Start on Infant Health (with Esra Kose and Maria Rosales-Rueda)

Maternal Stress, Compositional Change, and Infant Health after a State Sentencing Reform

Presentations

2025*: Allied Social Science Associations, University of New Mexico, Wofford College, Nebraska Labor Summit, Economic Demography Workshop, Southern Economic Association

2024: Eastern Economics Association, University of North Carolina Greensboro, Liberal Arts College Public/Labor Conference, Vanderbilt Economic History Network Conference, Carolina Regional Empirical Economics Day, UC Merced

2023: Furman University

2022: Allied Social Science Associations, Carolina Regional Empirical Economics Day, NBER Fall Health Meetings

2021: Eastern Economic Association, Carolina Regional Empirical Economics Day, Liberal Arts College Public/Labor Conference, Southern Economic Association

2020*: Allied Social Science Associations, Population Association of America, Southern Economic Association

2019: Davidson College, Xavier University, Charles River Associates, Southern Economic Association

2018: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management California Regional Student Conference, Population Association of America, UC Davis (x2), Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Workshop, Western Economic Association International, University of Nevada Reno, San José State University, All California Labor Economics Conference (poster), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (poster)

2016: Russell Sage Foundation

2012: Society of Government Economists Annual Conference

**includes scheduled*

Awards, Honors, and Grants

Davidson College Faculty Study and Research Grant	2025
⇒ <i>Selected for the F. Hutton Barron Fund for meritorious faculty projects</i>	
Hollingsworth Visiting Scholar (Furman University)	2023
Davidson College Faculty Study and Research Grant	2020
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Poster Session Award, First Place	2018
Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Writing Fellowship	2018 – 2019
Dissertation Workshop Invited Participant, WEAI	2018
UC Davis Institute for Social Sciences Dissertation Improvement Grant	2018
UC Davis Center for Poverty Research Travel Grant	2018
UC Davis Nonresidential Tuition Fellowship	2013 – 2014
National Science Foundation GRFP, Honorable Mention	2013, 2014
Peggy Howard Fellowship (Wellesley College)	2013

College Service

Academic Advising Committee Member	2023 – present
Omicron Delta Epsilon Faculty Advisor	2022 – 2024
Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Member	2021 – 2023
Davidson Holistic Advisor	2021 – 2023
Departmental Advisor	2020 – present
Davidson Research Initiative, Mentor	2020

Professional Activities

Referee: Economic Inquiry, Economic Letters, Economics of Education Review, Forum for Health Economics & Policy, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Nature Human Behavior, Population Research and Policy Review.

Conference reviewer: ASHEcon Annual Conference (2021), Liberal Arts Colleges Public and Labor Conference (2023)

Organizer: Liberal Arts College Public and Labor (LAC-PaL) Virtual Seminar (2024-present)

Session organizer: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2019, Allied Social Science Associations 2022.

Session chair: Allied Social Science Associations 2023 (x2).

Discussant: Western Economic Association Annual Meetings (2019), Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings (2020, 2021), Liberal Arts Colleges Public and Labor Conference (2023, 2024), Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings (2024), Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meetings (2025).

Member: American Economic Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Population Association of America, Southern Economic Association, Western Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists.