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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, Intergenerational Mobility, Program Evaluation.

Published Work

Tasks and Black-white Inequality over the Long Twentieth Century, with Rowena Grey, Sarah Quincy, and Zachary Ward
Forthcoming in the *Journal of Human Resources*

The Effect of Increased Sentencing Severity on Fertility and Family Formation
Forthcoming in the *Journal of Law & Economics*. *Draft*.

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 in 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

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

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

Summer Promise Program, Faculty	2026
Advising Working Group	2025 – present
Academic Advising Committee Member	2023 – present
Omicron Delta Epsilon Faculty Advisor	2022 – present
Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Member	2021 – 2023
Davidson Holistic Advisor	2021 – 2023
Departmental Advisor	2020 – present
Davidson Research Initiative, Mentor	2020

Professional Activities

Referee: Canadian Journal of Economics, 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, 2025), Liberal Arts Colleges Public and Labor Conference (2023, 2024), Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings (2024), Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meetings (2025), Southeastern Health Economics Study Group (2025).

Member: American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association.